

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

Form 4

December 23, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DeCarolus Donna L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6363 MAIN ST.

(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)

12/19/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP Business Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2013                              |                                                             | F                                                       | 61 <sup>(1)</sup> D                                                 | \$ 69.82 38,169                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/20/2013                              |                                                             | F                                                       | 61 <sup>(2)</sup> D                                                 | \$ 70.865 38,108                                                                                                   | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2013                              |                                                             | J V                                                     | 115 <sup>(3)</sup> A                                                | \$ 0 14,893                                                                                                        | I                                                                    | 401k<br>Trust                                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/19/2013                              |                                                             | J V                                                     | 1 <sup>(4)</sup> A                                                  | \$ 0 207                                                                                                           | I                                                                    | ESOP<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                                  | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                 |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (5)                                                                | 12/19/2013                              |                                                             | A                                    |                                                                                                                    | 639                                                            | (6) (6) Common<br>Stock                                             | 639 \$ 0                                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| DeCarolis Donna L<br>6363 MAIN ST.<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 |               | X         | VP Business Development |       |

## Signatures

Paula M. Ciprich, Attorney  
in Fact 12/23/2013

\_\_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) On December 19, 2013, the reporting person had 61 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of shares of restricted stock. 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.

(2) On December 20, 2013, the reporting person had 61 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of shares of restricted stock. 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) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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- (4) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NFG common stock.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2014.

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