

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 \*  
**KANTOR GREGG 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 NW SECOND AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/27/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President and COO**

**PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/27/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 6,000   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,553.3653  | I  |                                   |

See footnote (1)

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 43.29   | 02/27/2008                           |  | A                              | 8,000   | (2) 03/06/2018   | Common Stock  | 8,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| KANTOR GREGG S<br>220 NW SECOND AVENUE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991 |               |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

Richelle T. Luther,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/28/2008

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 January 31, 2008.

(2) Option was granted for 8,000 shares pursuant to the Northwest Natural Gas Company Restated Stock Option Plan. Option on 2,000 shares will become exercisable on each of February 27, 2009, January 1, 2010, January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012.

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