

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Reported by
MATTHEWS CRAIG G

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 |

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

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) 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 | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| MATTHEWS CRAIG G | | | NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG] | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | |
| 132 CANTERBURY WAY | | | 7/1/2008 | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920 | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | | | (State) | | | (Zip) | | |

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) | 4/15/2008 | | J | v | 24.021 | A | \$50.4046 | 6243 | D | |
| Common Stock (2) | 7/1/2008 | | A | | 300 | A | \$59.125 | 6555 (3) | D | |

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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Acquired through the NFG dividend reinvestment plan, exempt under Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Acquired through quarterly grant under the National Fuel Gas Company Retainer Policy for Non-Employee Directors.
- (3) Includes 12.41 shares acquired through a DRIP and is exempt from Section 16 and the reporting requirements under Rule 16a-11.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MATTHEWS CRAIG G 132 CANTERBURY WAY BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920 | X | | | |

Signatures

P. M. Ciprich, Attorney in Fact

7/2/2008

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

** 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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