

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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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 *
 SMITH DAVID F

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)
 12/14/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Pres. & Chief Operating Officer

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2006		M		25,000	A	\$ 24.495
Common Stock	12/14/2006		F		15,407	D	\$ 39.745
Common Stock	12/14/2006		F		4,201	D	\$ 39.745
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		25,000	A	\$ 24.495
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		21,000	D	\$ 39.91 <u>(1)</u>

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Common Stock	12/15/2006	F	4,000	D	\$ 39.955	100,057	D	
Common Stock						11,669	I	401k Trust
Common Stock						1,753	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.495	12/14/2006		M	25,000	03/14/2003	03/15/2012	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.495	12/15/2006		M	25,000	03/14/2003	03/15/2012	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

SMITH DAVID F
6363 MAIN STREET
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pres.& Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact

12/18/2006

__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).

(1) Represents average price of total sold. Price ranged from \$39.86 to \$39.99 per share.

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