

Bauer David P  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ Bauer David P (Last) (First) (Middle)		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2010	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]	
6363 MAIN ST. (Street)		(Check all applicable)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 (City) (State) (Zip)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Treas./Principal Fin. Officer		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,000	D	^
Common Stock	2,943	I	401(k) Plan Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/14/2003	03/14/2012	Common Stock	667	\$ 24.495	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/29/2006	03/30/2015	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 28.155	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/10/2007	05/10/2016	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 35.105	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/06/2007	12/06/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 39.475	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	1,166	\$ 47.37	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/20/2011	02/20/2018	Common Stock	1,167	\$ 47.37	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	12/22/2009	12/22/2018	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 29.88	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	Â <sup>(1)</sup>	12/22/2018	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 29.88	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	03/11/2020	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 52.1	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bauer David P 6363 MAIN ST. WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	Â	Â	Â	Treas./Principal Fin. Officer Â

## Signatures

James P. Baetzhold, Attorney  
in Fact 07/08/2010

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).  
Represents the award of 4,000 SARs which become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning December 22, 2010 based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each fiscal year end 2010 and 2011. In the event the performance condition for a given fiscal year is not met, the incremental percentage of shares for that fiscal year shall be automatically forfeited.
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- (2) Represents the award of 4,000 SARs which become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning about November 29, 2010 based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each fiscal year end 2010, 2011 and 2012. In the event the performance condition for a given fiscal year is not met, the incremental percentage of shares for that fiscal year shall be automatically forfeited.

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### **Remarks:**

ExhibitÂ ListÂ -

ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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