NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO

12/19/2015

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading TANSKI RONALD J Issuer Symbol NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 6363 MAIN STREET 12/19/2015 below) President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 12/18/2015 G 900 D \$0 297,405 D Stock Common 12/19/2015 3,792 D M A <u>(1)</u> 301,197 Stock Common

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4,139

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305,336

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration I (Month/Day	Date	d 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2015		M	3,792	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	3,792	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/19/2015		M	4,139	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	4,139	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting Owner Funite / Futuress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TANSKI RONALD J 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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- (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 December 17, 2015, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- The NFG employee stock ownership plan is denominated in units, representing ownership interests in a fund that includes both NFG (4) 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 December 17, 2015, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- On December 19, 2013, the reporting person was granted 11,375 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 3,791 on December 19, 2014, 3,792 on December 19, 2015, and 3,792 on December 19, 2016.
- On December 19, 2014, the reporting person was granted 12,417 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 4,139 on December 19, 2015, 4,139 on December 19, 2016, and 4,139 on December 19, 2017.

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