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## FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Common

03/11/2010

Stock

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Cabell Matth	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)			
1201 LOUIS 400	(Month/D SUITE 03/11/20	•		Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President-Seneca Resources					
	4. If Ame	ndment, Dat	e Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
HOUSTON,	TX 77002	Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)		Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(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 on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

Code V Amount (D)

V 49 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

D

I

73,033

754

Price

\$0

A

401k Trust

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	tioi	5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) ed of	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 52.1	03/11/2010		A		55,000		(2)	03/11/2020	common stock	55,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

President-Seneca Resources

Cabell Matthew D

1201 LOUISIANA STREET

SUITE 400

HOUSTON, TX 77002

### **Signatures**

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 03/15/2010

\*\*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).
- $(1) \quad \text{Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.}$
- Represents the award of 55,000 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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