

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 *
ACKERMAN PHILIP C

(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)
07/24/2006

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)
CEO and Chairman

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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2006 | | M | | 314,558 | A | \$ 18.375 | 706,347 D |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2006 | | F | | 156,830 | D | \$ 36.855 | 549,517 D |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2006 | | F | | 68,890 | D | \$ 36.855 | 480,627 D |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2006 | | J | V | 189 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 16,107 I 401k Trust |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2006 | | J | V | 83 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 21,344 I ESOP Trust |

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