Sankovitz James R Form 4 February 17, 2012

#### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Sankovitz James R Issuer Symbol NORTHERN OIL & GAS, INC. [N (Check all applicable) OG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 315 MANITOBA AVE, SUITE 200 02/16/2012 COO(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

WAYZATA, MN 55391

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| (City)                 | (State)                              | Tab                           | le I - Non-      | Derivative | Secu      | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of,       | or Beneficiall  | y Owned               |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3.<br>Transactio | 4. Securit |           | cquired (A)  | 5. Amount of Securities | 6.<br>Ownership | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3)             |                                      | any                           | Code             | (Instr. 3, | 4 and     | 5)           | Beneficially            | Form:           | Beneficial            |
|                        |                                      | (Month/Day/Year)              | (Instr. 8)       |            |           |              | Owned                   | Direct (D)      | Ownership             |
|                        |                                      |                               |                  |            |           |              | Following               | or Indirect     | (Instr. 4)            |
|                        |                                      |                               |                  |            | (4)       |              | Reported                | (I)             |                       |
|                        |                                      |                               |                  |            | (A)       |              | Transaction(s)          | (Instr. 4)      |                       |
|                        |                                      |                               | Code V           | Amount     | or<br>(D) | Price        | (Instr. 3 and 4)        |                 |                       |
| Common                 |                                      |                               |                  |            |           | \$           |                         |                 |                       |
| Stock (1)              | 02/16/2012                           |                               | S                | 9,973      | D         | 24.1011      | 274,417                 | 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)

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| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exer     | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and    | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transacti  | onNumber   | Expiration D     | ate         | Amou    | nt of    | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/      | Year)       | Under   | lying    | Security    | Secur  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e                |             | Securi  | ities    | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities | 3                |             | (Instr. | 3 and 4) |             | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |                  |             |         |          |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |                  |             |         |          |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |                  |             |         |          |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |                  |             |         |          |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |                  |             |         |          |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |                  |             |         |          |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |                  |             |         | Amount   |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |                  |             |         | or       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date             | Expiration  | Title   | Number   |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable Date | Date        | 11110   | of       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |                  |             |         | Shares   |             |        |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |      |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|------|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Othe |  |  |  |
| Sankovitz James R              |               |           |         |      |  |  |  |
| 315 MANITOBA AVE, SUITE 200    |               |           | COO     |      |  |  |  |
| WAYZATA, MN 55391              |               |           |         |      |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

/s/ James R. 02/17/2012 Sankovitz \*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

### **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).
- Sale effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person. **(1)**
- Reflects the average price of 9,973 shares sold in multiple transactions on February 16, 2012 with sales prices ranging from \$23.15 to **(2)** \$24.49.

#### **Remarks:**

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