

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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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 *
 DeCarolis Donna L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 165 LAWRENCE BELL
 DRIVE, SUITE 120
 (Street)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, Natl Fuel Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	10/15/2005		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 31.4154	1,355	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2006		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 33.2632	1,367	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2006		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 32.003	1,379	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		J	V	412 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0	10,240	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	05/10/2006		J	V	4 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 0	168	I	ESOP Trust

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 35.105	05/10/2006		A	5,000	05/10/2007 05/10/2016	Common stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DeCarolis Donna L 165 LAWRENCE BELL DRIVE SUITE 120 WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			President, Natl Fuel Resources	

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact
Date: 05/12/2006

**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).
- (1) Routine acquisitions under the NFG dividend reinvestment plan, exempt under Rule 16a-9(a).
- (2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401k Plan exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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(3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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