

ACKERMAN PHILIP C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
10/22/2010

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 125,000<br>(1) A \$ 27.7975   | 943,766  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 63,937<br>(1) D \$ 54.345   | 879,829  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 28,223<br>(1) D \$ 54.345   | 851,606  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2010                           |  | J                              | V   | 120 (2) A \$ 0  | 18,878   | I 401(k) Trust                             |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2010                           |  | J                              | V   | 68 (3) A \$ 0   | 22,795   | I ESOP Trust                               |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 76,250   | I By Trust                                 |

Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

1,000 I

Wife,  
Trust for  
Mother

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) | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Am<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 27.7975   | 10/22/2010                           |  | M                              | 125,000<br>(1)  | 12/07/2001 12/08/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 12    |                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ACKERMAN PHILIP C<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact 10/26/2010

\*\*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) The exercise of 125,000 stock options, the payment of the exercise price by delivery to the issuer and cancellation of 63,937 shares, and the withholding and cancellation of 28,223 shares to cover minimum required tax withholding were all effected in accordance with a Rule

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10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 27, 2010.

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

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