

ACKERMAN PHILIP C  
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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 \*  
ACKERMAN PHILIP C

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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	12/10/2008		M		45,094	A	\$ 23.0312
					577,311 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		F		4,902	D	\$ 30.635
					538,508	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		F		33,901	D	\$ 30.635
					583,602	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2008		M		45,094	A	\$ 23.0312
					578,661	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2008		F		4,941	D	\$ 30.715
					544,848	D	
	12/11/2008		F		33,813	D	\$ 30.715

Common Stock							
Common Stock					76,250	I	By Trust
Common Stock					17,772	I	401k Trust
Common Stock					22,055	I	ESOP Trust
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. 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)	\$ 23.0312	12/10/2008		M	45,094	12/10/1999 12/11/2008	Common Stock	45,094	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.0312	12/11/2008		M	45,094	12/10/1999 12/11/2008	Common Stock	45,094	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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