

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 13, 2013

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-3880
(Commission
File Number)

13-1086010
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

14221
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 857-7000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: Not Applicable

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Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On June 13, 2013, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of National Fuel Gas Company (the “Company”) amended the Company’s By-Laws, effective as of that date. The Board amended Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws to provide that, in general, no person shall qualify for service as a director of the Company if such person is a party to any compensatory, payment or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Company in connection with candidacy or service as a director of the Company. The Board also added a new Article II, Section 10 providing that any action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to authorization voted at a meeting of the Board, or a committee thereof, may be taken without a meeting if, before or after the action, all members of the Board or of the committee consent thereto in writing (including by electronic transmission) and the written consents are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee.

The foregoing description of the amendments to the By-Laws does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the By-Laws, a copy of which has been filed as an exhibit hereto and is expressly incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 3.1 By-Laws of National Fuel Gas Company, as amended June 13, 2013

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

By: /s/ James R. Peterson
James R. Peterson
Assistant Secretary

Dated: June 13, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	By-Laws of National Fuel Gas Company, as amended June 13, 2013

Amended	2/21/85	9/16/99
	6/19/86	2/17/00
	7/07/88	6/15/00
	6/14/90	9/13/01
	6/18/92	9/20/01
	12/8/93	12/13/01
	6/09/94	12/12/02
	9/19/96	12/9/04
	1/01/97	2/15/07
	3/20/97	6/7/07
	6/19/97	2/21/08
	9/18/97	6/11/08
	9/17/98	3/10/11
	6/17/99	6/13/13

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Meeting of Stockholders

Section 1. Meetings of stockholders may be held at such place, within or without the State of New Jersey, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2. The annual meeting of stockholders shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided by New Jersey law, written notice of the time, place and purpose or purposes of every meeting of stockholders shall be given not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 4. Unless otherwise provided by statute, all Special Meetings shall be called upon the written request of three or more Directors or of stockholders owning one-fourth of the capital stock issued and outstanding and such stockholders must each be stockholders of record (i) on the date such stockholders provide timely notice to the Corporation as provided in this Section 4 and (ii) on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at such Special Meeting.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought by stockholders before a Special Meeting, the stockholders must have given proper notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation. The stockholders notice requesting the call of a Special Meeting must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal office of the Corporation and shall set forth as to each matter the stockholders propose to be brought before the Special Meeting (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the Special Meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the Special Meeting, (ii) the name and record address of the stockholders proposing such business, (iii) the class and number of shares of the Corporation which are beneficially owned by the stockholders plus the material terms of any other synthetic or temporary ownership interests the stockholders have regarding Corporation shares, including voting interests, swaps and other equity derivatives, securities loans, stock purchases, hedges and other economic incentives, all of which information must be updated as of the Special Meeting voting record date in a follow-up notice in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation no later than two (2) business days after the Special Meeting voting record date, and (iv) any material interest of the stockholders in such business, and any

agreements, arrangements or understandings with other entities the stockholders may have in connection with such business. Following receipt of a valid notice requesting the call of a Special Meeting, the Corporation shall convene a Special Meeting not earlier than 60 days nor more than 120 days following receipt of such notice.

Notwithstanding anything in these By-Laws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 4.

The Chairman of a Special Meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that business was not properly brought before the meeting in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and such business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted.

Section 5. Unless otherwise provided in the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or in New Jersey law, (i) the holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of the votes at any meeting of stockholders shall constitute a quorum at such meeting except that the votes that holders of any class or series of shares are entitled to cast shall not be counted in the determination of a quorum for action to be taken at a meeting with respect to which such class or series has no vote, and (ii) the holders of shares of any class or series entitled to cast a majority of the votes of such class or series entitled to vote separately on a specified item of business shall constitute a quorum of such class or series for the transaction of such specified item of business.

If a quorum is not present or represented at any meeting of stockholders, the Chairman of the meeting, or if so requested by the Chairman, the stockholders present in person or represented by proxy, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than the announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented. In addition, the Chairman of any meeting of stockholders shall have the power to adjourn the meeting at the request of the Board of Directors if the Board of Directors determines that adjournment is necessary or appropriate to enable stockholders to fully consider information which the Board of Directors determines has not been made sufficiently or timely available to stockholders or is otherwise in the best interests of stockholders. If the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken and at the adjourned meeting only such business is transacted as might have been transacted at the original meeting, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting unless after the adjournment the Board of Directors fixes a new record date for the adjourned meeting. In the event the Board of Directors fixes such a new record date, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record at the new record date entitled to notice under Article I Section 3 of these By-Laws.

