

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 4

November 17, 2009

FORM 4UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

220 NW SECOND AVENUE

(Street)

PORTLAND, OR 97209

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/13/2009

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

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

VP & General Counsel

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/13/2009		S	132.4459 D	\$ 42.585 1.2608	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S	1.2608 D	\$ 44.34 0	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock					4,943.33	D	
Common Stock					269.7405	I	See Footnote (2)

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Footnote
(3)

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kirkpatrick Margaret D 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209			VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/17/2009

__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) Held in account for reporting person's spouse.
- (2) Shares held in reporting person's account under Northwest Natural Gas Company's Retirement K Savings Plan as of October 31, 2009.
- (3) Held in separate account for reporting person's spouse.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (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 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (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 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (8) 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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