

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 *
 Saathoff MardiLyn

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)
 02/26/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP & Corporate Secretary

PORTLAND, OR 97209

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/26/2014		A	310 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	945.4881	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2014		A	78 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0	568.236	I	See Footnote ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	02/26/2014		A	232 ⁽⁴⁾ A \$ 0	1,177.4881	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2014		A	155 ⁽⁵⁾ A \$ 0	723.236	I	See Footnote ⁽³⁾
					503.223	I	

Common Stock See Footnote (6)

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. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Saathoff MardiLyn 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209			VP & Corporate Secretary	

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi, 02/28/2014
Attorney-in-Fact

 **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 are issuable as a result of satisfaction of performance goals for 2011-2013 under a performance share award. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the award payout level occurred on the transaction date.
- (2) Shares are issuable as a result of satisfaction of performance goals for 2011-2013 under a performance share award, and credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives pursuant to a prior election.

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Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the award payout level occurred on the transaction date.

- (3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (4) Shares are issuable as a result of satisfaction of the performance threshold for 2013 under restricted stock unit awards. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the satisfaction of the performance threshold occurred on the transaction date.
Shares are issuable as a result of satisfaction of the performance threshold for 2013 under restricted stock unit awards, and credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives pursuant to a prior election.
- (5) Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the satisfaction of the performance threshold occurred on the transaction date.
- (6) Shares held in reporting person's account under Northwest Natural Gas Company's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2014.

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