Section 6. At each election of Directors, the proxies and ballots shall be received and all questions respecting the qualification of voters shall be decided by two inspectors, who shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting; provided however, that no candidate for election as Director shall act as inspector. Such inspectors shall be sworn faithfully to perform their duties and shall report in writing the results of the ballot.

Section 7. A. Business transacted at an annual meeting of stockholders may include all such business as may properly come before the meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders:

- (i) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting;
- (ii) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors; or
- (iii) by any stockholder who was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice of the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 7.

B. For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation and such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for stockholder action. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth:

- (i) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a Director:
 - (a) the name, age, business address of such person,
 - (b) the principal occupation of employment of such person,
 - (c) the class and number of shares of the Corporation which are owned beneficially by such person,
 - (d) a description of any material relationships, including financial transactions and compensation, between such person and the stockholder, and such person's written affirmation that such person does not have, nor will such person have, any undisclosed voting commitments or other arrangements with respect to such person's activities as a director, and
 - (e) all other information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of Directors in an election contest, or is

otherwise required, in each case under applicable SEC regulations (as of February 1999, Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), including information sufficient to allow the directors to evaluate such person’s independence and also including such person’s written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a Director if elected;

- (ii) as to any other business that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, any material interest in such business of such stockholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made, and any agreements, arrangements or understandings with other entities the stockholder or the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made may have in connection with such business; and
- (iii) as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made:
 - (a) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation’s books, and of such beneficial owner, and
 - (b) the class and number of shares of the Corporation which are owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner plus the material terms of any other synthetic or temporary ownership interests either has regarding Corporation shares, including voting interests, swaps and other equity derivatives, securities loans, stock purchases, hedges and other economic incentives, all of which information must be updated as of the Annual Meeting voting record date in a follow-up notice in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation no later than two (2) business days after the Annual Meeting voting record date.

C. To be timely, a stockholder’s notice under this Section 7 must be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not less than 120 days and not more than 150 days prior to the anniversary date of the prior

year's annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that if the date of the annual meeting is changed more than 30 days from the date corresponding to the date of the prior year's annual meeting, then a stockholder's notice to be timely must be so delivered not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of the meeting is given by the Corporation (or, if earlier, by the tenth day following public disclosure of the new date of the annual meeting).

In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice under this Section 7.

D. Only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 7. Other than persons nominated by the full Board or any nominating committee thereof, only such persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 7 shall be eligible to serve as Directors. The chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 7 and, if any proposed nomination or business is not in compliance with this Section 7, to declare that such defective proposal or nomination shall be disregarded, unless otherwise provided by any applicable law.

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 7. Nothing in this Section 7 shall be deemed to affect any rights of:

- (i) the stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act; or
- (ii) the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect Directors under specified circumstances.

F. Business transacted at a special meeting of the stockholders shall be limited to the purposes set forth in the notice of the special meeting.

G. For purposes of this Section 7, the term "public disclosure" shall mean disclosure in a news release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, the Associated Press or a comparable national news service, or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Section 8. At each meeting of stockholders, the chairman of the meeting shall fix and announce the date and time of the opening and the closing of the polls for each matter upon which the stockholders will vote at the meeting and shall determine the order of business and all other matters of procedure. The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution such rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings of stockholders as it shall deem appropriate. Except to the extent inconsistent with any such rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors, the chairman of the meeting may establish rules, which need not be in writing, to maintain order and safety and for the conduct of the meeting. Without limiting the foregoing, the chairman of the meeting may:

- A. Determine and declare to the meeting that any business is not properly before the meeting and therefore shall not be considered;

B. Restrict attendance at any time to bona fide stockholders of record and their proxies and other persons in attendance at the invitation of the chairman of the meeting;

