

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE

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)  
 220 NW SECOND AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/23/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Adm. Officer & SVP

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

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

(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/23/2016		S		6,113	D	\$ 52.173 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock						I	8,254.4976
Common Stock						I	2,232.459
Common Stock						I	524.089
							See Footnote <u>(2)</u>
							See Footnote <u>(3)</u>
							See Footnote



## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

This transaction was executed in multiple sales on reported date with prices ranging from \$51.97 to \$52.24, resulting in an average price of \$52.173. Northwest Natural Gas Company will provide upon request by the Commission staff or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (1) Shares are held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of February 29, 2016.
- (2) Reflects shares that have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (3) Reflects shares that have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Shares are held in account of reporting person's spouse.
- (5) Shares are held in reporting person's spouse's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of February 29, 2016.

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