

RUE CJ  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RUE CJ

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)  
03/07/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Secretary

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  
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	03/07/2005		M	1,600	A \$ 26.3	9,654	D
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	03/07/2005		S	300	D \$ 37.01	9,354	D
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	03/07/2005		S	1,300	D \$ 37	8,054	D



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Option was granted for 5000 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 February 27, 2003, option on 1,700 shares became exercisable on 1/1/2004 and option on 1,600 shares will become exercisable on 1/1/2005.

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