

SMITH DAVID F
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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 ST.
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2018

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	12/12/2018		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 150,000 A \$ 29.88	342,511	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2018		D	(1) 80,395 D \$ 55.75	262,116	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2018		F	(1) 24,814 D \$ 55.75	237,302	D	
Common Stock					51,902	I	Held by Spouse
Common Stock					18,882 (2)	I	401K Trust
					1,897 (3)	I	

Common
StockESOP
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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 29.88	12/12/2018		M	150,000	(4) 12/22/2018	Common Stock 150,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SMITH DAVID F 6363 MAIN ST. WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	

Signatures

J. P. Baetzhold, Attorney
in Fact 12/13/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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On December 12, 2018, the reporting person exercised a stock appreciation right with respect to 150,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company. In connection with this exercise, the reporting person was deemed to have sold back to the Company shares of Common Stock of the Company having a value equal to the exercise price of the stock appreciation right. This deemed sale of 80,395 shares is shown on

- (1) Table I as a disposition (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these shares were sold into the open market, as indicated by Transaction Code "D" in column 3. Additionally, the reporting person had 24,814 shares of Common Stock of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum tax withholding. This share cancellation is shown on Table I as a disposition (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these shares were sold into the open market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in column 3.

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- 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 12, 2018, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- (2)

- The NFG employee stock ownership 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 ESOP as of December 12, 2018, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- (3)

- The Stock Appreciation Right became exercisable as follows: 50,000 shares on December 22, 2009, 50,000 shares on December 22, 2010, and 50,000 shares on December 22, 2011.
- (4)

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