

GANTT ROBIN A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GANTT ROBIN A

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  
(Street)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO

VANCOUVER, WA 98661  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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		2,556		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,556
Performance Shares	(3)	10/10/2011	M		3,409		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	(3)
Performance Shares	(4)	10/10/2011	M		1,705		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	(4)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GANTT ROBIN A 5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200 VANCOUVER, WA 98661				CFO

## Signatures

Robin Gantt 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(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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