

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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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 *
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)
03/07/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, CEO and Chairman

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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2004 | | G | V | 1,050 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 0 | 378,793 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2005 | | M | | 140,000 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 14.2812 | 518,793 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2005 | | F | | 68,954 | D | \$ 28.995 | 449,839 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2005 | | F | | 28,350 | D | \$ 28.995 | 421,489 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2005 | | J | V | 220 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 14,711 | I | 401k Trust |

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Of these, 70,000 options exercised were originally issued as Stock Appreciation Rights on August 29, 1995, and were later converted to

- (2) Non-Qualified Stock Options on November 20, 2001. This was approved by the shareholders at the Special Meeting of Stockholders held on October 16, 2001.
- (3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (4) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction

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