

FELTZ STEPHEN P  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
FELTZ STEPHEN P

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 AVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/24/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Treasurer & Controller

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  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 09/24/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A  | \$ 26.3                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 17,600 <u>(1)</u>                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/24/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 4,500   | D  | \$ 46.9124                        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 13,100 <u>(3)</u>                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <u>(2)</u>                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 3,293.4133                        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | See Footnote <u>(4)</u>           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 294.612                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | See Footnote <u>(5)</u>           |

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|-----------------|---------|---|------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 228.612 | I | See<br>Footnote<br>(6) |
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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option to<br>Buy               | \$ 26.3  | 09/24/2010                              |   | M                                    | 5,000   | (7) 03/05/2012   | Common<br>Stock   | 5,000                                     |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option to<br>Buy               | \$ 31.34   |   |   |                                      |   | (8) 03/04/2014   | Common<br>Stock   | 5,000                                     |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option to<br>Buy               | \$ 34.29   |   |   |                                      |   | (9) 02/29/2016   | Common<br>Stock   | 2,500                                     |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option to<br>Buy               | \$ 44.48   |   |   |                                      |   | (10) 02/28/2017  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,000                                     |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option to<br>Buy               | \$ 43.29   |   |   |                                      |   | (11) 03/06/2018  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,000                                     |
| Employee<br>Stock                                   | \$ 41.15   |   |   |                                      |   | (12) 03/04/2019  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,000                                     |

Option to Buy

Employee

Stock

Option to Buy

\$ 44.25

(13)

03/02/2020

Common Stock

2,000

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| FELTZ STEPHEN P<br>220 NW SECOND AVE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97209 |               |           | Treasurer &<br>Controller |       |

## Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/28/2010

\*\*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) Stephen P Feltz exercised an option to purchase 5,000 shares at \$26.30 each and then sold 4,500 of those shares at an average price of \$46.9124 each on September 24, 2010 and now directly and indirectly holds a total of 16,916.64 shares.  
  
The sale of Northwest Natural Gas Company stock took place in 47 separate broker transactions occurring on 9/24/2010. The price in column 4 represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of prices for these transactions was \$46.80 - \$47.025. Northwest Natural Gas Company will provide upon request by the Commission staff or a security holder of Northwest Natural Gas Company full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (2) Mr. Feltz gifted 50 shares on June 18, 2010. This gift of shares will be reported on a Form 5 for the year ending 2010.
- (3) Held in reporting person's account in issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of August 31, 2010.
- (4) Held by reporting person as custodian under the Oregon Uniform Transfers to Minors Act for Grant M. Feltz.
- (5) Held by reporting person as custodian under the Oregon Uniform Transfers to Minors Act for Callista Feltz.
- (6) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested January 1, 2005.
- (7) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2007.
- (8) Option was granted for 2,500 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2010.
- (9) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- (10) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011, and 2012.
- (11) Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- (12)
- (13)

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Option was granted for 2,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 500 shares on each February 24, 2011 and January 1, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

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