WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS Form 8-K November 08, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 8, 2004

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS (State or other jurisdiction of

1-3523 (Commission File Number) 48-0290150 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas (Address of principal executive offices)

66612 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (785) 575-6300

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Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

Section 2. Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 8, 2004, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of our November 8, 2004 press release is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by this reference. The press release contains certain non-GAAP financial information. The reconciliation of such non-GAAP financial information to GAAP financial measures is included in an attachment to the press release. Further, the press release contains statements intended as forward-looking statements which are subject to the cautionary statement about forward-looking statements set forth therein.

We will hold a conference call at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, November 8, 2004 to review our third quarter 2004 financial results. A live simulcast of the conference call, together with the related presentation materials, will be available on our website, http://www.wr.com.

The information contained in this report is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of our SEC filings and other public announcements that we may make, by press release or otherwise, from time to time. We disclaim any current intention to revise or update the information contained in this report, although we may do so from time to time as our management believes is warranted. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the SEC, through press releases or through other public disclosure.

Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated November 8, 2004

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that section. Furthermore, this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 8, 2004

Westar Energy, Inc.

By /s/ Mark A. Ruelle

Mark A. Ruelle, Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated November 8, 2004