#### CARTER JOHN D

Form 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CARTER JOHN D

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

[NWN]

02/21/2006

(Check all applicable)

Symbol

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

IMESON & CARTER, 222 S.W.

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

COLUMBIA, SUITE 1850

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Owned

3,757.687

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

PORTLAND, OR 97201-6618

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner						
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	omr Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial		

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

or Price Amount (D)

Code V

13,770.105 D

value

Common Stock,

(1) \$3-1/6 par

Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par

value

See 4,775.572 I Footnote

(2)

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Common 02/21/2006

A 464.922 A \$ 34.29 Ι See Footnote

(3)

Stock. \$3-1/6 par

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value

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARTER JOHN D IMESON & CARTER 222 S.W. COLUMBIA, SUITE 1850 PORTLAND, OR 97201-6618

X

# **Signatures**

C. J. Rue,

Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date

Person

# **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).
- Since the date of the reporting person's last report, 690 shares previously held directly were transferred to a Supplemental Trust pursuant to a deferral election in accordance with the terms of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.
- (2) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

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(3) Shares have been credited to reporting person's account under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Executives.

#### **Remarks:**

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