

Baum Richard L.  
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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 \*  
Baum Richard L.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHWEST PIPE CO [NWPX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/10/2011

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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VANCOUVER, WA 98661

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/10/2011	M	2,841					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,841
Performance Shares	(3)	10/10/2011	M	3,788					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	(3)
Performance Shares	(4)	10/10/2011	M	1,894					(4)	(4)	Common Stock	(4)

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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General Counsel

## Signatures

Richard Baum                      10/12/2011

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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Northwest Pipe Company common stock.

(2) The Restricted Stock Units vest in installments as follows: 2/3 on January 1, 2013 and 1/3 on January 1, 2014.

The Performance Shares vest on January 1, 2013 in an amount ranging from 0 - 200% to the extent such Performance Shares are earned.

(3) Performance Shares are earned based on Northwest Pipe Company's total shareholder return for 2011 - 2012 relative to the total shareholder return of a peer group over the same period.

The Performance Shares vest on January 1, 2014 in an amount ranging from 0 - 200% to the extent such Performance Shares are earned.

(4) Performance Shares are earned based on Northwest Pipe Company's total shareholder return for 2011 - 2013 relative to the total shareholder return of a peer group over the same period.

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