

TANSKI RONALD J

Form 4

December 21, 2012

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TANSKI RONALD J

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)

6363 MAIN STREET

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

12/19/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

President &amp; COO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3)                     | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right | \$ 53.045                          | 12/19/2012       |            |                                                                  | A    |   | 42,953 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 12/19/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 42,953                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| TANSKI RONALD J<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 |               |           | President & COO |       |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact 12/21/2012

\_\_\_\_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).

(1) The stock appreciation right becomes exercisable in three approximately equal annual installments as follows: 14,317 on December 19, 2013; 14,318 on December 19, 2014; and 14,318 on December 19, 2015.

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