

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
Form 8-K  
August 04, 2011

**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) August 4, 2011

**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**KANSAS**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-3523**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**48-0290150**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**66612**

(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.**

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On August 4, 2011, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the period ended June 30, 2011. A copy of our August 4, 2011 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. We are also including our 2011 Second Quarter Earnings package, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

We are furnishing our Updated 2011 Earnings Guidance summary, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is available to the public on our website, <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.3, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated August 4, 2011
- Exhibit 99.2 2011 Second Quarter Earnings package
- Exhibit 99.3 Updated 2011 Earnings Guidance

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Westar Energy, Inc.**

Date: August 4, 2011

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick  
Name: Larry D. Irick  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated August 4, 2011
Exhibit 99.2	2011 Second Quarter Earnings package
Exhibit 99.3	Updated 2011 Earnings Guidance