#### NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Form 4

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Bauer David P Issuer Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 6363 MAIN STREET 12/19/2016 below) below) Treasurer & Prin. 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 12/19/2016 M 422 A <u>(1)</u> 15,859 D Stock Common 157 (2) D 12/19/2016 F 15,702 D 58.01 Stock Common 12/19/2016 472 D M A <u>(1)</u> 16,174 Stock Common

F

12/19/2016

Stock

Stock

Common

175 (3) D

15,999

 $6,860^{(4)}$ 

D

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401k Trust

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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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/19/2016		M	422	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	422	\$ 0
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/19/2016		M	472	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	472	\$ 0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	D:	1007 0	Off:	Othor			

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bauer David P

6363 MAIN STREET Treasurer & Prin. Fin. Officer

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

## **Signatures**

James P. Baetzhold, Attorney in Fact 12/21/2016

\*\*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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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On December 19, 2016, the reporting person had 157 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.

- On December 19, 2016, the reporting person had 175 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to (3) the vesting of restricted stock units. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.
- The NFG stock fund under the NFG 401(k) plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG common stock and a reserve of cash. The information reported represents the dollar value of the reporting person's balance in the NFG stock fund as of December 15, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- On December 19, 2013, the reporting person was granted 1,264 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 421 on December 19, 2014, 421 on December 19, 2015, and 422 on December 19, 2016.
- (6) On December 19, 2014, the reporting person was granted 1,417 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 472 on December 19, 2015, 472 on December 19, 2016, and 473 on December 19, 2017.

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