

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 *
DODSON MARK 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 NW SECOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/22/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

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
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/22/2008		M	2,500 A \$ 31.34	53,357.849 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/22/2008		S	2,500 D \$ 52.5946 (2)	50,857.849 (1)	D	
Common Stock					516.0057 (3)	I	See footnote

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 31.34	09/22/2008		M	2,500	⁽⁴⁾ 03/04/2014	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DODSON MARK S 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/23/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) On September 18, 2008 Mr. Dodson gifted 150 shares. This gift of shares will be reported on a Form 5 for the year ending 2008.

(2) The sale of Northwest Natural Gas Company stock took place in 5 separate broker transactions occurring on 09/22/2008. 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 \$52.36-\$52.78. 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.

(3) Shares were held in the reporting person's account under Northwest Natural Gas Company's Retirement K Savings Plan as of August 31, 2008.

(4) Option was granted for 30,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan. The option fully vested on January 1, 2007.

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