C. Restrict dissemination of solicitation materials and use of audio or visual recording devices at the meeting;

D. Adjourn the meeting without a vote of the stockholders, whether or not there is a quorum present; and

E. Make rules governing speeches and debate, including time limits and access to microphones.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of (i) such number of Directors, not less than seven nor more than eleven, as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors, and (ii) such Directors as may be elected by vote of the holders of shares of preferred stock, when and as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company. In order to qualify for election as a Director, a nominee must be a stockholder of the Company. Also in order to qualify, election of any nominee or service by any individual as a Director of the Company must be in compliance with all applicable federal or state laws, rules or regulations, and any nominee or Director must obtain any necessary governmental or regulatory approvals prior to or as a condition of serving or continuing

to serve on the Board of Directors. If it is determined by any governmental or regulatory body that any individual seeking to serve or serving as a Director did not obtain any required governmental or regulatory approval prior to becoming a Director, or that such individual's election or service as a Director otherwise would violate or violated any law, rule or regulation, such individual shall not be qualified to serve as a Director and, if such determination is made after the election of such person, such person automatically shall be disqualified from further service as a Director of the Company. The Board of Directors shall provide the applicable nominee or Director with reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether any such determination has been made by any governmental or regulatory body before making any such finding of disqualification. Also, no person shall qualify for service as a Director of the Company if he or she is a party to any compensatory, payment or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Company, or has received any such compensation or other payment from any person or entity other than the Company, in each case in connection with candidacy or service as a Director of the Company; provided that agreements providing only for indemnification and/or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in connection with candidacy as a Director (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, in connection with service as a Director) and any pre-existing employment agreement a candidate has with his or her employer (not entered into in contemplation of the employer's investment in the Company or such employee's candidacy as a Director), shall not be disqualifying under this section.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Certificate of Incorporation, and the By-Laws of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall have full and complete management and control of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may hold its meetings or any adjournment thereof either in the State of New Jersey or elsewhere and keep the books of the Corporation at such places within or without the State of New Jersey as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the direction of the Chairman of the Board, the President, or any three of the Directors for the time being in office.

Section 5. Notice of any meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director by e-mailing, faxing, telephoning or personally delivering the same to him at least one day before the meeting, if there is no reason to believe it was not received, or by mailing the same to him at least five days before the meeting, in all cases to the Director's last known address or addresses as the same appears upon the records of the Corporation. All such notices shall be effective when sent, including the leaving of a message recorded at, or spoken to any individual answering, the Director's designated telephone number(s).

Section 6. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, there may be transacted without special notice, any business within the powers of the Directors to transact, except that of which the Statutes of the State of New Jersey expressly require special notice shall be given.

Section 7. A. A majority of the Directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business which may properly come before them. If a majority of said Directors shall not be present at any meeting, the Directors present shall have power to adjourn to a day certain, and notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given by mailing the same addressed to each Director at his address as the same appears upon the records of the Corporation, at least two days prior to the adjourned meeting, or by telegraphing, telephoning or delivering the same to him personally at least one day before said adjourned meeting. But, if a majority of the Board of Directors are present, the said meeting, or any adjourned meeting thereof, may be adjourned to a subsequent day; such adjournment may be without notice of such adjournment if such notice is not required by New Jersey Law (as of June 1997, N.J.S.A. 14A:6-10(2)).

B. Unless a greater vote is required by applicable law or by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company or these By-laws (including, but not limited to, subsection C of this Section 7), any action approved by a majority of the votes of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

C. Anything in these By-laws to the contrary notwithstanding, any action taken by the Board of Directors pursuant to the terms of any Rights Plan (as hereinafter defined) of the Company shall, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the Rights Plan, be approved by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the entire Board of Directors. For purposes of these By-laws, the term "Rights Plan" shall mean any plan pursuant to which stockholders of the Company are, upon the occurrence of certain specified events (including, but not limited to, the acquisition by any person of a specified number of shares of capital stock of the corporation), entitled to purchase shares of capital stock or other securities of either the Company or the acquiring person at a discounted price.

Section 8. A. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who is or was a Director or officer of the Corporation, to the fullest extent permitted and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of New Jersey as now or hereafter in effect, including, without limitation, the indemnification permitted by N.J.S. 14A:3-5(8), against all liabilities (including amounts paid or incurred in satisfaction of settlements, judgments, fines and penalties) and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements) imposed upon or incurred by such person in connection with any pending, threatened or completed civil, criminal, administrative or arbitrative action, suit or proceeding, and any appeal therein and any inquiry or investigation which could lead to such action, suit or proceeding ("Proceeding") in which such person may be made, or threatened to be made, a party, or in which such person may become involved by reason of such person being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, or of serving or having served at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent of, or in any other capacity with, another foreign or domestic corporation, or any partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, employee benefit plan, trust or other enterprise, whether or not for profit.

