

DODSON MARK S  
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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 \*  
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)  
01/08/2009

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

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V Amount (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/08/2009                           |  | S                              | 567.0614 D \$ 41.8602   | 0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 47,257.849 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |  |

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 Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 34.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 12/31/2011   | Common Stock 23,000   |   |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 44.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 12/31/2011   | Common Stock 23,000   |   |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 43.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 12/31/2011   | Common Stock 25,000   |   |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/09/2009

\*\*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) Mr. Dodson's sale of the Northwest Natural Gas Company common stock was pursuant to decision and plan entered into as of December 4, 2008 under which his entire Northwest Gas Company's Retirement K Savings Plan account would be liquidated as soon as reasonably

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practicable, including any company stock therein, upon his retirement; Mr. Dodson retired as of December 31, 2008.

- (2) Mr. Dodson gifted 150 shares on September 18, 2008, 3,000 shares on November 25, 2008 and 600 shares on December 12, 2008. These gifts of shares will be reported on a Form 5 for the year ending 2008.

Option was granted for 23,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vested in installments of 5,750 shares on each February 22, 2007 and January 1, 2008. Pursuant to the Plan, the remaining 11,500 shares became fully exercisable upon Mr. Dodson's retirement on December 31, 2008. The option expires on December 31, 2011.
- (4) Option was granted for 23,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). A total of 5,750 shares vested on February 21, 2008. Pursuant to the Plan, the remaining 17,250 shares became fully exercisable upon Mr. Dodson's retirement on December 31, 2008. The option expires on December 31, 2011.

Option was granted for 25,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). Pursuant to the Plan, all 25,000 shares became fully exercisable upon Mr. Dodson's retirement on December 31, 2008. The option expires on December 31, 2011.
- (5) the Plan, all 25,000 shares became fully exercisable upon Mr. Dodson's retirement on December 31, 2008. The option expires on December 31, 2011.

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