

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO  
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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 \*  
 DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE

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)  
 02/24/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Adm. Officer & SVP

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

(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	02/24/2016		A		952 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0 6,123.485	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2016		A		268 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0 2,109.459	I	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	02/24/2016		A		488 <sup>(4)</sup> A \$ 0 6,611.485	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2016		A		123 <sup>(5)</sup> A \$ 0 2,232.459	I	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
	02/24/2016		A		64 <sup>(6)</sup> A \$ 0 362.3217	I	

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Common Stock						See Footnote <u>(7)</u>
Common Stock	524.089	I				See Footnote <u>(8)</u>
Common Stock	8,181.9612	I				See Footnote <u>(9)</u>
Common Stock	316.5747	I				See Footnote <u>(10)</u>

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209			Chief Adm. Officer & SVP	

## Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/26/2016

\_\_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 are issuable as a result of satisfaction of the performance threshold for 2015 under restricted stock unit awards. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the satisfaction of the performance threshold occurred on the transaction date.  
  
Shares are issuable as a result of satisfaction of the performance threshold for 2015 under restricted stock unit awards, and credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives pursuant to a prior election.
- (2) Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the satisfaction of the performance threshold occurred on the transaction date.
- (3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (4) Shares are issuable as a result of satisfaction of performance goals for 2013-2015 under a performance share award. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the award payout level occurred on the transaction date.  
  
Shares are issuable as a result of satisfaction of performance goals for 2013-2015 under a performance share award, and credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives pursuant to a prior election.
- (5) Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the award payout level occurred on the transaction date.
- (6) Shares are issuable to reporting person's spouse as a result of satisfaction of the performance threshold for 2015 under restricted stock unit awards. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the satisfaction of the performance threshold occurred on the transaction date.
- (7) Shares held in account of reporting person's spouse.
- (8) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (9) Shares held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2016.
- (10) Shares held in account of reporting person's spouse under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2016.

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