NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

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| 1. Name and A DODSON N | Address of Reporti MARK S | ing Person <u>*</u> | 2. Issuer Symbol NORTH [NWN] | | | Ticker or | | | 5. Relationship of Issuer (Check | f Reporting Pers | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|----------|
| (Mor | | | (Month/D | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/06/2005 | | | | | X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President and CEO | | |
| (Street) 4. Ii | | | | f Amendment, Date Original ed(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) | Tabl | e I - No | n-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye | ear) Execution | emed on Date, if Day/Year) | Code (Instr. | 8) | 4. Securi n(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock, \$3 1/6 par value | 06/06/2005 | | | M | | 199 | A | \$ 26.3 | 23,611.453 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$3 1/6 par value | 06/06/2005 | | | M | | 2,801 | A | \$ 26.3 | 26,412.453 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$3 1/6 par value | 06/06/2005 | | | F | | 2,000 | D | \$ 36.84 | 24,412.453 | D | |

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| Common | | | Caa |
|------------|----------|---|-----------------|
| Stock, \$3 | 260.3912 | т | See footnote |
| 1/6 par | 200.3912 | 1 | (1) |
| value | | | <u> </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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number ion f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | erivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uired or oosed of ar. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------|---|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Buy | \$ 26.3 | 06/06/2005 | | M | | 3,000 | (2) | 03/05/2012 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Troporting of more remained and areas | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| DODSON MARK S 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991 | X | | President and CEO | | | | | |

Signatures

C.J. Rue,

Attorney-in-Fact 06/06/2005

**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 May 31, 2005.

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Option was granted on February 27, 2002 for 12,500 shares pursuant to the Northwest Natural Gas Company's 1985 Stock Option Plan (2) (now the Restated Stock Option Plan). Option on 4,200 shares became exercisable on February 27, 2003, option on 4,200 shares became exercisable on January 1, 2004 and option on 4,100 shares became exercisable on January 1, 2005.

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