

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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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 *
DeCarolis Donna L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
165 LAWRENCE BELL
DRIVE, SUITE 120
(Street)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, Natl Fuel Resources

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	10/15/2005		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 31.4154	1,355	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2006		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 33.2632	1,367	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2006		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 32.003	1,379	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		J	V	412 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0	10,240	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	05/10/2006		J	V	4 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 0	168	I	ESOP 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)			
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 35.105	05/10/2006		A	5,000	05/10/2007	05/10/2016	Common stock	5,000		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DeCarolis Donna L
165 LAWRENCE BELL DRIVE
SUITE 120
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

President, Natl Fuel Resources

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact

05/12/2006

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

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(3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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