

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY**

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**Supplemental Information Regarding**

**Proposal 3: Non-Binding Advisory Vote Approving Executive Compensation**

February 24, 2012

Dear Stockholders of National Fuel Gas Company:

At National Fuel Gas Company's (the "Company") Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 8, 2012, stockholders will cast a non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's executives (the "say on pay" vote). Proposal 3 in the Company's 2012 proxy statement includes relevant information regarding this matter. As noted in the proxy statement, the Company believes that its compensation policies and procedures encourage a culture of pay for performance and are strongly aligned with both the short and long-term interests of the Company's stockholders. **The Company's Board of Directors has recommended that you vote FOR Proposal 3.**

ISS Proxy Advisory Services ("ISS") has recommended that its clients vote against Proposal 3 in light of what ISS claims is a "pay for performance disconnect." The Company believes that there is a fundamental flaw in ISS's application of its methodology to the Company. The Company has raised its concerns with ISS's analysis in the attached letter, along with other important observations. **We urge you to consider the letter and vote FOR Proposal 3.**

Sincerely yours,

Paula M. Ciprich

*General Counsel and Secretary*













