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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO Form 4 January 21, 2014 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading KANTOR GREGG S Issuer Symbol NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO (Check all applicable) [NWN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 220 NW SECOND AVE 01/16/2014 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PORTLAND, OR 97209 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I)(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/22/2013 G V 121 D \$0 27,403.2151 D Stock Common 11/29/2013 \$0 G V 118 D 27,285.2151 D Stock Common 12/10/2013 \$0 D G V 167 D 27,118.2151 Stock See Common V 411 (1) D 01/16/2014 I Footnote J \$0 3,028.206 Stock (2) Common 01/16/2014 V 411 (1) A \$0 27,529.2151 D J Stock

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| Common Stock | 01/16/2014 | S | 214 (<u>3</u>) D | \$ 41.796 | 2,814.206 | Ι | See Footnote (2) |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------------------|--------------|------------|---|--------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,637.5076 | I | See Footnote |
| Common Stock | | | | | 200 | Ι | See Footnote |
| Common Stock | | | | | 570 | Ι | See Footnote |

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) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Amor Unde Secur | le and unt of rlying rities : 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| KANTOR GREGG S | V | | | | | | |
| 220 NW SECOND AVE PORTLAND, OR 97209 | Х | | President & CEO | | | | |

Signatures

Shawn M. Filippi, Attorney-in-Fact 01/21/2014

**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 were transferred from Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives account to reporting person's registered account.
- (2) Reflects shares that have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

These shares were issued in connection with the reporting person's election on December 5, 2008 (for shares acquired in 2008) and on December 8, 2008 (for shares acquired in 2009) to participate in Northwest Natural Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan for

- (3) Directors and Executives (DCP), which specifies that taxes shall be withheld from distribution. Pursuant to the Plan and the reporting person's elections on the dates stated hereinabove, these shares were sold to pay taxes on the DCP distribution made on January 16, 2014.
- (4) Held in reporting person's account under issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of December 31, 2013.
- (5) Shares held in reporting person's parent's account, with respect to which the reporting person is Power of Attorney and a potential beneficiary.
- (6) Held in reporting person's parent's IRA account, with respect to which the reporting person is Power of Attorney and a potential beneficiary.

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