

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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)
 03/02/2016

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2016		F	325 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 49.44	6,286.485	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2016		F	173 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 49.44	6,113.485	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2016		F	24 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 49.44	338.3217	I	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock					8,254.4976	I	See Footnote ⁽⁵⁾
					319.3813	I	

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes on issuance of shares due to vesting of restricted stock units. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of satisfaction of the performance threshold and vesting for these restricted stock units was reported on Form 4 filed on February 26, 2016.

(2) Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes on issuance of performance shares. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the payout of these performance shares was reported on Form 4 filed on February 26, 2016.

(3) Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes of reporting person's spouse on issuance of shares due to vesting of restricted stock units. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of satisfaction of the performance threshold and vesting for these restricted stock units was reported on Form 4 filed on February 26, 2016.

(4) Shares held in account of reporting person's spouse.

(5) Shares held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of February 29, 2016.

(6) Shares held in account of reporting person's spouse under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of February 29, 2016.

(7) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

(8) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

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