

SMITH DAVID F  
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 \*  
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 STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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	12/19/2011		A	10,000 A \$ 0	139,094	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2011		F	1,444 (1) D \$ 55.77	137,650	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		G	V 539 D \$ 0	137,111	D	
Common Stock					51,902	I	Held by Spouse
Common Stock	12/16/2011		J	V 25 (2) A \$ 0	15,060	I	401k Trust

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Common Stock 1,807 I ESOP 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 55.09	12/19/2011		A	40,000	12/19/2014 12/19/2021	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH DAVID F 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	X		Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 12/21/2011  
 \*\*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).  
 On December 20, 2011, the reporting person had 1,444 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to  
 (1) the vesting of shares of restricted stock. 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.  
 (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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