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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
CASH R D	**NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]**	
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner
3205 61ST	**10/1/2004**	_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
LUBBOCK, TX 79413		_ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (1)	**10/1/2004**		**A**		**300**	**A**	**$28.425**	**3233**	**D**	
Common Stock								**3000**	**I**	**Held By Foundation**

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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CASH R D **3205 61ST** **LUBBOCK, TX 79413**	**X**			

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact **10/4/2004**

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned officer and/or director of National Fuel Gas Company (the "Company") hereby constitutes and appoints Anna M. Cellino, Paula M. Ciprich, and James R. Peterson, or any of them, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned SEC Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 reporting the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in Company securities, in accordance with the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, all as amended;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute, manually or electronically, any such Forms 3, 4, 5, or 144, and timely file any such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file SEC Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed effective as of October 1, 2004.

Signature: /s/ R. Don Cash
Name: R. Don Cash

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