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

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas
(State of incorporation)

48-0290150
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**818 South Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612
(785) 575-6300**
(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: Not applicable.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth

company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 (this “Post-Effective Amendment”) to the Registration Statement referred to below is being filed by Westar Energy, Inc. (the “Company” or the “Registrant”) in order to remove from registration all remaining securities registered for issuance pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (File No. 333-210266) originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2016 (the “Registration Statement”).

The Company has decided to terminate the offerings under the Registration Statement. Accordingly, the Company is filing this Post-Effective Amendment to terminate the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and, in accordance with the undertakings made by the Company in the Registration Statement, to remove from registration any and all of the registered securities that remain unsold as of the date hereof. The Registration Statement is hereby amended, as appropriate, to reflect the deregistration of all such securities.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Topeka, State of Kansas, on this 5th day of November, 2018.

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Terry Bassham
 Terry Bassham
 President and Chief Executive Officer

No other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 478 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.