

ACKERMAN PHILIP C

Form 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ACKERMAN PHILIP C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6363 MAIN STREET

(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)  
12/06/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

CEO and Chairman

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<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>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                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | Price                                                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/06/2006                              |                                                             | J V 4                                | (1)                                                                        | A \$ 0 16,304                                                                                                      | I                                                                    | 401k Trust                                                        |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/06/2006                              |                                                             | J V 63                               | (2)                                                                        | A \$ 0 21,417                                                                                                      | I                                                                    | ESOP<br>Trust                                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            | 1,000                                                                                                              | I                                                                    | Wife, trust<br>for mother                                         |

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 of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>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) |                    |                 |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                         | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 39.475                                                          | 12/06/2006                              |                                                             | A                                    |                                                                                                           | 110,000                                                        |     | 12/06/2007                                                          | 12/06/2016         | Common<br>stock | 110,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| ACKERMAN PHILIP C<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 |               |           | CEO and Chairman |       |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact 12/08/2006

\_\_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) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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