NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CIPRICH PAULA M

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

6363 MAIN STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2016

_X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

Sr VP, Gen Counsel & Sec 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

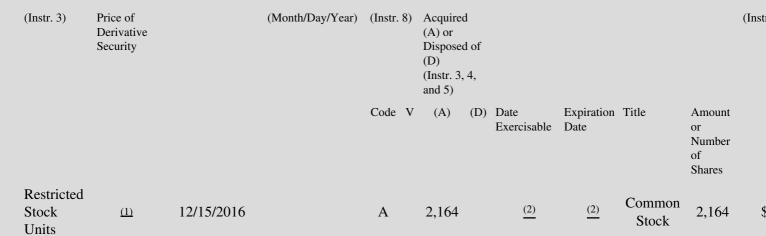
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1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deri Code Security or Exercise any Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CIPRICH PAULA M Sr VP, Gen 6363 MAIN STREET Counsel & WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 Sec

Signatures

James P. Baetzhold, Attorney in Fact 12/19/2016

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NFG common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 721 on December 15, 2017, 721 on December 15, 2018, and 722 on December 15, 2019.

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