

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO
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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 *
MCCOY MICHAEL 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)
220 N.W. SECOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/26/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	07/26/2006		A	(A) or (D) 6,500 (1)	\$ 0 17,691	D	
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value					13,961.227	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value					1,141.475	I	See Footnote (3)

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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)

Table with 10 columns: 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. 9). Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Entry: MCCOY MICHAEL S, 220 N.W. SECOND AVENUE, PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991, Executive Vice President.

Signatures

Richelle T. Luther, Attorney-in-Fact, 07/31/2006

**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) Restricted stock bonus granted to reporting person pursuant to issuer's Long Term Incentive Plan--2,167 shares will vest on March 1, 2007, 2,167 shares will vest on March 1, 2008 and 2,166 shares will vest on March 1, 2009.
(2) Held in reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of June 30, 2006.
(3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

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