

RAMSDELL JAMES D
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RAMSDELL JAMES D

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)
12/22/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 39,968 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2008 | | J V | 41 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 | 12,102 | I | 401k Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,814 | I | ESOP Trust |

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