

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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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)
 02/13/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice President and CFO

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/13/2009 | | A | 430.377 | A \$ 43.87 | 5,162.075 | I | See footnote (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 19,325.271 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 284.4315 | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 47.519 | I | See footnote (3) |

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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. Price or Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 43.29 | | | | | (4) 03/06/2018 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 44.48 | | | | | (5) 02/28/2017 | Common Stock | 7,000 |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 34.29 | | | | | (6) 02/29/2016 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 32.02 | | | | | (7) 09/27/2014 | Common Stock | 16,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|--|
| ANDERSON DAVID HUGO 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other Sr. Vice President and CFO |

Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2009

__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) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2009.
- (3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 2,000 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011, and 2012.
- (5) Option was granted for 7,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,750 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- (6) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 2,000 shares on each February 22, 2007 and January 1, 2008, 2009, and 2010.
- (7) Option was granted for 16,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 5,400 shares on September 22, 2005 and 5,300 shares on each January 1, 2006 and 2007.

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