#### ACKERMAN PHILIP C

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ACKERMAN PHILIP C			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
6363 MAIN	STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2009	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)  X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - N	lon-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	onDisposed of (Instr. 3, 4	of (D) and 5) (A) or		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)
Common			Code		Amount	(D)	Price			
Stock	12/21/2009		G	V	2,000	D	\$ 0	642,848	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2009		M		335,312	A	\$ 21.3281	978,160	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2009		F		191,897	D	\$ 51.68	786,263	D	
Common Stock								18,415	I	401(k) Trust
Common Stock								22,490	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acqı Disp	umber of vative urities uired (A) or osed of (D) r. 3, 4, and	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.3281	12/29/2009		M		335,312	02/17/2001	02/18/2010	Common Stock	335,3

## **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 12/30/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Dat

## **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).

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