WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS Form 8-K August 07, 2012

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 7, 2012

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.)
818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas (Address of principal executive offices)	66612 (Zip Code)	(785) 575-6300 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On August 7, 2012, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the period ended June 30, 2012. A copy of our August 7, 2012 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. We are also including our 2012 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.

On August 7, 2012, we updated the "Key assumptions for 2012" appearing in our 2012 Earnings Guidance issued February 23, 2012. As updated, the guidance assumes no growth in weather adjusted total retail sales for 2012. This information is available to the public on our website, http://www.WestarEnergy.com. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 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 7, 2012Exhibit 99.2 2012 Second Quarter Earnings Package

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 7, 2012

By:/s/ Larry D. IrickName:Larry D. IrickTitle:Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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