

SMITH DAVID F
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMITH DAVID F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6363 MAIN STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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	12/02/2011		M		48,750 A \$ 24.495	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2011		F		20,375 (1) D \$ 58.605	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2011		F		13,114 (1) D \$ 58.605	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2011		J	V	17 (2) A \$ 0	I	401k Trust
Common Stock						I	ESOP Trust
						1,807	

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On December 2, 2011, the reporting person in the aggregate exercised 48,750 stock options, delivered 20,375 shares of Common Stock of the Company for cancellation in payment of the exercise price of such options, and had 13,114 shares of Common Stock of the Company

(1) withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholding. These shares cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Trans Code "D" in column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Trans Code "F" in column 3.

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

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