

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

December 6, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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**NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Commission File No. 1-15973

**Oregon**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**93-0256722**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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220 N.W. Second Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97209

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: (503) 226-4211

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

**Item 5.02(b) Death of Director**

On December 8, 2004, the Board of Directors was informed of the death of director Melody C. Teppola, who passed away on December 6, 2004. While the Board of Directors has made no decision as to whether or not the resulting vacancy on the Board will be filled, there continues to be a majority of independent directors on the Board.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
(Registrant)

Dated: December 9, 2004

/s/ Beth A. Ugoretz

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Senior Vice President and General Counsel