

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

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RAMSDELL JAMES D

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221-5887
Telephone	716-857-7000
CIK	0000070145
Symbol	NFG
SIC Code	4924 - Natural Gas Distribution
Industry	Natural Gas Utilities
Sector	Utilities
Fiscal Year	09/30

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RAMSDELL JAMES D <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 6363 MAIN STREET <small>(Street)</small> WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">12/3/2008</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) 		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/3/2008		M		10000	A	\$23.0312	48124	D	
Common Stock	12/3/2008		F		773	D	\$29.685	47351	D	
Common Stock	12/3/2008		M		4340	A	\$23.0312	51691	D	
Common Stock	12/3/2008		F		4012	D	\$29.685	47679	D	
Common Stock	12/3/2008		J	V	487 (1)	A	\$0	12061	I	401k Trust
Common Stock								3814	I	ESOP Trust

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/3/2008		M		4340	12/10/1999	12/10/2008	Common Stock	4340	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/3/2008		M		10000	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	10000	\$0	10660	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAMSDELL JAMES D 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact

12/4/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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