

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
 01/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & CFO

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | G | V 3,099 D \$ 0 | 2,684.88 | I | See Footnote (1) |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | G | V 3,099 A \$ 0 | 37,450.104 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | S | 0.98 (2) D \$ 47.3 | 2,683.9 | I | See Footnote (1) |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | S | 1,625 (3) D \$ 46.8142 | 1,058.9 | I | See Footnote (1) |

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| Common Stock | 519.9993 | I | See Footnote (4) |
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 32.02 | | | | | (5) 09/27/2014 | Common Stock | 16,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 34.29 | | | | | (6) 02/29/2016 | Common Stock | 8,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 44.48 | | | | | (7) 02/28/2017 | Common Stock | 7,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 43.29 | | | | | (8) 03/06/2018 | Common Stock | 8,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 41.15 | | | | | (9) 03/04/2019 | Common Stock | 8,000 | |
| | \$ 44.25 | | | | | (10) 03/02/2020 | | 8,000 | |

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- (11) Option was granted for 11,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 2,750 shares on each February 23, 2012 and January 1, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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