

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
Form 10-K/A
January 25, 2002

United States
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 1
Form 10-K/A
ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2001

Commission File Number 1-3880

National Fuel Gas Company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-1086010
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

10 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York

14203
(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(716) 857-7000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

| Title of each class | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|--|
| Common Stock, \$1 Par Value, and Common Stock Purchase Rights | New York Stock Exchange |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. []

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The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by nonaffiliates of the registrant amounted to \$1,759,487,000 as of November 30, 2001.

Common Stock, \$1 Par Value, outstanding as of November 30, 2001: 79,480,675 shares.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for 2001 are incorporated by reference into Part I of this report. Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held February 21, 2002 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

PART IV

ITEM 14 Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K

(a)1. Financial Statements

Financial statements filed as part of this report are listed in the index included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K, and reference is made thereto.

(a)2. Financial Statement Schedules

Financial statements schedules filed as part of this report are listed in the index included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K, and reference is made thereto.

(a)3. Exhibits

**Exhibit
Number**

Description of Exhibits

3(i) Articles of Incorporation:

Restated Certificate of Incorporation of National Fuel Gas Company dated September 21, 1998 (Exhibit 3.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1998 in File No. 1-3880)

3(ii) By-Laws:

**3.1 National Fuel Gas Company By-Laws as amended on December 13, 2001

(4) Instruments Defining the Rights of Security Holders, Including Indentures:

Indenture, dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 2(b) in File No. 2-51796)

Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 1, 1982, to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4(a) (4) in File No. 33-49401)

Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 1, 1992, to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4(a), Form 8-K dated February 14, 1992 in File No. 1-3880)

Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 1, 1992,

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to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4(b), Form 8-K dated February 14, 1992 in File No. 1-3880)

Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 1, 1992, to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4(c), Form 8-K dated June 18, 1992 in File No. 1-3880)

Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 1, 1993, to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4(a)(14) in File No. 33-49401)

Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 1, 1993, to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1993 in File No. 1-3880)

Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 1, 1996, to Indenture dated as of October 15, 1974, between the Company and The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) (Exhibit 4.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

Indenture, dated as of October 1, 1999, between the Company and The Bank of New York (Exhibit 4.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Officer's Certificate Establishing Medium-Term Notes, dated October 14, 1999 (Exhibit 4.2, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of April 30, 1999, between the Company and HSBC Bank USA (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Certificate of Adjustment, dated September 7, 2001, to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement dated as of April 30, 1999, between the Company and HSBC Bank USA (Exhibit 4, Form 8-K dated September 7, 2001 in File No. 1-3880)

(10) Material Contracts:

(iii) Compensatory plans for officers:

Retirement and Consulting Agreement, dated September 5, 2001, between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy (Exhibit 10(iii)(a), Form 8-K dated September 19, 2001 in File No. 1-3880)

Pension Settlement Agreement, dated September 5, 2001, between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy (Exhibit 10(iii)(b), Form 8-K dated September 19, 2001 in File No. 1-3880)

Employment Agreement, dated September 17, 1981, between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy (Exhibit 10.4, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1994 in File No. 1-3880)

Tenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy, effective September 1, 1999 (Exhibit

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10.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Agreement, dated August 1, 1986, between the Company and Joseph P. Pawlowski (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Agreement, dated August 1, 1986, between the Company and Gerald T. Wehrlin (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997, in File No. 1-3880)

Form of Employment Continuation and Noncompetition Agreements, dated as of December 11, 1998, between the Company and each of Philip C. Ackerman, Walter E. DeForest, Joseph P. Pawlowski, Dennis J. Seeley, David F. Smith and Gerald T. Wehrlin (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Severance Agreement, Release and Waiver dated March 27, 2000, between National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation and Richard Hare (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000)

Form of Employment Continuation and Noncompetition Agreement, dated as of December 11, 1998, between the Company and James A. Beck (Exhibit 10.3, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company 1983 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated through February 18, 1993 (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1993 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company 1984 Stock Plan, as amended and restated through February 18, 1993 (Exhibit 10.3, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1993 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to the National Fuel Gas Company 1984 Stock Plan, dated December 11, 1996 (Exhibit 10.7, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company 1993 Award and Option Plan, dated February 18, 1993 (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1993 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company 1993 Award and Option Plan, dated October 27, 1995 (Exhibit 10.8, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1995 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company 1993 Award and Option Plan, dated December 11, 1996 (Exhibit 10.8, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company 1993 Award and Option Plan, dated December 18, 1996 (Exhibit 10, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended December 31, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

- 10.1 National Fuel Gas Company 1993 Award and Option Plan, amended through June 14, 2001
- 10.2 National Fuel Gas Company 1997 Award and Option Plan, amended through June 14, 2001
- 10.3 Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, dated June 15, 2001

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National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated through May 1, 1994 (Exhibit 10.7, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1994 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, dated September 19, 1996 (Exhibit 10.10, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, dated September 27, 1995 (Exhibit 10.9, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1995 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated through March 20, 1997 (Exhibit 10.3, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, dated June 16, 1997 (Exhibit 10.4, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment No. 2 to the National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, dated March 13, 1998 (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1998 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to the National Fuel Gas Company Deferred Compensation Plan, dated February 18, 1999 (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company Tophat Plan, effective March 20, 1997 (Exhibit 10, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment No. 1 to National Fuel Gas Company Tophat Plan, dated April 6, 1998 (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1998 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment No. 2 to National Fuel Gas Company Tophat Plan, dated December 10, 1998 (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended December 31, 1998 in File No. 1-3880)

