

ACKERMAN PHILIP C

Form 4

January 03, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ACKERMAN PHILIP C

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)
12/29/2011

☒ 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)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/29/2011		M		73,580	A \$ 28.155	553,416 D
Common Stock	12/29/2011		F		16,515 (1)	D \$ 54.735	536,901 D
Common Stock							76,250 I By Trust
Common Stock							1,000 I Wife, Trust for Mother
Common Stock							230,000 I By Grantor

Common Stock						230,000	I	Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock						100,000 ⁽²⁾	I	By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock	10/14/2011		J V 42 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 54.6317	8,991	I	Wife, Trust for Sister ⁽⁴⁾

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.155	12/29/2011		M	73,580	06/29/2005 06/01/2013	Common Stock 73,580

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact

01/03/2012

__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) On December 29, 2011, the reporting person exercised 73,580 stock options and had 16,515 shares of common stock of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholding. 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) On October 18, 2011 the reporting person contributed 100,000 shares of NFG common stock to a 2-year grantor retained annuity trust.

(3) Acquired through a dividend reinvestment plan, exempt under Rule 16a-11.

(4) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of a sister-in-law of the reporting person. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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