B. The right to indemnification conferred by this Section 8 shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending or otherwise participating in any Proceeding in advance of its final disposition, and the Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, promptly advance expenses (including,

without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements) that are incurred, from time to time, in connection therewith by any such current or former Director or officer of the Corporation, subject to the receipt by the Corporation of an undertaking of such person as required by law.

C. Nothing in this Section 8 shall restrict or limit the power of the Corporation to indemnify its employees, agents and other persons, to advance expenses (including attorneys' fees) on their behalf and to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation in connection with any Proceeding.

D. The indemnification provided by this Section 8 shall not exclude any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification may be entitled under the Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or otherwise. The indemnification provided by this Section 8 shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director or officer, and shall extend to the estate or personal or legal representative of any deceased Director or officer.

E. Any repeal or modification of this Section 8 shall not adversely affect any rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses of a Director or officer of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to any acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

Section 9. Any contract or other transaction between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and any other entity shall not be void or voidable because a Director of the Corporation is interested therein if the Corporation has complied with the provisions of any then-applicable New Jersey statute(s) necessary or sufficient to make the transaction not void or voidable, including, as of June 1997, N.J.S.A. 14A:6-8(1).

Section 10. Any action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to authorization voted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or a Committee thereof, may be taken without a meeting if, before or after the action, all members of the Board or of the Committee consent thereto in writing (including by electronic transmission) and the written consents are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or Committee. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote of the Board or Committee for all purposes.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. At the first meeting after the annual election, the Board of Directors shall choose a Chairman of the Board, a Chief Executive Officer, a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Controller, who shall hold their respective offices until others are chosen and qualify in their stead. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. Except for the Chairman of the Board, the officers of the Company need not be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. In its discretion, the Board of Directors may leave unfilled for such period as it may determine, any office except the offices of the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at stockholders' meetings.

Section 4. The Chief Executive Officer shall, during the recess of the Board of Directors, have general control and management of the affairs and business of the Corporation. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, or in the event that there is a vacancy in the office of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall perform all the duties of the Chairman of the Board as well as those of Chief Executive Officer.

Section 5. In addition to the duties and responsibilities specified in the laws of the State of New Jersey and these By-Laws, the President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, and shall preside at stockholders' meetings in the absence of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer. In the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, or in the event that there is a vacancy in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall perform all the duties of the Chief Executive Officer as well as those of President.

Section 6. Each Vice President shall perform such duties as shall from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, or the President.

Section 7. The Secretary, in addition to his statutory duties, shall give proper notice of all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors. He shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the stockholders and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or President.

Section 8. The Treasurer, in addition to his statutory duties, shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the funds belonging to the Corporation, and shall cause to be deposited all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors whenever they may require it, account of all his transactions as Treasurer, and of the financial condition of

the Corporation. He shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the Board or President, and shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors may from time to time require.

Section 9. The Controller shall see that adequate records of all assets, liabilities and transactions of the Corporation are maintained; that adequate audits thereof, are currently and regularly made, and in conjunction with other officers, initiate and enforce measures and procedures whereby the business of the Corporation shall be conducted with maximum efficiency, safety and economy. He shall also perform all such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Controller. He shall be in all matters subject to the control of and responsible to the Board of Directors alone.

Section 10. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such other officers and agents as they may deem necessary or advisable for the transaction of the business of the Corporation, who shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and perform such duties as may from time to time be designated or assigned to them by said Board of Directors.

Section 11. If the office of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Controller or one or more of them becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, the Board of Directors at any duly convened meeting may, by a majority vote of those present, fill such vacancy and the person elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of such office and until his successor shall be chosen.

Section 12. All officers and agents chosen or appointed by the Board of Directors shall be subject to removal by the Board of Directors at any time with or without cause, and in the case of the absence of any officer or agent of the Corporation, or for any other reason that may seem sufficient to the Board of Directors, the said Board of Directors subject to the limitations herein contained and the statutes in such case made and provided, may, without removal, delegate his powers and duties to any other officer or suitable person for such period as it shall deem proper.

