

PUSTULKA JOHN R  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PUSTULKA JOHN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6363 MAIN STREET

(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)

08/22/2005

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)

Sr. Vice President

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                    | 08/22/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 4,066 A \$ 13.9687  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2005                           |  | F                              |   | 1,987 D \$ 28.57  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2005                           |  | J                              | V   | 284 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0   | I  | 401k Trust  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2005                           |  | J                              | V   | 6 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0   | 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 (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)       | \$ 13.9687   | 08/22/2005                           |  | M                              | 4,066  | 08/29/1996 08/29/2005                                    | Common Stock  | 4,066                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| PUSTULKA JOHN R<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 |               |           | Sr. Vice President |       |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact 08/23/2005

\*\*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 401k Plan exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction
- (2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Plan exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction

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