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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

REITEN RICHARD G Sy N.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
`			(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009				X Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
PORTLANI	nendment, Date Original Ionth/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)	able I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Ye	Code	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock (1)	01/02/2009		A	300	A	\$ 31.89	6,176	D		

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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PACWEST CENTER
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X

Signatures

J. R. Peterson, Attorney o1/05/2009 in Fact

**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) Acquired through quarterly grant under the National Fuel Gas Company Retainer Policy for Non-Employee Directors.

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