CELLINO ANNA MARIE

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CELLINO ANNA MARIE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]					NFG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction									
6363 MAIN STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2008						Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President			
	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					
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(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ansaction Date ath/Day/Year) Execution Date any (Month/Day/Ye		Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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 Stock									83,319	D		
Common Stock	12/22/2008			J	V	497 (1)	A	\$0	10,691	I	401k Trust	
Common	12/22/2008			т	V	5 (2)	٨	\$ 0	1.054	ī	ESOP	

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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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) 7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 29.88	12/22/2008		A	40,000	(3)	12/22/2018	Common Stock	40,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CELLINO ANNA MARIE 6363 MAIN STREET

President

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 12/23/2008

**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.
- (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- Represents the award of 40,000 SAR's which become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning December 22, 2009 based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each fiscal year end 2009, 2010 and 2011. 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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