NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO Form SC 13G February 08, 2013

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

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	CIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 19	934
Northwest	Natural Gas Co.	
(Name	e of Issuer)	
	Common	
(Title of Cl	ass of Securities)	
6	667655104	
(CUS	GIP Number)	
Decemb	per 31, 2012	
(Date of Event Which Rec	ruires Filing of this S	Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designatis filed:	e the rule pursuant to	which this Schedule
[x] Rule 13d-1(b) [] Rule 13d-1(c) [] Rule 13d-1(d)		
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The information required in the remains to be "filed" for the purpose of Sect 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to but shall be subject to all other products).	ion 18 of the Securiti the liabilities of tha	es Exchange Act of at section of the Act
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CUSIP NO.667655104	13G	PAGE 2 OF 4 PAGES
1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF F	BOVE PERSON	
Parnassus Investments	94-2943858	

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) [_] (b) [_]

	N/A				
3	SEC USE ONLY	SEC USE ONLY			
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	San Francisco, California - U.S.A.				
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
SHARE BENEFICI	NUMBER OF		1,563,129		
	SHARES	6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		0		
	EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
R	REPORTING		1,563,129		
	PERSON	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
	WITH		0		
9	9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
	1,563,129				
10	10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SH				
	N/A				
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9				
5.82%					
12	TYPE OF REPO	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*			
	IA				
	Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Northwest Natural Gas Co.				
	Item 1(b)	Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 220 NW Second Avenue Portland, OR 97209			
	Item 2(a)	<pre>Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing: Parnassus Investments</pre>			
	Item 2(b)	<pre>Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Office or, if none, Residence:</pre>			
Item 2(c) Citizenship:					

California - U.S.A.

- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
 667655104
- Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
 - (e) [X] An investment advisor in accordance with section 240.13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (E)
- Item 4 Ownership:
 - (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 1,563,129
 - (b) Percent of Class: 5.82%

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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 1,563,129
- (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote: 0
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,563,129
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: $\boldsymbol{0}$
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
 Not applicable.
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another
 Person:
 Securities reported on this Schedule 13G are beneficially
 owned by clients of Parnassus Investments, which includes
 investment companies registered under the Investment
 Company Act.

- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group:
 Not applicable.

the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 8, 2013

Parnassus Investments

By: /S/ Marc C. Mahon

Name: Marc C. Mahon

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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