

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Williams David R

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)  
 03/05/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

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

(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 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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 849.967   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,403.9267  | I  | See footnote (1)                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2009                           |  | A                              |   | \$ 1,286.34   | D  | \$ 38.87  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,286.34  | I  | See footnote (2)                                      |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 34.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 02/29/2016   | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 44.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 02/28/2017   | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 43.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 03/06/2018   | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 41.15   | 02/25/2009                           |  | A                              | 2,000   | (6) 03/04/2019   | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Williams David R<br>220 NW SECOND AVENUE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97209 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/06/2009

\_\_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) Shares were held in the reporting person's account under Northwest Natural Gas Company's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2009.
- (2) Credited to reporting person's account under issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives as of March 5, 2009.
- (3) Option was granted for 2,500 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 625 shares on each February 22, 2007 and January 1, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (4) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (5) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (6) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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