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INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 <u>*</u> Collins Craig W			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Western Gas Partners LP [WES]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/13/2017	4. Relatio Person(s)		onship of Reporting to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE (Street) THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP & Chief Operating Officer		Owner r ow)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - N	lon-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity			2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exer	cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Collins Craig W 1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380	Â	Â	SVP & Chief Operating Officer	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ Courtney H. Landry by power of atty. Collins	02/23/2017						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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