

Banning Jerl L.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Banning Jerl L.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
818 S KANSAS AVE
(Street)

TOPEKA, KS 66612

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/18/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP, Oper. Support & Admin.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018		A ⁽¹⁾		4,537	A	\$ 0
							31,758 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018		F ⁽³⁾		1,332	D	\$ 52.825
							30,426 ⁽²⁾

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

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