

STOKES GARY A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
STOKES GARY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHWEST PIPE CO [NWPX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/18/2011

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

President, Water Transmission

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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VANCOUVER, WA 98661

(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	08/18/2011		M	107 A \$ 20.179	20,179	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2011		F	26 (2) D \$ 25.33	20,153	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		M	403 A \$ 20.556	20,556	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		F	100 (2) D \$ 21.52	20,456	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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	08/18/2011		M	107	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	107 (4)
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	03/15/2012		M	403	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	403 (4)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STOKES GARY A 5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200 VANCOUVER, WA 98661			President, Water Transmission	

## Signatures

Gary Stokes                      03/19/2012  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units granted in 2008.
- (2) Represents shares withheld by the issuer for payment of taxes incurred upon vesting event consistent with company policy.
- (3) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units granted in 2009.

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- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Northwest Pipe Company common stock.
- (5) The Restricted Stock Units vest in installments as follows: 40% on August 18, 2009, 40% on August 18, 2010 and 20% on August 18, 2011.
- (6) The Restricted Stock Units vest in 3 equal installments on March 15, 2010, March 15, 2011 and March 15, 2012.

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