

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Keenan W Howard JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>9651 KATY FREEWAY</u> <u>SUITE 400</u> (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77024</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Aris Water Solutions, Inc. [ARIS]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/15/2025</u>	
		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	10/15/2025		D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		34,485 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	D	(1)(2)(3)	0	D	
Class B Common Stock	10/15/2025		D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		9,304,608 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	D	(1)(2)	0	I	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Aris Water Holdings, LLC Units	(1)(2)	10/15/2025		D		9,304,608	(1)(2)	(1)(2)	Class A Common Stock	9,304,608	(1)(2)	0	I	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾

Explanation of Responses:

1. As of the effective time (the "Effective Time") of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger entered into on August 6, 2025, by and among the Issuer, Western Midstream Partners, LP ("Parent"), Arrakis OpCo Merger Sub LLC, Arrakis Unit Merger Sub LLC, Arrakis Cash Merger Sub LLC and Aris Water Holdings, LLC ("Aris OpCo"), each issued and outstanding share of the Issuer's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Issuer Class A Common Stock") and each Aris OpCo Unit and a corresponding share of Issuer Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Issuer Class B Common Stock"), held by the Reporting Person as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, was converted into the right to receive, pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, one of the following forms of consideration:

2. cont'd from Footnote 1: (i) \$7.00 in cash (without interest) and 0.450 common units representing limited partnership interests in Parent ("Parent Common Units"); (ii) \$25.00 in cash (without interest); (iii) 0.625 Parent Common Units ("Common Unit Election Consideration"), or (iv) in the event of the Reporting Person's failure to timely deliver an election, the Common Unit Election Consideration.

3. This amount includes 4,426 shares of Issuer Class A Common Stock subject to awards of time-vesting restricted stock units ("Issuer RSU Awards") held by the Reporting Person. At the Effective Time, each Issuer RSU Award was converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to (i) the total number of shares of Issuer Class A Common Stock subject to such Issuer RSU Award, multiplied by (ii) \$25.00, plus an additional amount in cash equal to any accrued but unpaid cash-based dividend equivalents.

4. These securities are held directly by Yorktown XI, whose general partner is Yorktown XI Company LP ("Yorktown XI Company"), whose general partner is Yorktown XI Associates LLC ("Yorktown XI Associates"). The Reporting Person is a managing member of Yorktown XI Associates. The Reporting Person, Yorktown XI Company and Yorktown XI Associates are indirect beneficial owners of the reported securities.

/s/ Robert W. Hunt Jr., as
Attorney-in-Fact 10/15/2025

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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