

SMITH DAVID F
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2013

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

(Street)
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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	12/27/2012		G	V	495	D	\$ 0	156,965	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2013		M		50,000	A	\$ 59.78	206,965	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2013		F		23,548	D	\$ 59.78	183,417	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2013		F		13,640	D	\$ 59.78	169,777	D	
Common Stock								51,902	I	Held by Spouse

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- On March 15, 2013, the reporting person exercised 50,000 stock options, delivered 23,548 shares of Common Stock of the Company for cancellation in payment of the exercise price of such options, and had 13,640 shares of Common Stock of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholding. These shares 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.
- (1)
 - (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
 - (3) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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