

ACKERMAN PHILIP C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
04/01/2011

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 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 (1)                | 04/01/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 450   | A  | \$ 74.595   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 195,918   | A  | \$ 24.495   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 64,333 (2)  | D  | \$ 74.595   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 60,817 (2)  | D  | \$ 74.595   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 76,250  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1,000   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | By Trust  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  |   |

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|                 |  |  |  |  |         |   |   |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|---------|---|---|
| Common<br>Stock |  |  |  |  |         |   | Wife,<br>Trust for<br>Mother                  |
| Common<br>Stock |  |  |  |  | 230,000 | I | By<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust |
| Common<br>Stock |  |  |  |  | 230,000 | I | By<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |        |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                               |        |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 24.495  | 04/01/2011                              |   | M                                    | 62,584   | 03/14/2003   | 03/15/2012  | Common<br>Stock                     | 62,584 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 24.495  | 04/01/2011                              |   | M                                    | 66,667   | 03/14/2004   | 03/15/2012  | Common<br>Stock                     | 66,667 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to            | \$ 24.495  | 04/01/2011                              |   | M                                    | 66,667   | 03/14/2005   | 03/15/2012  | Common<br>Stock                     | 66,667 |

Buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ACKERMAN PHILIP C<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| James R. Peterson, Attorney<br>in Fact | 04/05/2011 |
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\_\_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) Acquired through quarterly grant under the National Fuel Gas Company 2009 Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Plan.

On April 1, 2011, the reporting person in the aggregate exercised 195,918 stock options, delivered to the Company 64,333 shares of common stock of the Company for cancellation in payment of the exercise price of such options, and had 60,817 shares of common stock

(2) of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholding. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.

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