WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **EDWARDS ROY A** Issuer Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 818 S. KANSAS AVE. 07/01/2005 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TOPEKA, KS 66612** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, Par 16,779 (1) D Value \$5.00 Common Held by Stock, Par $2,083 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ I spouse Value \$5.00

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative (Month/Day/Year)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	07/01/2005		A	569	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	569	\$0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer and the same and	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EDWARDS ROY A 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612	X						

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 07/06/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 1,258 restricted share units subject to forfeiture and 155 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) Includes 20 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- (4) Share units received as partial retainer and meeting fees pursuant to a deferred compensation plan for directors and deferred shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

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