

ACKERMAN PHILIP C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
12/03/2010

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

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

(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 or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/03/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 125,000<br>(1) \$ 27.7975   | A  | 554,038 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/03/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 53,194<br>(1) \$ 65.32  | D  | 500,844 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/03/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 33,188<br>(1) \$ 65.32  | D  | 467,656 D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 18,878 I 401(k) Trust                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 22,795 I ESOP Trust                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 230,000 (2) I   |

|              |  |  |  |                        |   |                                   |
|--------------|--|--|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock |  |  |  |                        |   | By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 230,000 <sup>(3)</sup> | I | By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 76,250                 | I | By Trust                          |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 1,000                  | I | Wife, Trust for Mother            |

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) |       |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Am<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 27.7975   | 12/03/2010                           |  | M                              | 125,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 12/07/2001 12/08/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 12    |                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ACKERMAN PHILIP C<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact

12/07/2010

\_\_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).

- The exercise of 125,000 stock options, the payment of the exercise price by delivery to the issuer and cancellation of 53,194 shares, and
- (1) the withholding and cancellation of 33,188 shares to cover minimum required tax withholding were all effected in accordance with a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 27, 2010.
  - (2) On November 26, 2010, the reporting person contributed 230,000 shares of NFG common stock to a 4-year grantor retained annuity trust.
  - (3) On November 26, 2010, the reporting person contributed 230,000 shares of NFG common stock to a 2-year grantor retained annuity trust.

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