

DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE

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)  
12/12/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	12/12/2005		M	2,000 A \$ 26.3	2,838.886	D	
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	12/12/2005		S	2,000 D \$ 34.75	838.886	D	
Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value					5,084.3782	I	See footnote (1)

Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value	357.107	I	See footnote (2)
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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. I Der Sec (In	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 26.3	12/12/2005		M	2,000	(3) 03/05/2012	Common Stock	2,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE 220 NW SECOND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97209-3991			Vice President	

## Signatures

C.J. Rue, Attorney-in-Fact	12/13/2005
**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 have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of November 30, 2005.

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(2) Credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's 1985 Stock Option Plan (now the Restated Stock

(3) Option Plan). Option on 1,700 shares became exercisable on February 27, 2003, option on 1,700 shares became exercisable on January 1, 2004 and option on 1,600 shares became exercisable on January 1, 2005.

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