

Kirkpatrick Margaret 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 *
 Kirkpatrick Margaret 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)
 220 NW SECOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/06/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & General Counsel

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/06/2013		F	295 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 44.01	8,663.6794	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2013		F	137 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 44.01	8,526.6794	D	
Common Stock					528.582	I	See Footnote ⁽³⁾

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 or Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 38.3					<u>(4)</u>	08/03/2015	Common Stock	6,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 34.29					<u>(5)</u>	02/29/2016	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 44.48					<u>(6)</u>	02/28/2017	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 43.29					<u>(7)</u>	03/06/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 41.15					<u>(8)</u>	03/04/2019	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 44.25					<u>(9)</u>	03/02/2020	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 45.74					<u>(10)</u>	03/02/2021	Common Stock	6,500

