#### NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Form 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TANSKI RONALD J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
6363 MAIN STREET			12/04/2008	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specifical below)		
				Treas./Principal Fin. Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	on-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securi nor Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of	` '	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)
Common Stock	12/04/2008		M		5,000	A	\$ 23.0313	86,158	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2008		J	V	300 (1)	A	\$ 0	16,189	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	12/05/2008		J	V	4 (2)	A	\$ 0	2,849	I	ESOP Trust

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 23.0313	12/04/2008		M	5,000	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	5,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TANSKI RONALD J 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

Treas./Principal Fin. Officer

### **Signatures**

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact

12/08/2008

\*\*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) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction

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