Banning Jerl L. Form 4 January 18, 2018

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Banning Jerl L.		Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]					Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				. ,	(Check all applicable)			
818 S KANSAS AVE			(Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2018					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Oper. Support & Admin.			
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
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(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018			Code V  A(1)	Amount 4,537	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 31,758 (2)	D		
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018			F(3)	1,332	D	\$ 52.825	30,426 (2)	D		

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)

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Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	nNumber Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C 1 17	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Banning Jerl L. 818 S KANSAS AVE TOPEKA, KS 66612

SVP, Oper. Support & Admin.

### **Signatures**

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

01/18/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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Vesting of 4,537 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on February 25, 2015, with a vesting date of January 1, 2018. Under the terms of the grant, the number of shares to be received by the Reporting Person at vesting is increased or decreased based on

- (1) the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return as compared to the Total Shareholder Return for a defined Peer Group of companies for the defined Performance Period. The determination that the performance criteria relating to the grant had been met and the calculation of the number of shares to be distributed were completed on January 18, 2018.
- (2) Includes 6,760 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 135 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Forfeiture of 1,332 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 4,537 restricted share units granted on 2/25/15.

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