Sankovitz James R
Form 5
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# FORM 5

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

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

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Form 3 Holdings Reported
Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sankovitz James R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

315 MANITOBA AVE, SUITE 200

(Street)

WAYZATA,Â MNÂ 55391

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHERN OIL & GAS, INC. [NOG]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/01/2011 | Â | G | 2,000 | D | $ 0 | 273,487 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2011 | Â | G | 3,000 | D | $ 0 | 273,487 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 10/21/2011 | Â | G | 3,000 | D | $ 0 | 273,487 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2011 | Â | G | 500 | D | $ 0 | 273,487 | D | Â |

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) | 9. of D Se Be O E Is Fi (I |
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| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sankovitz James R<br>315 MANITOBA AVE, SUITE 200<br>WAYZATA,Â MNÂ 55391 | Â | Â | Â COO | Â |

# Signatures

| /s/ James R. Sankovitz | 02/14/2012 |
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| **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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