

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Form 4

December 21, 2015

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DeCarolis Donna L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6363 MAIN ST.

(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)

12/17/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP Business Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2015                              |                                                             | M                                       | 213 A                                                                   | 47,693                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2015                              |                                                             | F                                       | 78 <sup>(2)</sup> D                                                     | \$ 40.21 47,615                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2015                              |                                                             | M                                       | 259 A                                                                   | <sup>(3)</sup> 47,874                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2015                              |                                                             | F                                       | 95 <sup>(4)</sup> D                                                     | \$ 40.21 47,779                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         | 16,134 <sup>(5)</sup>                                                                                              | I                                                                    | 401k Trust                              |

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Common Stock 218 <sup>(6)</sup> I ESOP Trust

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) | 8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares                                    |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(7)</u>                                             | 12/17/2015                           |                                                    | A                              | 1,509                                                                                   | <u>(8)</u> <u>(8)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 1,509                                                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(1)</u>                                             | 12/19/2015                           |                                                    | M                              | 213                                                                                     | <u>(9)</u> <u>(9)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 213                                                           |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(3)</u>                                             | 12/19/2015                           |                                                    | M                              | 259                                                                                     | <u>(10)</u> <u>(10)</u>                                  | Common Stock                                                  | 259                                                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| DeCarolis Donna L<br>6363 MAIN ST.<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other<br>VP Business Development |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 12/21/2015

                     \*\*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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) On December 19, 2015, the reporting person had 78 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.

(3) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(4) On December 19, 2015, the reporting person had 95 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.

(5) The NFG stock fund under the NFG 401(k) plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG common stock and a reserve of cash. The information reported represents the dollar value of the reporting person's balance in the NFG stock fund as of December 17, 2015, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

(6) The NFG employee stock ownership plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG common stock and a reserve of cash. The information reported represents the dollar value of the reporting person's balance in the ESOP as of December 17, 2015, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

(7) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NFG common stock.

(8) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 503 on December 17, 2016, 503 on December 17, 2017, and 503 on December 17, 2018.

(9) On December 19, 2013, the reporting person was granted 639 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 213 on December 19, 2014, 213 on December 19, 2015, and 213 on December 19, 2016.

(10) On December 19, 2014, the reporting person was granted 777 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 259 on December 19, 2015, 259 on December 19, 2016, and 259 on December 19, 2017.

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