

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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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 *
KANTOR GREGG 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 AVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2014

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

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 | 08/22/2013 | | G | V | 121 | D | \$ 0 | 27,403.2151 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2013 | | G | V | 118 | D | \$ 0 | 27,285.2151 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2013 | | G | V | 167 | D | \$ 0 | 27,118.2151 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/16/2014 | | J | V | 411 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 0 | 3,028.206 | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 01/16/2014 | | J | V | 411 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 27,529.2151 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|--------------------|---|-----------|------------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/16/2014 | | S | 214 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$ 41.796 | 2,814.206 | I | See Footnote <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,637.5076 | I | See Footnote <u>(4)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 200 | I | See Footnote <u>(5)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 570 | I | See Footnote <u>(6)</u> |

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KANTOR GREGG S 220 NW SECOND AVE PORTLAND, OR 97209 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/21/2014

__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) Shares were transferred from Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives account to reporting person's registered account.
- (2) Reflects shares that have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

These shares were issued in connection with the reporting person's election on December 5, 2008 (for shares acquired in 2008) and on December 8, 2008 (for shares acquired in 2009) to participate in Northwest Natural Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives (DCP), which specifies that taxes shall be withheld from distribution. Pursuant to the Plan and the reporting person's elections on the dates stated hereinabove, these shares were sold to pay taxes on the DCP distribution made on January 16, 2014.
- (3) Held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of December 31, 2013.
- (4) Shares held in reporting person's parent's account, with respect to which the reporting person is Power of Attorney and a potential beneficiary.
- (5) Held in reporting person's parent's IRA account, with respect to which the reporting person is Power of Attorney and a potential beneficiary.
- (6)

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