

BECK JAMES A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BECK JAMES A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1201 LOUISIANA STREET, SUITE 400**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/05/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Retired Pres. Seneca Resources**

(Street)  
**HOUSTON, TX 77002**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 1,300   | D  | \$ 35.93 42,251 D                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 1,200   | D  | \$ 35.92 41,051 D                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 600   | D  | \$ 35.9 40,451 D                  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 100   | D  | \$ 35.88 40,351 D                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 4,000   | D  | \$ 35.95 36,351 D                 |

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|              |       |   |            |
|--------------|-------|---|------------|
| Common Stock | 4,938 | I | 401k Trust |
| Common Stock | 306   | I | ESOP Trust |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

BECK JAMES A  
1201 LOUISIANA STREET  
SUITE 400  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Retired Pres. Seneca Resources

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact

10/09/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

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