

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 8-K

April 29, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

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

April 28, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

1. Amendment of Non-Employee Directors Stock Compensation Plan

On April 28, 2005, the Board of Directors of Northwest Natural Gas Company ("Company") amended the Company's Non-Employee Directors Stock Compensation Plan to provide that all awarded shares of Company stock and all awarded cash shall vest upon the death or disability of the participant.

The Non-Employee Directors Stock Compensation Plan, as amended April 28, 2005, is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Non-Employee Directors Stock Compensation Plan, as amended April 28, 2005

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: April 29, 2005

/s/ David H. Anderson

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer