

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 \*  
 MCCOY MICHAEL S

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 N.W. SECOND AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/14/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2006		M		5,000	A	\$ 27.875
Common Stock	12/14/2006		S		800	D	\$ 42.58
Common Stock	12/14/2006		S		4,200	D	\$ 42.43
Common Stock							
Common Stock					14,210.5585	I	
Common Stock					1,161.7998	I	

See footnote (1)  
 See footnote

(2)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 27.875	12/14/2006		M	5,000	<u>(3)</u> 03/03/2008	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCOY MICHAEL S 220 N.W. SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

C.J. Rue,  
Attorney-in-Fact 12/14/2006

\*\*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) Held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of 11/30/06.
- (2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to the Northwest Natural Gas Company 1985 Stock Option Plan (now the Restated Stock Option Plan). Option on 1,700 shares became exercisable on 2/25/1999, option on 1,700 shares became exercisable on 1/1/2000 and

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option on 1,600 shares became exercisable on 1/1/2001.

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