

PUSTULKA JOHN R

Form 4

December 21, 2012

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 *
PUSTULKA JOHN R

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President - NFG Supply Corp.

(Street)

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

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

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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	12/19/2012		F		450 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 53,045	39,533	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2012		F		450 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 52.94	39,083	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2012		J	V	598 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 0	16,401	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2012		J	V	7 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$ 0	3,717	I	ESOP 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 53.045	12/19/2012		A	22,121	(5) 12/19/2022	Common Stock	22,121

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUSTULKA JOHN R 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			President - NFG Supply Corp.	

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact 12/21/2012

__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).

On December 19, 2012, the reporting person had 450 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.

On December 20, 2012, the reporting person had 450 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.

(4) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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The stock appreciation right becomes exercisable in three approximately equal annual installments as follows: 7,373 on December 19, 2013; 7,374 on December 19, 2014; and 7,374 on December 19, 2015.

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