DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

220 NW SECOND AVENUE

(Street)

PORTLAND, OR 97209

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO [NWN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A		544 (1)	A	$ 0	2,789.5337	D	
Common Stock								6,737.0803	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock								445.963	I	See Footnote (3)
Common Stock								945.332	I	See Footnote (4)

Common Stock	202.8213	I	See Footnote (5)
Common Stock	159.042	I	See Footnote (6)

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. 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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 31.34							(7)	03/04/2014	Common Stock	3,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 34.29							(8)	02/29/2016	Common Stock	3,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 44.48							(9)	02/28/2017	Common Stock	3,000	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 43.29							(10)	03/06/2018	Common Stock	4,000	
Employee	$ 41.15							(11)	03/04/2019	Common	3,000	

Stock Option to Buy					Stock	
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 44.25		(12)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	3,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 45.74		(17)	03/02/2021	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 44.48		(13)	02/28/2017	Common Stock	600
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 43.29		(14)	03/06/2018	Common Stock	1,200
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 41.15		(15)	03/04/2019	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option to Buy	$ 44.25		(16)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209			SVP	

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi, Attorney-in-Fact	02/23/2012
**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 are issuable as a result of satisfaction of performance goals for 2009-2011 under a performance share award. Organization and Executive Compensation Committee certification of the award payout level occurred on the transaction date.

(2) Held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2012.

(3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

(5) Held in account of reporting person's spouse.

(6) Held in account of reporting person's spouse under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of January 31, 2012.

(7) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2007.

(8) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2010.

(9) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2011.

(10) Option was granted for 4,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2012.

(11) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 750 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

(12) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 750 shares on each February 24, 2011 and January 1, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

(13) Option for 600 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2011.

(14) Option for 1,200 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested on January 1, 2012.

(15) Option for 1,000 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 250 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

(16) Option for 1,000 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 250 shares on each February 24, 2011 and January 1, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

(17) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,250 shares on each February 23, 2012 and January 1, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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