CIPRICH PAULA M

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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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 [*] **CIPRICH PAULA M**	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) **12/24/2009**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) Secretary/Gen Counsel
(Street) **BUFFALO, NY 14221**	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check 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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/24/2009		M		12,500	A	$ 27.7975	31,441	D	
Common Stock	12/24/2009		F		6,803	D	$ 51.07	24,638	D	
Common Stock	12/24/2009		F		2,134	D	$ 51.07	22,504	D	
Common Stock	12/24/2009		J	V	24	A	$ 0	6,252	I	401(k) Trust [(1)]

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

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)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 27.7975	12/24/2009		M				12,500	12/07/2001	12/08/2010	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CIPRICH PAULA M 6363 MAIN STREET BUFFALO, NY 14221			Secretary/Gen Counsel	

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact	12/29/2009
**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)	Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction

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