

Leighton Lawrence W.  
Form 4  
November 22, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Leighton Lawrence W.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

19TH FLOOR, BUILDING B, VAN  
METROPOLIS,, NO. 35 TANG  
YAN ROAD, HI-TECH ZONE

(Street)

XI'AN, SHAANXI  
PROVINCE,, F4 710065

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

China Natural Gas, Inc. [CHNG]

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

08/20/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount | (A) or (D) Price       |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u>         | 08/20/2008                           |                                                    | P                              |                                                                   | 1,000  | A \$ 10.225 <u>(2)</u> | 1,000                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 05/10/2010                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 1,250  | A \$ 4.9               | 2,250                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 4.9 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | 04/01/2009                           |                                                    | A                              | 5,000                                                                                   | <sup>(3)</sup> 04/01/2015                                | Common Stock 5,000                                          |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 4.9                                                 | 05/10/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 1,250                                                                                   | 04/01/2010 04/01/2015                                    | Common Stock 1,250                                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Leighton Lawrence W.<br>19TH FLOOR, BUILDING B, VAN METROPOLIS,<br>NO. 35 TANG YAN ROAD, HI-TECH ZONE<br>XI'AN, SHAANXI PROVINCE,, F4 710065 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lawrence W.  
Leighton

11/17/2010

\*\*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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(1) China Natural Gas, Inc. effected a 1 for 2 reverse stock split on April 28, 2009. All figures listed herein reflect the April 28, 2009 reverse stock split.

(2)

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.2205 to \$10.2288, inclusive. Lawrence W. Leighton undertakes to provide to China Natural Gas, Inc., any security holder of China Natural Gas, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote (1) to this Form 4.

- (3) The options vest in four equal installments. The first installment vested on April 1, 2010, and the remaining installments will vest annually thereafter.

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