## SMITH DAVID F

Form 4

November 26, 2012

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SMITH DAVID F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director

10% Owner

6363 MAIN STREET

(Month/Day/Year)

X\_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

11/21/2012

Chairman & CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amoun
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securiti
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D)

(D) Date Expiration Title

Exercisable Date

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or Num of Sh

Stock

Appreciation \$ 52.1 11/21/2012 A 41,667 11/21/2012 03/11/2020 Common Stock

Chairman & CEO

Right

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH DAVID F

6363 MAIN STREET X

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

# **Signatures**

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 11/26/2012

\*\*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).

On March 11, 2010, the reporting person was granted a stock appreciation right in respect of an aggregate of 125,000 shares of common stock. The stock appreciation right vests in three equal installments based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of a performance criterion for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012. The performance criterion for fiscal 2012 was met, resulting in vesting of the stock appreciation right as to 41,667 shares.

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