

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
Form 4
May 12, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ritzert Gerald J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 LIBERTY STREET

(Street)

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

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

05/11/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP Finance and Controller

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

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)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	3,937 A	\$ 11.51 39,493.287	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	10,124 A	\$ 11.12 49,617.287	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	S	14,061 D	\$ 14.2369 35,556.287 (2) (1)	D	
Northwest Bancshares,					678	I	Wife's IRA

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Inc.				
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	13,176.835 (3)	I	401-K	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,595.616 (4)	I	ESOP	

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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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	3,937	01/17/2008 01/17/2017	Common Stock	3,937
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	6,592	01/16/2008 01/16/2018	Common Stock	6,592
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	3,532	01/16/2009 01/16/2018	Common Stock	3,532

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ritzert Gerald J
100 LIBERTY STREET
WARREN, PA 16365

EVP Finance and Controller

Signatures

Gerald J. Ritzert

05/12/2016

 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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Average price of 21 lots with a low price of \$14.18 and a high price of \$14.305.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (4) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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