

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO

Form 8-K

October 04, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**October 4, 2010**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Commission File No. 1-15973**

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**Oregon**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

**93-0256722**  
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

**220 N.W. Second Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97209**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: (503) 226-4211**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 4, 2010, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, Gill Ranch Storage, LLC, has commenced its service as a natural gas storage facility in California. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of NW Natural, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference to such filing. The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 herein.

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|----------------|--|
| 99.1           | Press Release of Northwest Natural Gas Company issued October 4, 2010 (furnished and not filed). |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
(Registrant)

Dated: October 4, 2010

/s/ David H. Anderson  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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