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February 24, 2016

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
Post Office Box 1088  
Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Attn: Filing Center

RE: **RG-26, Report on Major Shareholders**

In compliance with OAR 860-027-0175(2), Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company"), provides the following list of Major Shareholder as defined on OAR 860-027-0175(1)(c), who have submitted 13G filings with the Security Exchange Commission ("SEC") claiming ownership of 5% or more NW Natural stock as of December 31, 2015:

- BlackRock, Inc. 10.0%
- Parnassus Investments 9.44%
- The Vanguard Group, Inc. 7.76%

Ownership amounts reported are based on information set forth in the respective Schedule 13G filings. Supporting Schedule 13G filings are attached.

Please contact me at (503) 226-4211, extension 5865, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Gail Hammer*

Gail Hammer  
Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No: 7)

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO.

-----  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

-----  
(Title of Class of Securities)

667655104

-----  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2015

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No. 667655104

(1) Names of reporting persons. BlackRock, Inc.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

(5) Sole voting power

2673034

(6) Shared voting power

NONE

(7) Sole dispositive power

2745531

(8) Shared dispositive power

NONE

(9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

2745531

(10) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares

(11) Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9

10.0%

(12) Type of reporting person

HC

Item 1.

Item 1(a) Name of issuer:

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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO.

Item 1(b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

220 NW Second Ave  
Portland OR 97209

Item 2.

2(a) Name of person filing:

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BlackRock, Inc.

2(b) Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

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BlackRock Inc.  
55 East 52nd Street  
New York, NY 10055

2(c) Citizenship:

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See Item 4 of Cover Page

2(d) Title of class of securities:

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Common Stock

2(e) CUSIP No.:

See Cover Page

Item 3.

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c),  
check whether the person filing is a:

- Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- Investment company registered under Section 8 of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940;
- An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with  
Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- A parent holding company or control person in accordance with  
Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal  
Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an  
investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company  
Act of 1940;
- A non-U.S. institution in accordance with  
Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- Group, in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing

as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with  
Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of  
institution:

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number  
and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

Amount beneficially owned:

2745531

Percent of class

10.0%

Number of shares as to which such person has:

Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

2673034

Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

NONE

Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

2745531

Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

NONE

Item 5.

Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class. If this statement is being  
filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person  
has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the  
class of securities, check the following [ ].

Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power  
to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale  
of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in  
response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than 5 percent  
of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the

shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

Various persons have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the common stock of  
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO.  
No one person's interest in the common stock of  
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO.  
is more than five percent of the total outstanding common shares.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

See Exhibit A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity.

See Item 5.

Item 10. Certifications

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 8, 2016  
BlackRock, Inc.

Signature: Spencer Fleming

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Name/Title Attorney-In-Fact

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

Exhibit A

Subsidiary

BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited  
BlackRock Advisors, LLC  
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited  
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited  
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG  
\*BlackRock Fund Advisors  
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.  
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited  
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Ltd  
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC  
BlackRock Life Limited

\*Entity beneficially owns 5% or greater of the outstanding shares of the security class being reported on this Schedule 13G.  
Exhibit B

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, BLACKROCK, INC., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States (the "Company"), does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Matthew Mallow, Chris Meade, Howard Surloff, Dan Waltcher,

Georgina Fogo, Charles Park, Enda McMahon, Carsten Otto, Con Tzatzakis, Karen Clark, Andrew Crain, Herm Howerton, David Maryles, Daniel Ronnen, John Stelley, John Ardley, Maureen Gleeson and Spencer Fleming acting severally, as its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for the purpose of, from time to time, executing in its name and on its behalf, whether the Company is acting individually or as representative of others, any and all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, other filings and amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Forms 3, 4, 5, 13D, 13F, 13G and 13H and any amendments to any of the foregoing as may be required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and delivering, furnishing or filing any such documents with the appropriate governmental, regulatory authority or other person, and giving and granting to each such attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Any such determination by an attorney-in-fact named herein shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall expressly revoke the power of attorney dated 1st day of October, 2015 in respect of the subject matter hereof, shall be valid from the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the Company, or, in respect of any attorney-in-fact named herein, until such person ceases to be an employee of the Company or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this power of attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of December, 2015.

