

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 716-857-7000 |
| CIK | 0000070145 |
| Symbol | NFG |
| SIC Code | 4924 - Natural Gas Distribution |
| Industry | Natural Gas Utilities |
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Fuel Gas Company "NFG" | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other () | | |
| Cash, R. Don (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 04/01/03 | | |
| 3205 61st (Street) | | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| Lubbock, TX 79413 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| 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 & 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Common Stock | 04/01/03 | | A | 300 ⁽¹⁾ | 21.875 | 1,433 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,000 I |

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 & 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Acquired through quarterly grant under the National Fuel Gas Company Retainer Policy For Non-Employee Directors.

By: /s/ **R. Don Cash**

**Signature of Reporting Person

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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