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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO Form 424B3 March 22, 2002 Pricing supplement no. 3 Filing under Rule 424(b)(3) dated March 21, 2002 Registration No. 333-55366 (To prospectus dated February 27, 2001) \$108,000,000 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY SECURED MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B (A SERIES OF FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS) AND UNSECURED MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B Due from Nine Months to 30 Years from Date of Issue CUSIP No.: 66765R BN 5 Selling Agent(s): Merrill Lynch & Co. Secured X Unsecured ___ ___ Principal amount (\$): \$40,000,000 Stated interest rate (%): 7.13% Issue price (%): 100.000% Maturity date: March 26, 2012 Selling Agent's commission (%): .625% Original issue date: March 26, 2002 Proceeds to Company (%): 99.375% Interest payment dates: June 1 and De commencing June 1, 2002 Repayable at the option of holder: Yes No X ____ Repayment Date: Not Applicable Regular record dates: May 15 and Nove Redeemable: Yes No X Repayment Price: Not Applicable Election Period: Not Applicable In whole In whole or in part Other Terms: Not Applicable Initial redemption date: Not Applica Initial redemption price: Not Applic Reduction Percentage: Not Applicable Redemption limitation date: Not Appl Agency Transaction |X|* or Principal Transaction |_|*

Name of Principal(s): Not Applicable

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