

Welty Stephanie
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Welty Stephanie

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/18/2009

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

Senior Vice President & CFO

(Street)

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

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

VANCOUVER, WA 98661

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2009 | | M | 182 A \$ 696 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2009 | | M | 136 A \$ 832 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2009 | | F | 34 D \$ 34 798 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2009 | | F | 45 D \$ 34 753 | | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 08/18/2009 | | M | 182 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 182 (2) |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 08/18/2009 | | M | 136 | (3) | (3) | Common stock | 136 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Welty Stephanie 5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200 VANCOUVER, WA 98661 | | | Senior Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

Stephanie Welty 08/20/2009
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Northwest Pipe Company common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in 3 equal installments on February 18, 2009, August 18, 2009 and February 18, 2010.

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(4) The restricted stock units vest 40% on August 18, 2009, 40% on August 18, 2010 and 20% on August 18, 2011.

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