

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 *
BECK JAMES A

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)
1201 LOUISIANA STREET, SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/27/2006

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

President, Seneca Resources

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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	03/27/2006		M		4,340	A	\$ 23.0312
Common Stock	03/27/2006		M		40,000	A	\$ 22.4375
Common Stock	03/27/2006		F		30,724	D	\$ 32.465
Common Stock	03/27/2006		M		8,387	A	\$ 23.0312
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S		7,743	D	\$ 32.465

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Common Stock	03/27/2006	F	644	D	\$ 32.465	60,284	D	
Common Stock						4,757	I	401k Trust
Common Stock						298	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.0312	03/27/2006		M	8,387	12/10/1999 12/11/2008	Common Stock	8,387	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.0312	03/27/2006		M	4,340	12/10/1999 12/10/2008	Common Stock	4,340	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.4375	03/27/2006		M	40,000	12/11/1998 12/12/2007	Common Stock	40,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

BECK JAMES A
1201 LOUISIANA STREET
SUITE 400
HOUSTON, TX 77002

President, Seneca Resources

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact

03/28/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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