

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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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 *
 MCCOY MICHAEL S

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 N.W. SECOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

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 | 12/14/2006 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$ 27.875 |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | | S | | 800 | D | \$ 42.58 |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | | S | | 4,200 | D | \$ 42.43 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,210.5585 | I | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,161.7998 | I | |

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option on 1,600 shares became exercisable on 1/1/2001.

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