

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 \*  
RAMSDELL JAMES D

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)  
6363 MAIN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2015

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

Senior Vice President

(Street)  
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2015		M	488 A (1) 79,813		D	
Common Stock	12/19/2015		F	180 (2) D \$ 40.21 79,633		D	
Common Stock	12/19/2015		M	530 A (3) 80,163		D	
Common Stock	12/19/2015		F	195 (4) D \$ 40.21 79,968		D	
Common Stock					16,603 (5)	I	401k Trust

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Common Stock 3,800 <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. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V (A) (D)			
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2015		M	488	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	488	\$ 0
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	12/19/2015		M	530	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	530	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAMSDELL JAMES D 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			Senior Vice President	

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.

On December 19, 2015, the reporting person had 180 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.

On December 19, 2015, the reporting person had 195 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) On December 19, 2013, the reporting person was granted 1,463 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 487 on December 19, 2014, 488 on December 19, 2015, and 488 on December 19, 2016.

(8) On December 19, 2014, the reporting person was granted 1,590 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 530 on December 19, 2015, 530 on December 19, 2016, and 530 on December 19, 2017.

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