

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Kirkpatrick Margaret D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, 220 NW SECOND  
AVENUE

(Street)

PORTLAND, OR 97209

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO  
[NWN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/27/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$3-1/6 par<br>value |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | 0                                                                                                                  | D                                                                    |                                                                   |

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Option to Buy                              | \$ 38.3                                                | 07/27/2005                           |                                                    | A                              | 6,000                                                                                   | <sup>(1)</sup> 08/03/2015                                | Common Stock                                                  | 6,000                                                         |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kirkpatrick Margaret D  
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
220 NW SECOND AVENUE  
PORTLAND, OR 97209

VP & General Counsel

## Signatures

C.J. Rue,  
Attorney-in Fact 07/27/2005

                     \*\*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).

Option was granted for 6,000 shares pursuant to the Northwest Natural Gas Company Restated Stock Option Plan. Option on 2,000 shares (1) will become exercisable on July 27, 2006, option on 2,000 shares will become exercisable on January 1, 2007 and option on 2,000 shares will become exercisable on January 1, 2008.

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