

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 4

June 16, 2016

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

Check this box  
if no longer  
subject to  
Section 16.  
Form 4 or  
Form 5  
obligations  
may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

## OMB APPROVAL

OMB  
Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31,  
2005  
Estimated average  
burden hours per  
response... 0.5

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Saathoff MardiLyn

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)  
06/14/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP, General Counsel & Reg.

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 06/14/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 5,000                                                                   | A \$ 51.09                                                                                                         | 7,012.4072                                                              | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 06/14/2016                              |                                                             | S                                    | 5,000                                                                   | D \$<br>(1) 59.2206                                                                                                | 2,012.4072                                                              | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 914.8803                                                                | I See<br>Footnote<br>(2)                                          |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 1,898.892                                                               | I See<br>Footnote<br>(3)                                          |

# Edgar Filing: NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO - Form 4

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

**Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.**

SEC 1474  
(9-02)

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option to<br>Buy               | \$ 51.09                                                           | 06/14/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 5,000                                                                                                           | <sup>(4)</sup> 09/29/2018                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 5,000                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Saathoff MardiLyn<br>220 NW SECOND AVENUE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97209 |               |           | SVP, General Counsel & Reg. |       |

## Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi,  
Attorney-in-Fact 06/16/2016

\_\_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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades on reported date with prices ranging from \$59.15 - \$59.30, resulting in an average price of \$59.2206. Northwest Natural Gas Company ("Issuer") will provide upon request by the Commission staff or a security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

(2) Shares held in reporting person's account under Issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of May 31, 2016.

(3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

## Edgar Filing: NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO - Form 4

(4) The option vested in four equal installments on September 22, 2009, and January 1, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

(5) Option was granted as part of compensation for services. The option was exercised as a cashless exercise.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.