NORTHERN OIL & GAS, INC. Form SC 13D/A December 31, 2007

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 1)*

NORTHERN OIL AND GAS, INC.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
665531 109
(CUSIP Number)
James R. Sankovitz Adams, Monahan & Sankovitz, LLP 701 Xenia Avenue South, Suite 130 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416 (763) 746-3490
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
December 26, 2007

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of $\cdot\cdot$ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See \cdot 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

(Date of Event which Requires Filling of this Statement)

^{*} The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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	1.	Names of Reporting Ryan R. Gilbertson I.R.S. Identification		
	2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group* (a.) () (b.) ()		
	3.	SEC USE ONLY		
	4.	Source of Funds*		
		OO		
	5.	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to items 2(d) or 2(e) ()		
	6.	Citizenship or Place of Organization		
			USA	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With		7.	Sole Voting Power 2,225,413 (1)	
		8.	Shared Voting Power 0	
		9.	Sole Dispositive Power 2,225,413 (1)	
		10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0	
	11.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,225,413(1)		
	12.	Check if the Aggregate Amount Represented by Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) ()		

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13.

7.71%(2)

14. Type of Reporting Person

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- 1. Reflects the following transactions described herein: (a) the reporting person's acquisition of 500,000 shares of common stock upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option pursuant to Rule 16b-3; (b) the reporting person's surrender of 76,087 shares of common stock in consideration for the exercise price of nonqualified stock options exercised pursuant to Rule 16b-3; and (c) the reporting person's donation of 6,000 shares of common stock to a non-profit educational organization.
- 2. Percentage of beneficial ownership is calculated under applicable SEC regulations based upon 28,850,952 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 28, 2007.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this "Amendment") amends and restates, where indicated, the statement on Schedule 13D relating to the Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") of the Issuer filed by Ryan R. Gilbertson (the "reporting person") with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2007 (the "Initial Schedule 13D").

This Amendment is being made to disclose (a) the reporting person's acquisition of 500,000 shares of common stock upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option pursuant to Rule 16b-3; (b) the reporting person's surrender of 76,087 shares of common stock in consideration for the exercise price of nonqualified stock options exercised pursuant to Rule 16b-3; and (c) the reporting person's donation of 6,000 shares of common stock to a non-profit educational organization. Except as otherwise set forth herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported by the reporting person in the Initial Schedule 13D.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration:

On December 26, 2007, the reporting person acquired 500,000 shares of Common Stock upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option agreement granted under the Northern Oil and Gas, Inc. Incentive Stock Option Plan in compliance with Rule 16b-3. The per share exercise price of such stock option was \$1.05 and the aggregate exercise price of such stock option was \$525,000. In consideration for the exercise price of the stock option, the reporting person surrendered 76,087 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the reporting person prior to such option exercise. The shares surrendered were valued at \$6.90 per share (\$525,000 in the aggregate) using the closing price of Common Stock on Monday, December 24, 2007-the last trading day immediately preceding the exercise date of such stock options. The issuer's Compensation Committee approved the stock option exercise in accordance with the foregoing terms.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

(b) An extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (c) A sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (d) Any change in the present board of directors or management of the issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board;
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(e) Any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the issuer;
Any other material change in the issuer's business or corporate structure including but not limited to, if the issuer is a registered closed-end investment company, any plans or proposals to make any changes in its investment policy for which a vote is required by section 13 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
(g) Changes in the issuer's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the issuer by any person;
(h) Causing a class of securities of the issuer to be delisted from a national securities exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association;
(i) A class of equity securities of the issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Act; or
(j) Any action similar to any of those enumerated above.
Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.
(a)

The following table sets forth the aggregate number and percentage of shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by the reporting person herein:

Reporting person: Ryan R. Gilbertson Shares Beneficially Owned(1): 2,225,413

Percentage(2): 7.71%

- (1) Consists of 775,413 shares of common stock held by the reporting person directly and 1,450,000 shares owned by Crystal Bay Capital Consulting, LLC, an entity controlled by the reporting person.
- (2) Percentage of beneficial ownership is calculated under applicable SEC regulations based upon 28,850,952 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 28, 2007

For the reporting person under paragraph (a), the following table sets forth the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock as to which there is sole power to vote or direct the vote, shared power to vote or direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition, or shared power to dispose or to direct disposition.

Reporting person: Ryan R. Gilbertson Sole Power to Vote: 2,225,413 Shared Power to Vote: 0

Sole Power of Disposition: 2,225,413 Shared Power of Disposition: 0

The reporting person is the controlling member of Crystal Bay Capital Consulting, LLC and, therefore, the reporting person exercises the power to vote and to dispose of the 1,450,000 shares of Common Stock it beneficially owns.

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On December 28, 2007 the reporting person sold 50,000 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$6.20 per share in a transaction effected through a registered broker-dealer. The shares sold by the reporting person were acquired upon exercise of the nonqualified stock option agreement described above.

The reporting person also donated 6,000 shares of Common Stock to a non-profit educational organization effective December 28, 2007.

Transaction Shares or Units Price per
Date Purchased (Sold) Share or Unit

(b)

(c)

(d)	Not applicable.			
(e)	Not applicable.			
Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.				
None.				
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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.	
None.	
Signature	
After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and complete and correct.	belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true
Date: December 28, 2007	
	By:/s/ Ryan R. Gilbertson
	Ryan R. Gilbertson
	Title: Chief Financial Officer