

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DODSON MARK S

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2007

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

220 NW SECOND AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

(City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2007 | Â | G | 1,490 D \$ 0 | 38,594.849 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2007 | Â | G | 540 D \$ 0 | 38,054.849 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2007 | Â | G | 345 D \$ 0 | 37,709.849 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2007 | Â | G | 450 D \$ 0 | 37,259.849 | D | Â |

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|--------------|------------|---|---|-----|---|------|------------|---|--------------|
| Common Stock | 12/18/2007 | Â | G | 215 | D | \$ 0 | 37,044.849 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2007 | Â | G | 215 | D | \$ 0 | 36,829.849 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 493.4603 | I | See Note (1) |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DODSON MARK S 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND,Â ORÂ 97209-3991 | Â X | Â | Â Chief Executive Officer | Â |

Signatures

Richelle T. Luther,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/31/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Held by reporting person under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of December 31, 2007

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