BLACKROCK, INC.

By: \_ /s/ Chris Jones  
Name: Chris Jones  
Title: Chief Investment Officer

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**Section 1: SC 13G/A (SCHEDULE 13G AMENDMENT NO. 3)**

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(AMENDMENT NO. 3)\*

Northwest Natural Gas Co.

-----  
(Name of Issuer)

Common

-----  
(Title of Class of Securities)

667655104

-----  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2015

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
Parnassus Investments 94-2943858  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)   
  
N/A  
-----

3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
San Francisco, California - U.S.A.  
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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF SHARES		2,582,844	
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		0	
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
WITH		2,582,844	
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
2,582,844  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
  
N/A  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
  
9.44%  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
IA  
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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:  
Northwest Natural Gas Co.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
220 NW Second Avenue  
Portland, OR 97209

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:  
Parnassus Investments

Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Office or, if none, Residence:  
1 Market Steet, Suite 1600  
San Francisco, CA 94105

- Item 2(c) Citizenship:  
California - U.S.A.
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:  
667655104
- Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b),  
or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
- (e)  An investment advisor in accordance with section  
240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)
- Item 4 Ownership:
- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:  
2,582,844
- (b) Percent of Class:  
9.44%
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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or direct the vote:  
2,582,844
- (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote:  
0
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of: 2,582,844
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of: 0
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:  
Not applicable.
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another  
Person:  
Securities reported on this Schedule 13G are beneficially  
owned by clients of Parnassus Investments, which includes  
investment companies registered under the Investment  
Company Act.
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent  
Holding Company:  
Not applicable.
- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:  
Not applicable.
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group:  
Not applicable.
- Item 10 Certification:  
By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge  
and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired  
in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for

the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 12, 2016

Parnassus Investments

By: /S/ Marc C. Mahon

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Name: Marc C. Mahon  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.: 5)\*

Name of issuer: Northwest Natural Gas Co

Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

CUSIP Number: 667655104

Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement: **December 31, 2015**

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- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No.: 667655104

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

The Vanguard Group - 23-1945930

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE [LINE] IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

A.

B. X

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OF PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania

(For questions 5-8, report the number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:)

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

38,246

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

3,000

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,089,247

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

37,346

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,126,593

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

N/A

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

7.76%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Act of 1934

Check the following [line] if a fee is being paid with this statement N/A

Item 1(a) - Name of Issuer:

Northwest Natural Gas Co

Item 1(b) - Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

220 N.W. Second Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97209

Item 2(a) - Name of Person Filing:

The Vanguard Group - 23-1945930

Item 2(b) - Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, residence:

100 Vanguard Blvd.  
Malvern, PA 19355

Item 2(c) - Citizenship:

Pennsylvania

Item 2(d) - Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e) - CUSIP Number

667655104

Item 3 - Type of Filing:

This statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1. An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).

Item 4 - Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

2,126,593

(b) Percent of Class:

7.76%

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(e) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or direct to vote: 38,246

(ii) shared power to vote or direct to vote: 3,000

(iii) sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of: 2,089,247

(iv) shared power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of: 37,346

Comments:

Item 5 - Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6 - Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable

Item 7 - Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired The Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

See Attached Appendix A

Item 8 - Identification and Classification of Members of Group:

Not applicable

Item 9 - Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable

Item 10 - Certification:

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: 02/10/16

By /s/ F. William McNabb III\*

F. William McNabb III

President and Chief Executive Officer

\*By: /s/ Glenn Booraem

Glenn Booraem, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed September 9, 2013, see File Number 005-56905, Incorporated by Reference





Appendix A

Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 34,346 shares or .12% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts.

Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd. ("VIA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 6,900 shares or .02% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of Australian investment offerings.

By /s/ F. William McNabb III\*

F. William McNabb III

President and Chief Executive Officer

\*By: /s/ Glenn Booraem

Glenn Booraem, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed September 9, 2013, see File Number 005-56905, Incorporated by Reference