

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value				(A)	13,770.105 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value				(A)	4,775.572	I	See Footnote <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par	02/21/2006		A	464.922	A \$ 3,757.687 34.29	I	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>



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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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