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Form 424B3

November 19, 2003

Pricing Supplement No. 3 dated November 18, 2003 Filing under Rule 424(b)(3) Registration No. 333-100326

(To prospectus dated January 15, 2003)

\$150,000,000

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY Secured Medium-Term Notes, Series B (A Series of First Mortgage Bonds)

and

Unsecured Medium-Term Notes, Series B Due from Nine Months to 30 Years from Date of Issue

CUSIP No.: 66765R BS 4

Secured X Unsecured

Principal amount (\$): \$40,000,000

Issue price (%): 100.000%

Selling Agent's commission (%): 0.750%

Proceeds to Company (%): 99.250%

Repayable at the option of holder: Yes $$\tt No$$ X $$\tt ----$

Repayment Date: Not Applicable

Repayment Price: Not Applicable

Election Period: Not Applicable

Other Terms: Not Applicable

Selling Agent(s):

Merrill Lynch & Co. X

UBS Warburg LLC

Banc One Capital Markets, Inc.

U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Inc. X

Agency Transaction

or

Principal Transaction |X|*

Name of Principal(s): Merrill Lynch & Co. as to \$20,000,000 principal amount of the

*If the Agency Transaction box is checked, the notes are being offered directly by Northwest Natural Gas Company through any Agent, acting as agent for Northwest Natural Gas Company. If the Principal Transaction box is checked,

Stated interest rate (%): 5.62%

Maturity date: November 21, 2023

Original issue date: November 21, 20

Interest payment dates: June 1 and De

commencing June 1, 2004

Regular record dates: May 15 and Nove

Redeemable: Yes X No

In whole --- ---

In whole or in part X

Fixed redemption price: Yes No X

Initial redemption date: Not Appl

Initial redemption price: Not App

Reduction Percentage: Not Applicab

Redemption limitation date: Not A

Make-Whole Redemption Price: Yes X

Make-Whole Spread: 0.15%

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however, the notes have been sold to the Agent(s), as principal, for resale to purchasers upon terms described in the prospectus, dated January 15, 2003 and this pricing supplement. If the Principal Transaction box is checked, the notes are being offered by the Agent(s), as principal, at a price to the public set forth above under "Issue price (%)"; the notes were purchased by the Agent(s), as principal, from Northwest Natural Gas Company at the price set forth above under "Proceeds to Company (%)"; and the Agent(s) received a fee equal to the difference, which is set forth above under "Selling Agent's commission (%)" as a percentage of the principal amount of the notes.

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