

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ANDERSON DAVID HUGO

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & CFO

220 NW SECOND AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

PORTLAND, OR 97209

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	6. Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/10/2009	^	G	19,862.307	D	\$ 0	25,755.77 (1)	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	6,360.062	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	48.882	I	See Footnote (3)

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	358.9568	I	See Footnote (4)
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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. Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 41.15	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (5)	03/04/2019	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 43.29	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (6)	03/06/2018	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 44.48	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (7)	02/28/2017	Common Stock	7,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 34.29	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (8)	02/29/2016	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 32.02	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (9)	09/27/2014	Common Stock	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ANDERSON DAVID HUGO 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209	Â	Â	Â SVP & CFO	Â

Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/16/2010

__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) This transaction reflects a gift of shares from two of Mr. Anderson's individual accounts to an account held jointly with his spouse.
- (2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives
- (3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of December 31, 2009.
- (5) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 2,000 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (6) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 2,000 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (7) Option was granted for 7,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,750 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (8) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 2,000 shares on each February 22, 2007 and January 1, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (9) Option was granted for 16,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2007.

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