

KRAEMER RONALD C
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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 *
KRAEMER RONALD C

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/21/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Pres - Empire Pipeline

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 | 04/14/2017 | | J | V 216 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 53.72 | 28,853 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2017 | | J | V 210 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 56.79 | 29,063 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/13/2017 | | J | V 211 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 57.22 | 29,274 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2017 | | M | 1,166 A \$ 47.37 | 30,440 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2017 | | D | 956 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 57.82 | 29,484 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Acquired through dividend reinvestment plan, exempt under Rule 16a-11.

On November 21 2017, the reporting person exercised a stock appreciation right with respect to 1,166 shares of Common Stock of the Company. In connection with this exercise, the reporting person was deemed to have sold back to the Company shares of Common Stock of the Company having a value equal to the exercise price of the stock appreciation right. This deemed sale of 956 shares is shown on

(2) Table I as a disposition (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these shares were sold into the open market, as indicated by Transaction Code "D" in column 3. Additionally, the reporting person had 78 shares of Common Stock of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum tax withholding. This share cancellation is shown on Table I as a disposition (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these shares were sold into the open market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in column 3.

(3) 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 November 21, 2017, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

(4) 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 November 21, 2017, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

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