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Form 424B3

February 21, 2003

Pricing supplement no. 1 dated February 21, 2003

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(To prospectus dated January 15, 2003)

\$150,000,000 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

SECURED MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B (A SERIES OF FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS)

AND

UNSECURED MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Due from Nine Months to 30 Years from Date of Issue

CUSIP No.: 66765R BR 6

Secured X Unsecured

Principal amount (\$): \$30,000,000

Issue price (%): 100.000%

Selling Agent's commission (%): .750%

Proceeds to Company (%): 99.250%

Repayable at the option of holder: Yes No X

Repayment Date: Not Applicable

Repayment Price: Not Applicable

Election Period: Not Applicable

Other Terms: Not Applicable

Selling Agent(s):

Merrill Lynch & Co. X

UBS Warburg LLC X

Banc One Capital Markets, Inc.

U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Inc. X

Agency Transaction |_|*

Principal Transaction |X|*

Name of Principal(s): Merrill Lynch & Co.

UBS Warburg LLC

U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Inc.

Stated interest rate (%): 5.66%

Maturity date: February 25, 2033

Original issue date: February 25, 2003

Interest payment dates: June 1 and December

commencing June 1, 2003

Regular record dates: May 15 and November 15

Redeemable: Yes X No

In whole

In whole or in part X

Fixed redemption price: Yes No X

Initial redemption date: Not Applicable

Initial redemption price: Not Applicable

Reduction Percentage: Not Applicable

Redemption limitation date: Not Applicabl

Make-Whole Redemption Price: Yes X No

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Make-Whole Spread: .25%

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*If the Agency Transaction box is checked, the notes are being offered directly by Northwest Natural Gas Company through any Agent, acting as agent for Northwest Natural Gas Company. If the Principal Transaction box is checked, however, the notes have been sold to the Agent(s), as principal, for resale to purchasers upon terms described in the prospectus, dated January 15, 2003 and this pricing supplement. If the Principal Transaction box is checked, the notes are being offered by the Agent(s), as principal, at a price to the public set forth above under "Issue price (%)"; the notes were purchased by the Agent(s), as principal, from Northwest Natural Gas Company at the price set forth above under "Proceeds to Company (%)"; and the Agent(s) received a fee equal to the difference, which is set forth above under "Selling Agent's commission (%)" as a percentage of the principal amount of the notes.

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