

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Yoshihara Grant M (Last) (First) (Middle) 220 NW SECOND AVENUE (Street) PORTLAND,Â ORÂ 97209 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2007 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO [NWN] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 903 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 158.2667 | I | See Note ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | Â (2) | 03/03/2008 | Common Stock | 1,000 | \$ 27.875 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | Â (3) | 03/02/2010 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$ 20.25 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | Â (4) | 03/05/2012 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$ 26.3 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | Â (5) | 03/04/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$ 31.34 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | Â (6) | 02/29/2016 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$ 34.29 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Yoshihara Grant M 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND,Â ORÂ 97209 | Â | Â | Â Vice President | Â |

Signatures

C.J. Rue,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of December 31, 2006.
- (2) The option vested in three installments, 400 shares on February 25, 1999, 300 shares on January 1, 2000 and 300 shares on January 1, 2001.
- (3) The option vested in three installments, 900 shares on February 23, 2001, 800 shares on January 1, 2002 and 800 shares on January 1, 2003.
- (4) The option vested in three installments, 900 shares on February 27, 2003, 800 shares on January 1, 2004 and 800 shares on January 1, 2005.
- (5) The option vested in three equal installments of 1,000 shares on February 25, 2005, January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007.
- (6) The option vests in four equal installments of 625 shares on February 22, 2007, January 1, 2008, January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010.

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