

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Kirkpatrick Margaret D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
 [NWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 VP & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, 220 NW SECOND AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/02/2009

(Street)
 PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

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 - 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F	1,394 A \$ 40.95	4,880	D	
Common Stock					200.4121	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock					65	I	See Footnote (2)

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)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 38.3					<u>(3)</u> 08/03/2015	Common Stock	6,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 34.29					<u>(4)</u> 02/29/2016	Common Stock	5,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 44.48					<u>(5)</u> 02/28/2017	Common Stock	4,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 43.29					<u>(6)</u> 03/06/2018	Common Stock	4,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 41.15					<u>(7)</u> 03/04/2019	Common Stock	4,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kirkpatrick Margaret D
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY
220 NW SECOND AVENUE
PORTLAND, OR 97209

VP & General Counsel

Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,
Attorney-in Fact

03/04/2009

__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) Share held in reporting person's account under Northwest Natural Gas Company's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2009.
- (2) Held in account for reporting persons spouse.
- (3) Option was granted for 6,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2008.
- (4) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,250 shares on each February 22, 2007 and January 1, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (5) Option was granted for 4,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,000 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (6) Option was granted for 4,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,000 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (7) Option was granted for 4,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,000 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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