

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 *
 Russell Lori L

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 SECOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/14/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/14/2016		M	1,200 A \$ 44.48	2,543.3727	D	
Common Stock	06/14/2016		S	1,200 D \$ 59.2563 (1)	1,343.3727	D	
Common Stock					3,399.2853	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock					220.377	I	See Footnote (3)

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(4) The option vested in four equal installments on February 21, 2008, January 1, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

(5) Option was granted as part of compensation for services. The option was exercised in a cashless exercise.

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