

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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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 *
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)
12/19/2014

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)
VP Business Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2014 | | F | 86 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 68.92 | 47,042 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2014 | | M | 213 A <u>2</u> | 47,255 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2014 | | F | 109 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 68.92 | 47,146 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2014 | | J V | 143 ⁽⁴⁾ A \$ 0 | 15,440 | I | 401k Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2014 | | J V | 1 ⁽⁵⁾ A \$ 0 | 211 | 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | 12/19/2014 | | A | 777 | (7) (7) | Common Stock | 777 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 12/19/2014 | | M | 213 | (8) (8) | Common Stock | 213 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact 12/23/2014

**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).

On December 19, 2014, the reporting person had 86 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of shares of restricted stock. 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.

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

On December 19, 2014, the reporting person had 109 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to

- (3) 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.
- (4) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (5) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NFG common stock.
- (7) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 259 on December 19, 2015, 259 on December 19, 2016, and 259 on December 19, 2017.
- (8) 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.

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