CELLINO ANNA MARIE

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CELLINO ANNA MARIE | | | 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) 6363 MAIN | ` , , , , , | Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2011 | | | DirectorX Officer (given | 109 | % Owner uer (specify | | |
| | (Street) | | | | | | | below) nt - NFG Dist. (| • | |
| | | 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 | | | | |
| WILLIAMS | VILLE, NY 142 | 21 | | | | | | More than One Ro | | |
| (City) | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | Executio any | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) or 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) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Stock | | | | | | | 141,780 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,076 | I | ESOP Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 24,388 | I | 401k Trust | |

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amor or Numl of Sh |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 29.88 | 12/22/2011 | | A | 13,334 | 12/22/2011 | 12/22/2018 | Common Stock | 13,3 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CELLINO ANNA MARIE 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

President - NFG Dist. Corp.

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 12/27/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Date

On December 22, 2008, the reporting person was granted a stock appreciation right in respect of an aggregate of 40,000 shares of common stock. The stock appreciation right vests in three equal installments based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of a performance criterion for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011. The performance criterion for fiscal 2011 was met, resulting in vesting of the stock appreciation right as to 13,334 shares on December 22, 2011.

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