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## FORM 4

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carlotti Carl M			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6363 MAIN STREET			(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2010						(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President				
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person						
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										lly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execu	eemed tion Date, if h/Day/Year)	Code	TransactionAcquired (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 25,446	D				
Common Stock	03/11/2010			J	V	137 (1)	A	\$0	9,377	I	401k Trust			
Common Stock	03/11/2010			J	V	1 (2)	A	\$ 0	107	I	ESOP Trust			
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474														

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of or 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 0	03/11/2010		A		15,000		<u>(3)</u>	03/11/2020	Common Stock	15,00

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carlotti Carl M

6363 MAIN STREET Senior Vice President

BUFFALO, NY 14221

## **Signatures**

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 03/15/2010

\*\*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 acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
  - Represents the award of 15,000 SAR's which become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning about November 29, 2010
- (3) based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each fiscal year end 2010, 2011 and 2012. In the event the performance condition for a given fiscal year is not met, the incremental percentage of shares for that fiscal year shall be automatically forfeited.

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