## Northwest Natural Gas Company (Tue, May 07, 2024)

Buy candidate since Apr 19, 2024 Gain 1.83%

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## **Tech commentaries:**

The Northwest Natural Gas Company stock price gained 1.35% on the last trading day (Tuesday, 7th May 2024), rising from \$37.86 to \$38.37. During the last trading day the stock fluctuated 1.61% from a day low at \$37.90 to a day high of \$38.51. The price has been going up and down for this period, and there has been a 0.16% gain for the last 2 weeks. Volume fell on the last day by -99 thousand shares and in total, 232 thousand shares were bought and sold for approximately \$8.88 million. You should take into consideration that falling volume on higher prices causes divergence and may be an early warning about possible changes over the next couple of days.

The stock lies in the middle of a wide and weak rising trend in the short term and a further rise within the trend is signaled. Given the current short-term trend, the stock is expected to rise **3.08%** during the next 3 months and, with a 90% probability hold a price between **\$36.91** and **\$42.06** at the end of this 3-month period.

The **Northwest Natural Gas Company** stock holds buy signals from both short and long-term Moving Averages giving a positive forecast for the stock. Also, there is a general buy signal from the relation between the two signals where the short-term average is above the long-term average. On corrections down, there will be some support from the lines at **\$38.31** and **\$37.08**. A breakdown below any of these levels will issue sell signals. Furthermore, there is a buy signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD). Volume fell during the last trading day despite gaining prices. This causes a divergence between volume and price and it may be an early warning. The stock should be watched closely. Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. A sell signal was issued from a pivot top point on **Thursday, May 02, 2024**, and so far it has fallen -1.08%. Further fall is indicated until a new bottom pivot has been found.

On the downside, the stock finds support just below today's level from accumulated volume at **\$36.35** and **\$35.89**. On the upside the stock meets some resistance just above today's level from accumulated volume at **\$38.87**, **\$39.16** and **\$39.76**.

This stock has average movements during the day and with good trading volume, the risk is considered to be medium. During the last day, the stock moved **\$0.610** between high and low, or **1.61%**. For the last week, the stock has had daily average volatility of **2.25%**.

**Northwest Natural Gas Company** holds several positive signals, but we still don't find these to be enough for a buy candidate. At the current level, it should be considered as a hold candidate (hold or accumulate) in this position whilst awaiting further development. Due to some small weaknesses in the technical picture we have downgraded our analysis conclusion for this stock since the last evaluation from a Buy to a Hold/Accumulate candidate.

## **Risk: Medium**

## **Evaluation: Hold/Accumulate**

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