

PUSTULKA JOHN R
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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 *
PUSTULKA JOHN R

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/01/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	06/01/2006		M		5,432	A	\$ 18.4062 21,118 D
Common Stock	06/01/2006		F		2,769	D	\$ 36.095 18,349 D
Common Stock	06/01/2006		M		14,568	A	\$ 18.4062 32,917 D
Common Stock	06/01/2006		F		7,428	D	\$ 36.095 25,489 D
Common Stock	06/01/2006		F		2,413	D	\$ 36.095 23,076 D

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Common Stock	11,844	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	3,664	I	ESOP Trust

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.4062	06/01/2006		M	5,432	09/26/1997 09/26/2007		Common Stock	5,432
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.4062	06/01/2006		M	14,568	09/26/1997 09/27/2007		Common Stock	14,568

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUSTULKA JOHN R 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

John R. Pustulka

06/05/2006

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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