

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO  
 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 \*  
 ANDERSON DAVID HUGO

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 220 NW SECOND AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP Operations & Regs

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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)  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2013                           |  | M                              |   | 8,000<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$ 32.02 50,527.8293 D             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2013                           |  | S                              |   | 6,772<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  | \$ 42.412 43,755.8293 D            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 704.9785 I See Footnote <u>(2)</u> |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 32.02   | 12/13/2013                           |  | M                              | 8,000   | 01/01/2007 09/27/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 8,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| ANDERSON DAVID HUGO<br>220 NW SECOND AVENUE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97209 |               |           | Executive VP<br>Operations &<br>Regs |       |

## Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/17/2013

\*\*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).

David H. Anderson exercised an option to purchase 8,000 shares at \$32.02 each and then sold 6772 of those shares at prices ranging from (1) \$42.38 to \$42.47, resulting in an average price of \$42.4120 on December 13, 2013 to generate the proceeds required to purchase 1228 shares of the Company stock.

(2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of November 30, 2013.

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