

Sinclair Donald R.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sinclair Donald R.

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

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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO, President & Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	11/16/2012		M		4,399 A \$ 0	87,435	D
Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	11/16/2012		F		1,163 D \$ 48.39	86,272	D

Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	29,500	I	By Partnership
Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	2,000	I	By Trust

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title	
Phantom Units	<u>(1)</u>	11/14/2012		A	9,577	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	9,577
Phantom Units	<u>(1)</u>	11/16/2012		M	4,399	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests	4,399

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sinclair Donald R. 1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380	X		CEO, President & Director	

## Signatures

/s/ Linda Mansker by power of atty. for Donald R.  
Sinclair

11/16/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Each Phantom Unit is the economic equivalent of one WES Common Unit representing limited partnership interests, and upon vesting, entitled to receive a common unit.
  - (2) The phantom units vest in three annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant.

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