

ACKERMAN PHILIP C  
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 \*  
ACKERMAN PHILIP C

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/03/2008

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

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Disposed of (D) Code		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	12/03/2008		M		45,095	A	\$ 23.0312	549,958	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2008		F		4,507	D	\$ 29.865	545,451	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2008		F		34,776	D	\$ 29.865	510,675	D	
Common Stock	12/04/2008		M		45,095	A	\$ 23.0312	555,770	D	
Common Stock	12/04/2008		F		4,021	D	\$ 28.92	551,749	D	
Common Stock	12/04/2008		F		35,912	D	\$ 28.92	515,837	D	

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Common Stock										
Common Stock							76,250	I		By Trust
Common Stock	12/03/2008		J	V	320 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	17,772	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	12/03/2008		J	V	177 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0	22,055	I	ESOP Trust
Common Stock							1,000	I		Wife, trust for mother

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)	\$ 23.0312	12/03/2008		M	45,095	12/10/1999 12/11/2008	Common Stock	45,095
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.0312	12/04/2008		M	45,095	12/10/1999 12/11/2008	Common Stock	45,095

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

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6363 MAIN STREET  
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact

12/04/2008

\_\_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) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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