

DeCarolis Donna L  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DeCarolis Donna L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, Horizon Energy Dev

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6363 MAIN ST.  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/30/2009

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

| 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------------|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Amount  | (A) or (D) Price |  |  |   |
| Common stock                    | 01/15/2009                           | Â  | J                              | 79 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A \$ 27.57       | 6,753  | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/15/2009                           | Â  | J                              | 69 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A \$ 31.68       | 6,822  | D  | Â   |
| Common stock                    | 06/09/2009                           | Â  | G                              | 74  | D \$ 0           | 6,748  | D  | Â   |
| Common stock                    | 07/15/2009                           | Â  | J                              | 61 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A \$ 37.67       | 6,809  | D  | Â   |

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|              |            |   |   |                    |   |      |        |   |            |
|--------------|------------|---|---|--------------------|---|------|--------|---|------------|
| Common stock | 09/30/2009 | Â | J | 5 <sup>(3)</sup>   | A | \$ 0 | 186    | I | ESOP Trust |
| Common stock | 09/30/2009 | Â | J | 640 <sup>(2)</sup> | A | \$ 0 | 12,388 | I | 401k 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |                               |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                         |
| DeCarolis Donna L<br>6363 MAIN ST.<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | Â             | Â         | Â       | President, Horizon Energy Dev |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact  
10/15/2009  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 acquisitions under the NFG dividend reinvestment plan, exempt under Rule 16a-9(a).
- (2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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