

REITEN RICHARD G  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
REITEN RICHARD G

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)  
12/14/2007

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

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	12/14/2007		S	2,300 D \$ 48	16,718.979	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2007		S	600 D \$ 48.01	16,118.979	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2007		S	100 D \$ 48.02	16,018.979	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2007		S	100 D \$ 48.03	15,918.979	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2007		S	200 D \$ 48.05	15,718.979	D	

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Common Stock	12/14/2007	S	100	D	\$ 48.07	15,618.979	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2007	S	200	D	\$ 48.08	15,418.979	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2007	S	3,400	D	\$ 48	12,018.979	D	
Common Stock						23,851.1029	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock						3,256.288	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock						5,479.212	I	See Footnote (3)
Common Stock						2,561.483	I	See Footnote (4)

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

REITEN RICHARD G  
220 NW SECOND AVENUE      X  
PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

## Signatures

C.J. Rue,  
Attorney-in-Fact                      12/18/2007  
  
\_\_Signature of Reporting              Date  
Person

## 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) Credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of November 30, 2007.
- (2) Credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives and Directors.

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