

Sinclair Donald R.  
Form 4  
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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.

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)  
11/14/2012

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 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<br>Units<br>Representing<br>Limited<br>Partnership<br>Interests | 29,500 | I | By<br>Partnership |
| Common<br>Units<br>Representing<br>Limited<br>Partnership<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)    | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|   |  |   |   | Code V (A) (D)                       |   | Date<br>Exercisable Expiration<br>Date Date                    | Title  |  |
| Phantom<br>Units                                    | <u>(1)</u>   | 11/14/2012                              |   | A                                    | 9,577   | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>  | Common<br>Units<br>Representing<br>Limited<br>Partnership<br>Interests | 9,577                                  |
| Phantom<br>Units                                    | <u>(1)</u>   | 11/16/2012                              |   | M                                    | 4,399   | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>  | Common<br>Units<br>Representing<br>Limited<br>Partnership<br>Interests | 4,399                                  |

## Reporting Owners

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