

STOKES GARY A

Form 4

October 12, 2011

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STOKES GARY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE
200

(Street)

VANCOUVER, WA 98661

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NORTHWEST PIPE CO [NWPX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/10/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President, Water Transmission

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/10/2011	M		3,387		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	3,387	
Performance Shares	(3)	10/10/2011	M		4,516		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	(3)	
Performance Shares	(4)	10/10/2011	M		2,259		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	(4)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STOKES GARY A 5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200 VANCOUVER, WA 98661			President, Water Transmission	

Signatures

Gary Stokes 10/12/2011

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Northwest Pipe Company common stock.

(2) The Restricted Stock Units vest in installments as follows: 2/3 on January 1, 2013 and 1/3 on January 1, 2014.

The Performance Shares vest on January 1, 2013 in an amount ranging from 0 - 200% to the extent such Performance Shares are earned.

(3) Performance Shares are earned based on Northwest Pipe Company's total shareholder return for 2011 - 2012 relative to the total shareholder return of a peer group over the same period.

The Performance Shares vest on January 1, 2014 in an amount ranging from 0 - 200% to the extent such Performance Shares are earned.

(4) Performance Shares are earned based on Northwest Pipe Company's total shareholder return for 2011 - 2013 relative to the total shareholder return of a peer group over the same period.

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