

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

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ACKERMAN PHILIP C

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**

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 * ACKERMAN PHILIP C <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] 12/5/2008 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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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	12/5/2008		M		45094	A	\$23.0312	560931	D	
Common Stock	12/5/2008		F		3504	D	\$28.00	557427	D	
Common Stock	12/5/2008		F		37091	D	\$28.00	520336	D	
Common Stock	12/8/2008		M		45094	A	\$23.0312	565430	D	
Common Stock	12/8/2008		F		4702	D	\$30.23	560728	D	
Common Stock	12/8/2008		F		34354	D	\$30.23	526374	D	
Common Stock	12/9/2008		M		45094	A	\$23.0312	571468	D	
Common Stock	12/9/2008		F		4630	D	\$30.085	566838	D	
Common Stock	12/9/2008		F		34521	D	\$30.085	532317	D	
Common Stock								76250	I	By Trust
Common Stock								17772	I	401k Trust
Common Stock								22055	I	ESOP Trust
Common Stock								1000	I	Wife, trust for mother

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					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/5/2008		M			45094	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	45094	\$0	20376	D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/8/2008		M			20376	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	20376	\$0	0	D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/8/2008		M			4340	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	4340	\$0	0	D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/8/2008		M			20378	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	20378	\$0	135282	D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.0312	12/9/2008		M			45094	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	45094	\$0	90188	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ACKERMAN PHILIP C 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	X			

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact

12/9/2008

** 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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