

DODSON MARK S
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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 *
DODSON MARK S

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)
01/10/2011

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

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
 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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	01/10/2011		G	V	2,161 (1)	D	\$ 0	20,967.116	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock	01/10/2011		G	V	2,161 (1)	A	\$ 0	7,438 (3)	I	By Trust (4)
Common Stock	01/10/2011		S		730 (5)	D	\$ 46.0555	20,237.116	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock								10,000	D	

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These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's spouse. The filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- On December 29, 2010 the reporting person elected to sell a portion of a previously scheduled distribution under Northwest Natural Gas
- (5) Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives on January 10, 2011 to pay taxes with respect to distribution on that date.

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