Section 13. All duly authorized bonds and debentures of the Corporation shall be signed on behalf of the Corporation by its Chairman of the Board or its President, or one of its Vice Presidents or, if so provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, by one or more of such officers and such other officer or officers designated by the Board of Directors; any or all such signatures may be manual or facsimile signatures, the signature on interest coupons attached to any said bonds or debentures shall be a facsimile signature; and the corporate seal or a facsimile of such seal may be impressed, affixed, imprinted or otherwise reproduced on said bonds and debentures and, if attested, shall be attested by the Corporation's Secretary or Assistant Secretary by manual or facsimile signature. In case any person whose signature (manual or facsimile) appears upon any said bond or debenture or coupons attached thereto shall cease to be an officer of the Corporation, or shall cease to be the officer specified thereon, before the bonds or debentures so signed shall have been authenticated by the trustee under the indenture or other instrument pursuant to which the bonds or debentures are delivered or sold, such bonds or debentures or coupons may nevertheless be adopted by the Corporation, without further action by the Board of Directors, and authenticated and delivered and sold as though the person or persons who so signed or attested such bonds or debentures or coupons had not ceased to be an officer of the Corporation or the officer specified thereof; and any bonds or debentures may be signed as aforesaid; and the seal of the Corporation impressed, affixed, imprinted or otherwise reproduced thereon may be attested on behalf of the Corporation as aforesaid, and coupons attached may be signed as aforesaid by such persons as at the actual date of the execution of the bonds or debentures or coupons shall be the proper officers of the Corporations, although at the time of the date of the bonds or debentures, such persons may not have been officers of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Directors may appoint an executive committee and one or more other committees of not less than three members to be chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors. Such committees may meet at such times and places as the committee shall, by resolution, determine and it shall make its own rules of procedure. A majority of the members of any such committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Except as otherwise provided by Board resolution or statute (as of June 1997, N.J.S.A. 14A:6-9(1)), each such committee shall have and may exercise the power of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation at any time when the Board of Directors are not in session. Each such committee shall, however, be subject to the specific directions of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Each such committee shall keep regular minutes of their transactions and shall cause them to be recorded in books to be kept for that purpose in the office of the Corporation, and shall report the same to the Board of Directors at their regular meetings.

ARTICLE V

Transfer of Shares

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided by statute, shares evidenced by certificates shall be transferred on the books of the Corporation only by the holder thereof in person or by his attorney upon the surrender and cancellation of the certificate or certificates of a like number of shares, except in the case of lost or destroyed certificates, and in that case only after the receipt of a satisfactory bond.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may appoint a transfer agent and a registrar of transfers, and may, in the case of shares represented by certificates, require all stock certificates to bear the signature of either or both.

ARTICLE VI

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the 1st day of October in each calendar year and end on the 30th day of September of the next succeeding year.

ARTICLE VII

Dividends and Working Capital

Section 1. Before declaring any dividends or making any distribution of profits, the Directors may set apart out of the net profits or out of the surplus of the Corporation as a reserve fund to be used as working capital or for any other proper purpose, such sum or sums as the Directors shall in their discretion deem just and proper and most for the benefit of the Corporation.

Section 2. Dividends upon the capital stock of the Corporation when declared shall be payable on dates to be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Closing of Transfer Books and Fixing A Record Date

The Board of Directors may close the stock transfer books of the Corporation for a period not exceeding sixty days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders or the date for payment of any dividend, or the date for the allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect.

In lieu of so closing the stock transfer books, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a date, not exceeding sixty days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders, or the date for the payment of any dividend, or the date for the allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, any such meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any such dividend, or any such allotment of rights, or to exercise the rights in respect to any such change, conversion or exchange of capital stock, and in such case only stockholders of record on the date so fixed shall be entitled to such notice of, and to vote at, such meeting, or to receive payment of such dividend, or allotment of rights or exercise of such rights, as the case may be, and notwithstanding any transfer of any stock on the books of the Corporation after any such record date fixed as aforesaid.

ARTICLE IX

Waiver of Notice

Any notice required to be given by these By-Laws may be waived by the person entitled thereto.

ARTICLE X

Seal

The common corporate seal is and until otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors shall be an impression upon paper or wax bearing the words - "NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY, NEW JERSEY, INCORPORATED 1902".

ARTICLE XI

Amendment of By-Laws

Except as otherwise provided by statute, the Board of Directors shall have power to make, alter or repeal the By-Laws of the Corporation by a vote of a majority of all the Directors at any duly convened meeting of the Board, but any By-Laws so made or otherwise promulgated may be altered or repealed and new By-Laws made by the stockholders at any duly convened meeting thereof.