Death Benefits Agreement, dated August 28, 1991, between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy (Exhibit 10-TT, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1991 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment to Death Benefit Agreement of August 28, 1991, between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy, dated March 15, 1994 (Exhibit 10.11, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1995 in File No. 1-3880)

Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance Agreement, effective June 15, 2000, among the Company, Bernard J. Kennedy, and Joseph B. Kennedy, as Trustee of the Trust under the Agreement dated January 9, 1998 (Exhibit 10.1, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000 in File No. 1-3880)

Contingent Benefit Agreement, effective June 15, 2000 between the Company and Bernard J. Kennedy (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000 in File No. 1-3880)

Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement, dated September 17, 1997 between the Company and

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Philip C. Ackerman (Exhibit 10.5, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement by and between the Company and Philip C. Ackerman, dated March 23, 1999 (Exhibit 10.3, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement, dated September 15, 1997, between the Company and Joseph P. Pawlowski (Exhibit 10.7, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement by and between the Company and Joseph P. Pawlowski, dated March 23, 1999 (Exhibit 10.5, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Second Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance Agreement dated June 15, 1999, between the Company and Gerald T. Wehrlin (Exhibit 10.6, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement, dated September 15, 1997, between the Company and Walter E. DeForest (Exhibit 10.7, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement by and between the Company and Walter E. DeForest, dated March 29, 1999 (Exhibit 10.8, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement, dated September 15, 1997, between the Company and Dennis J. Seeley (Exhibit 10.9, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement by and between the Company and Dennis J. Seeley, dated March 29, 1999 (Exhibit 10.10, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement dated September 15, 1997, between the Company and Bruce H. Hale (Exhibit 10.11, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment Number 1 to Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement by and between the Company and Bruce H. Hale, dated March 29, 1999 (Exhibit 10.12, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement, dated September 15, 1997, between the Company and David F. Smith (Exhibit 10.13, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendment Number 1 to Split Dollar Insurance and Death Benefit Agreement by and between the Company and David F. Smith,

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dated March 29, 1999 (Exhibit 10.14, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company and Participating Subsidiaries Executive Retirement Plan as amended and restated through November 1, 1995 (Exhibit 10.10, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1995 in File No. 1-3880)

National Fuel Gas Company and Participating Subsidiaries 1996 Executive Retirement Plan Trust Agreement (II), dated May 10, 1996 (Exhibit 10.13, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendments to National Fuel Gas Company and Participating Subsidiaries Executive Retirement Plan, dated September 18, 1997 (Exhibit 10.9, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendments to National Fuel Gas Company and Participating Subsidiaries Executive Retirement Plan, dated December 10, 1998 (Exhibit 10.2, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended December 31, 1998 in File No. 1-3880)

Amendments to National Fuel Gas Company and Participating Subsidiaries Executive Retirement Plan, effective September 16, 1999 (Exhibit 10.15, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1999 in File No. 1-3880)

- **10.4 Amendment to National Fuel Gas Company and Participating Subsidiaries Executive Retirement Plan, effective September 5, 2001
- **10.5 Retirement Supplement Agreement, dated September 14, 2000, between the Company and Gerald T. Wehrlein
- **10.6 Retirement Supplement Agreement, dated January 11, 2002, between the Company and Joseph P. Pawlowski

Administrative Rules with Respect to at Risk Awards under the 1993 Award and Option Plan (Exhibit 10.14, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in File No. 1-3880)

Administrative Rules with Respect to at Risk Awards under the 1997 Award and Option Plan (Exhibit A, Definitive Proxy Statement, Schedule 14(A) filed January 14, 2000 in File No. 1-3880)

Administrative Rules of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of National Fuel Gas Company, as amended and restated, effective December 10, 1998 (Exhibit 10.3, Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended December 31, 1998 in File No. 1-3880)

Excerpts of Minutes from the National Fuel Gas Company Board of Directors Meeting of February 20, 1997 regarding the Retirement Benefits for Bernard J. Kennedy (Exhibit 10.10, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

Excerpts of Minutes from the National Fuel Gas Company Board of Directors Meeting of March 20, 1997 regarding the Retainer Policy for Non-Employee Directors (Exhibit 10.11, Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997 in File No. 1-3880)

(12) Statements regarding Computation of Ratios: Ratio of Earnings

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to Fixed Charges for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1977 through 2001

- (21) Subsidiaries of the Registrant:
See Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K
- (23) Consents of Experts:
- 23.1 Consent of Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. regarding Seneca Resources Corporation
- 23.2 Consent of Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. regarding National Fuel Exploration Corp.
- 23.3 Consent of Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. regarding Player Resources Ltd.
- 23.4 Consent of Independent Accountants
- (99) Additional Exhibits:
- 99.1 Report of Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. regarding Seneca Resources Corporation
- 99.2 Report of Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. regarding National Fuel Exploration Corp.
- 99.3 Report of Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. regarding Player Resources Ltd.

Incorporated herein by reference as indicated.

** Indicates exhibit amended or added by this Form 10K/A and filed herewith as part of this Form 10K/A.

All other exhibits are omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is shown elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

National Fuel Gas Company
(Registrant)

By/s/ J. P. Pawlowski

J. P. Pawlowski
Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer

Date: January 23, 2002

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Exhibit Index

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