

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)  
08/19/2009

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

PORTLAND, OR 97209

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/19/2009                           |  | S                              | 2,000 D \$ 42.526   | 3,288.684   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,000.08  | I  | See Footnote (1)                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 406.104   | I  | See Footnote (2)                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 609.258   | I  | See Footnote (3)                                      |

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|              |         |   |                  |
|--------------|---------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 184.693 | I | See Footnote (4) |
| Common Stock | 61.8604 | I | See Footnote (5) |

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. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 31.34   |                                      |  |                                |   | (6) 03/04/2014   | Common Stock  | 3,000  |                            |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 34.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | (7) 02/29/2016   | Common Stock  | 3,000  |                            |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 44.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | (8) 02/28/2017   | Common Stock  | 3,000  |                            |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 43.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | (9) 03/06/2018   | Common Stock  | 4,000  |                            |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy               | \$ 41.15   |                                      |  |                                |   | (10) 03/04/2019  | Common Stock  | 3,000  |                            |

| Stock                        |          |      |            | Stock        |       |
|------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Option to Buy                |          |      |            |              |       |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 44.48 | (11) | 02/28/2017 | Common Stock | 600   |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 43.29 | (12) | 03/06/2018 | Common Stock | 1,200 |
| Employee Stock Option to Buy | \$ 41.15 | (13) | 03/04/2019 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DOOLITTLE LEA ANNE<br>220 NW SECOND AVENUE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97209 |               |           | SVP     |       |

## Signatures

MardiLyn Saathoff,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/21/2009

\*\*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 July 31, 2009.
- (2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (4) Held in account of reporting person's spouse.
- (5) Held in account of reporting person's spouse under the issuer's Retirement K Savings Plan as of July 31, 2009.
- (6) Option was granted for 5,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option fully vested January 1, 2007.
- (7) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 750 shares on each February 22, 2007 and January 1, 2008, 2009, 2010.
- (8) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 750 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- (9) Option was granted for 4,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 1,000 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011, 2012.

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- (10) Option was granted for 3,000 shares pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 750 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- (11) Option for 600 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 150 shares on each February 21, 2008 and January 1, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- (12) Option for 1,200 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 300 shares on each February 27, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 2011, 2012.
- (13) Option for 1,000 shares was granted to reporting person's spouse pursuant to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests in installments of 250 shares on each February 25, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 2012, 2013.

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