

CIPRICH PAULA M  
Form 4  
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**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 \*  
CIPRICH PAULA M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2017

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

Sr VP, Gen Counsel & Sec

6363 MAIN STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(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	12/15/2017		M		721 A \$ 70,901	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2017		F		372 (2) D \$ 56.075	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2017		M		1,105 A \$ 71,634	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2017		F		570 (3) D \$ 56.075	D	
Common Stock					10,033 (4)	I	401k Trust

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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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/15/2017		M	721	(5) (5)	Common Stock	721
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/17/2017		M	1,105	(6) (6)	Common Stock	1,105

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CIPRICH PAULA M 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			Sr VP, Gen Counsel & Sec	

## Signatures

J. P. Baetzhold, Attorney  
in Fact 12/18/2017

\*\*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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) On December 15, 2017, the reporting person had 372 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4),

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although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.

- (3) On December 17, 2017, the reporting person had 570 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. 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.

- (4) The NFG stock fund under the NFG 401(k) plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG common stock and a reserve of cash. The information reported represents the dollar value of the reporting person's balance in the NFG stock fund as of December 15, 2017, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

- (5) On December 15, 2016, the reporting person was granted 2,164 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 721 on December 15, 2017, 721 on December 15, 2018, and 722 on December 15, 2019.

- (6) On December 17, 2015, the reporting person was granted 3,316 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 1,105 on December 17, 2016, 1,105 on December 17, 2017, and 1,106 on December 17, 2018.

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