

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
RAMSDELL JAMES D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6363 MAIN STREET
(Street)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/30/2016

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)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 08/30/2016 | | M | | 15,000 A \$ 39.475 | 94,968 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2016 | | F | | 10,248 (1) D \$ 57.785 | 84,720 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2016 | | F | | 1,758 (1) D \$ 57.785 | 82,962 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 17,205 (2) | I 401k Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,797 (3) | I ESOP Trust |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.475 | 08/30/2016 | | M | 15,000 | 12/06/2007 12/06/2016 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RAMSDELL JAMES D 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

James P. Baetzhold, Attorney in Fact 08/31/2016

***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) On August 30, 2016, the reporting person exercised 15,000 stock options, delivered 10,248 shares of Common Stock of the Company for cancellation in payment of the exercise price of such options, and had 1,758 shares of Common Stock of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings. These share cancellations are shown in Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold in the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in column 3.
- (2) The NFG stock fund under the NFG 401(k) plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG common stock and a reserve of cash. The information reported represents the dollar value of the reporting person's balance in the NFG stock fund as of August 30, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

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date.

- (3) The NFG employee stock ownership plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG common stock and a reserve of cash. The information reported represents the dollar value of the reporting person's balance in the ESOP as of August 30, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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