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Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W. P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attention: Supervisor of Utility Finance

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Docket UG-001244

Pursuant to the Commission's Order Establishing Compliance with RCW 80.08.040 in Docket UG-001244, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Company's Common Stock to its employees under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, we enclose herewith the sixth Report of Security Transactions, for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Sincerely,

C. J./Rue

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

for an Order Establishing Compliance with RCW 80.08.040 With Respect to the Proposed Issuance and Sale of up to an Additional 200,000 Shares of its Common Stock Pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Docket UG-001244

Sixth Report of Security Transactions

This Report is filed pursuant to the Commission's Order Establishing Compliance with RCW 80.08.040 in Docket UG-001244 dated August 30, 2000, in which the Commission determined that the Company had complied with the requirements of RCW 80.08.040 in connection with the issuance and sale of up to 200,000 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the terms of its Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (the Plan).

As previously reported, the Company made its fifth offering to its employees under the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan. During 2005, the Company completed an offering to its employees that was made during the period November 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004 (the 2004 Offering) and made a new offering under the Plan during the period November 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005 (the 2005 Offering). Certain administrative terms of the Plan were amended in 2003. The 2004 and 2005 offerings were made at a price determined to be 85% (to the nearest full one-tenth of one dollar) of the closing price quoted for the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the business day before the initial date of the offering.

During the 2004 Offering, the Company offered to its employees not to exceed 106,128 shares of its Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value, at a price of \$26.90 per share. The Company received subscriptions for 32,382 shares, of which subscriptions for 1,486 shares were cancelled. During the 2005 Offering, the Company offered to its employees not to exceed 75,774 shares of its Common Stock, \$3-1/6 par value, at a price of \$29.40 per share. The Company received subscriptions for 33,688 shares, of which 1,199 shares were cancelled as of December 31, 2005. Payroll deductions taken by the Company in payment of the subscribed shares are held on behalf of the employee until the shares are to be purchased on the purchase date in November 2006. The Company held a credit balance at December 31, 2005 of \$84,692.03 in its Account 89050 212001, Installments Received on Capital Stock, in part payment of the remaining 32,489 shares subscribed.

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Pursuant to the Commission's authorization in this Docket UG-001244, at December 31, 2005, the Company had received from the six offerings subscriptions totaling 166,843 shares, cancellations totaling 10,157 shares of such subscribed shares and cash in the amount of \$2,921,524.30 in full payment for 124,197 of said shares, and had issued certificates for such 124,197 shares to the respective employee purchasers as follows:

		SI	Shares Subscribed		Shares Issued		Balance
Offering Period	<u>Price</u>	<u>Initial</u>	Canceled	<u>Total</u>	Number	<u>Amount</u>	Subscribed
10/2/00 - 10/31/00	\$19.50	562	0	562	562	\$ 10,959.00	0
10/1/01 - 10/31/01	\$19.90	45,553	707	44,846	44,846	892,435.40	0
10/1/02 - 10/31/02	\$24.90	23,508	3,156	20,352	20,352	506,764.80	0
11/3/03 - 12/3/03	\$24.70	31,150	3,609	27,541	27,541	680,262.70	0
11/1/04 - 12/1/04	\$26.90	32,382	1,486	30,896	30,896	831,102.40	0
11/1/05 - 12/1/05	\$29.40	33,688	1,199	32,489	0	0	32,489
Total		166,843	10,157	156,686	124,197	\$2,921,524.30	32,489

The cash proceeds of \$2,921,524.30 received from the sale of said 124,197 shares of Common Stock authorized in this Docket UG-001244 were applied toward the Company's construction program for the construction, completion, extension or improvement of its facilities (Utility Plant in Service) as will be further detailed in the Company's Annual Report to the Commission for the year 2005 to be filed in due course, as follows:

2000	\$ 10,959.00
2001	892,435.40
2002	506,764.80
2003	680,262.70
2004	831,102.40
2005	0
Total	\$2,921,524.30

Expenses incurred in connection with the registration of the Common Stock and the issuance and sale of the shares reported herein during the year ended December 31, 2005 and the accumulative total in this Docket, were as follows:

	<u>Estimated</u>	Actual Amount <u>2005</u>	Accumulative <u>Total</u>
Par Value of Common Stock Issued Plus Premium Gross Proceeds	\$ 633,332 <u>3,276,668</u> \$3,910,000	\$ 97,837 733,265 \$831,102	\$393,291 2,528,233 \$2,921,524
Registration Fee Securities and Exchange Commission	1,260	-	1,224
Fees of State Regulatory Authorities Oregon Public Utility Commission Washington Utilities and Transportation Commiss	None	-	-
Printing and Engraving Expenses Other	7,500	-	-
Counsel Fees Thelen Reid & Priest LLP Stoel Rives LLP	15,000	2,873	17,626 21,296
Accountants' Fees PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	10,000	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense Postage, etc. Other	6,240 	<u>-</u>	1,328
Total Deductions	40,000	2,873	41,474
Net Amount Realized	<u>\$3,870,000</u>	\$ <u>828,229</u>	\$2,880,050

¹ Based on 85 percent of the estimated market value of \$23.00 per share.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the corporate seal of Northwest

Natural Gas Company this 1st day of February 2006.

(SEAL)

C. J. Rue

Secretary of Northwest Natural Gas Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
LINDA M. WARREN
NOTARY PUBLIC-OREGON
COMMISSION NO. 381962
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 21, 2008

Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires 6/21/08

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