STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

#### NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of R SMITH DAVID F	eporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
6363 MAIN STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WILLIAMSVILLE, N	NY 14221	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

	· ·						Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	Derivative	ired, 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	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	12/07/2016		A	1,754	A	\$ 0	186,095	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2016		F	736 (1)	D	\$ 56.905	185,359	D	
Common Stock							51,902	I	Held by Spouse
Common Stock							17,822 (2)	I	401k Trust
Common Stock							1,867 (3)	I	ESOP Trust

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	]
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					4, and 5)						
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				G 1 17	(A) (B)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH DAVID F 6363 MAIN STREET X WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

# **Signatures**

James P. Baetzhold, Attorney in Fact 12/09/2016

\*\*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 7, 2016, the reporting person had 736 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to (1) the vesting of performance shares. 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.
- 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 5, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- (3) 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

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as of December 5, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

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