

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 \*  
 ANDERSON DAVID HUGO

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)  
 02/22/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. Vice President and CFO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	02/22/2006		P	5,000 A	\$ 34 10,288.621	D	
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value					65.9569	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value					42.998	I	See Footnote (2)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option to Buy	\$ 34.29	02/22/2006		A	8,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/29/2016	Common Stock	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ANDERSON DAVID HUGO 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991			Sr. Vice President and CFO	

## Signatures

C.J. Rue,  
Attorney-In-Fact 02/23/2006

         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) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2006.
- (2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan. Option on 2,000 shares will become exercisable on February 22, 2007, and option on 2,000 shares will become exercisable on each of January 1, 2008, January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010.

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