

Western Gas Partners LP  
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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 \*  
 CRANE JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Western Gas Partners LP [WES]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/24/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	05/24/2012		M	1,993 A	\$ 43.95 675,936.922	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Units	(1)	05/24/2012		M	1,993	05/24/2012 05/24/2012	Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRANE JAMES R 1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380		X		

**Signatures**

/s/ Linda Mansker by power of atty. for James R. Crane  
 05/25/2012  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Each Phantom Unit is the economic equivalent of one WES Common Unit representing limited partnership interests, and upon vesting, (1) will entitle the holder to receive a common unit or, in the discretion of our general partner's board of directors, cash equal to the fair market value of a common unit at the time of vesting.
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