

DODSON MARK S
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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 *
DODSON MARK S

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. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2010

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

220 NW SECOND AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PORTLAND, OR 97209

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|---|------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2010 | | M | | | 18,000 | A | \$ 34.29 | 31,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2010 | | S | | | 18,000 | D | \$ 47.5153 ⁽²⁾ | 13,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 11,431 | I | By Trust ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 22,718.305 | I | See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |

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These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's spouse. The filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (4) Reflects shares that have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

- (5) Option was granted for 25,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). Pursuant to the Plan, the remaining 25,000 shares became fully exercisable upon Mr. Dodson's retirement on December 31, 2008. The option expires on December 31, 2011. This is the same option referred to in Footnote 1.

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