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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) May 19, 2016

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas 1-3523 48-0290150

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

We held our 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 19, 2016 in Topeka, Kansas. Results for items presented for voting are listed below.

Item 1 on the Proxy Card. Our shareholders elected three Class II directors for a three-year term, with the following vote:

Number of Votes

For Withheld Broker Non-Votes

Richard L. Hawley 100,007,945 808,055 24,432,045 B. Anthony Isaac 99,844,655 971,345 24,432,045 S. Carl Soderstrom, Jr. 100,076,677 739,323 24,432,045

Item 2 on the Proxy Card. In an advisory "say on pay" vote, our shareholders approved the compensation of our named executive officers, with the following vote:

Number of Votes

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 96,545,387 3,609,219 661,394 24,432,045

Item 3 on the Proxy Card. Our shareholders voted for the ratification and confirmation of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2016, with the following vote:

Number of Votes

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 124,188,393 696,681 362,971 0

Item 4 on the Proxy Card. Our shareholders approved an amendment to the Westar Energy, Inc. Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan and approved the material terms of the performance goals under the plan, with the following vote:

Number of Votes

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 87,635,660 12,588,717 591,623 24,432,045

Item 5 on the Proxy Card. Our shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requiring a report on our strategies surrounding distributed generation, with the following vote:

Number of Votes

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 23,343,198 59,523,164 17,949,638 24,432,045

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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: May 24, 2016 By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary