

ACKERMAN PHILIP C  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ACKERMAN PHILIP C

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)  
12/05/2008

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

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/05/2008		M	45,094	A \$ 23.0312	560,931	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2008		F	3,504	D \$ 28	557,427	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2008		F	37,091	D \$ 28	520,336	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2008		M	45,094	A \$ 23.0312	565,430	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2008		F	4,702	D \$ 30.23	560,728	D	
	12/08/2008		F	34,354	D \$ 30.23	526,374	D	

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	12/09/2008		M	45,094	A	\$ 23.0312	571,468	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2008		F	4,630	D	\$ 30.085	566,838	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2008		F	34,521	D	\$ 30.085	532,317	D	
Common Stock							76,250	I	By Trust
Common Stock							17,772	I	401k Trust
Common Stock							22,055	I	ESOP Trust
Common Stock							1,000	I	Wife, trust for mother

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.0312	12/05/2008		M	45,094	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	45,094
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.0312	12/08/2008		M	20,376	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	20,376

(Right to Buy)

Employee Stock

Option	\$ 23.0312	12/08/2008	M	4,340	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	4,340
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Employee Stock

Option	\$ 23.0312	12/08/2008	M	20,378	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	20,378
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Employee Stock

Option	\$ 23.0312	12/09/2008	M	45,094	12/10/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	45,094
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## 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	12/09/2008
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        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person          Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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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