

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 4

February 22, 2007

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RUE CJ

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 N.W. SECOND AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2007

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

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2007		A		2,996	A \$ 0	10,950	D
Common Stock							3,286.2832	I
								See footnote ⁽¹⁾

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Option to Buy	\$ 44.48	02/21/2007		A	2,000	(2) 02/28/2017	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUE CJ 220 N.W. SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991			Secretary	

Signatures

C.J Rue 02/22/2007
 **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 reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2007.

(2) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to the Northwest Natural Gas Company Restated Stock Option Plan. Option on 500 shares will become exercisable on each of February 21, 2008, January 1, 2009, January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.

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