

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 8-K

January 10, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

January 7, 2011

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 1-15973

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Oregon **93-0256722**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. Employer**
incorporation or organization) **Identification No.)**
220 N.W. Second Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97209
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: (503) 226-4211

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 7, 2011, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) issued a press release announcing that Rick Daniel, President and Chief Executive Officer of its wholly owned subsidiary NW Natural Gas Storage LLC (NWNGS), will be leaving at the end of January 2011 returning to his home in Canmore, Canada. Mr. Daniel will be replaced on an interim basis by David A. Weber, the Chief Operating Officer of NWNGS. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of NW Natural, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference to such filing. The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 herein.

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of Northwest Natural Gas Company issued January 7, 2011 (furnished and not filed). |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

(Registrant)

Dated: January 10, 2011

/s/ MARDILYN SAATHOFF

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Chief Governance Officer, Deputy General

Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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