

Taylor Stephen Charles
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Taylor Stephen Charles

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATURAL GAS SERVICES GROUP INC [NGS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 508 WEST WALL STREET, SUITE 550

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/25/2012

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

(Street)
 MIDLAND, TX 79701

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/25/2012 | | A | (A) or (D) A | 50,000 \$ 14.89 | 84,895 | D |

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)

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| 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 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.22 | | | | | 01/13/2006 | 08/24/2015 | Common Stock | 45,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.22 | | | | | 11/21/2007 | 11/21/2016 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u> | \$ 20.06 | | | | | 01/15/2009 | 01/15/2018 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u> | \$ 17.51 | | | | | 09/10/2009 | 09/10/2018 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u> | \$ 9.95 | | | | | 01/28/2010 | 01/28/2019 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.84 | | | | | 03/17/2010 | 03/16/2019 | Common Stock | 23,852 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u> | \$ 19.9 | | | | | 01/18/2011 | 01/17/2020 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Taylor Stephen Charles 508 WEST WALL STREET, SUITE 550 | X | | President and CEO | |

MIDLAND, TX 79701

Signatures

/s/ Stephen C.
Taylor

01/27/2012

__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).
- The acquisition of the 50,000 shares of common stock reflects an award of restricted stock on January 25, 2012, pursuant to the Company's 2009 Restricted Stock/Unit Plan. The award vests one year from the grant date subject to the participant's continued employment with the Company and subject to accelerated vesting upon the death, disability or retirement of the participant, or upon a change in control of the Company.

- (1)
- (2) Granted pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Option Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Vesting accelerates under certain circumstances.

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