

CARTER JOHN D
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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 *
CARTER JOHN D

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)
IMESON & CARTER, 222 S.W.
COLUMBIA, SUITE 1850
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PORTLAND, OR 97201-6618

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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, \$3-1/6 par value					13,770.105 (1)	D	
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value					4,775.572	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par	02/21/2006		A		464.922	A	\$ 34.29
					3,757.687	I	See Footnote (3)

value

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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4).

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARTER JOHN D IMESON & CARTER 222 S.W. COLUMBIA, SUITE 1850 PORTLAND, OR 97201-6618 X

Signatures

C. J. Rue, Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2006

**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) Since the date of the reporting person's last report, 690 shares previously held directly were transferred to a Supplemental Trust pursuant to a deferral election in accordance with the terms of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
(2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

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- (3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

Remarks:

Since the date of the reporting person's last report, 690 shares previously held directly were transferred to a Supplemental Trust

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