

Saathoff MardiLyn
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FORM 4

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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)
 03/01/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel & Reg.

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Stock	03/01/2018		F	V Amount (1) D	\$ 4,871.5268 (2) 52.15	D	
Common Stock					7,546.044 (3)	I	See Footnote (4)
Common Stock					1,079.627	I	See Footnote (5)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount 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			SVP, General Counsel & Reg.	

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/05/2018

__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 were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes on issuance of shares due to vesting of restricted stock units. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of satisfaction of the performance threshold and vesting for these restricted stock units was reported on Form 4 filed on February 23, 2018.

(2) Includes 1,549 of 3,100 restricted stock units (RSUs) granted under issuer's Long Term Incentive Plan. The 3,100 RSUs vest in three installments: 775 shares on each March 1, 2019 and 2020, and 1,550 shares on March 1, 2021. Pursuant to reporting person's previous election, only 50% of the shares received upon vesting of the RSUs, or an aggregate of 1,549 shares, will be directly issued to the reporting person, with the balance being credited to the reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

(3) Includes 1,551 of 3,100 RSUs granted under issuer's Long Term Incentive Plan. The 3,100 RSUs vest in three installments: 775 shares on each March 1, 2019 and 2020, and 1,550 shares on March 1, 2021. Reporting person has previously elected that 50% of shares received on vesting of RSUs, or an aggregate of 1,551 shares, will be deferred under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

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- (4) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (5) Shares held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of February 28, 2018.

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