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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Palfreyman Justin Issuer Symbol NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO (Check all applicable) [NWN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 220 NW SECOND AVENUE 03/01/2018 VP Strategy & Bus. Dev. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PORTLAND, OR 97209 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/01/2018 F 271 (1) D $2,552 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D 52.15 Stock

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Palfreyman Justin

220 NW SECOND AVENUE VP Strategy & Bus. Dev.

PORTLAND, OR 97209

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi, Attorney-in-Fact 03/05/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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).

Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes on issuance of shares due to vesting of 243 restricted stock units (RSUs) with performance threshold, and vesting of 516 time-based RSUs. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of

- (1) satisfaction of the performance threshold and vesting for 243 RSUs was reported on Form 4 filed on February 23, 2018. The 516 time-based RSUs are part of 2,580 time-based RSUs that have been reported as shares beneficially owned by the reporting person since initially reported on the reporting person's Form 3 on October 5, 2016.
- (2) Includes 2,064 time-based restricted stock units (RSUs) granted under issuer's Long Term Incentive Plan. The RSUs vest in three installments: 516 shares on each March 1, 2019 and 2020, and 1,032 shares on March 1, 2021.

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