

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HALE BRUCE H**

(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)  
**07/28/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President, Horizon Power**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/28/2005                           |  | M                              | 50,000 A \$ 27.7975   | 135,224   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/28/2005                           |  | F                              | 1,639 D \$ 30   | 133,585   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/29/2005                           |  | G                              | V 50 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 30.105                                   | 133,535   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/29/2005                           |  | J                              | V 237 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0                                       | 11,806  | I  | 401k Trust  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/29/2005                           |  | J                              | V 65 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0  | 9,443   | I  | ESOP Trust  |

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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. 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27.7975   | 07/28/2005                           |  | M                              | 50,000  | 12/07/2001   | 12/08/2010  | Common Stock | 50,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|   | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| HALE BRUCE H<br>6363 MAIN STREET<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | President, Horizon Power         |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 08/01/2005

\_\_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) Gifts of stock to various charitable organizations.
- (2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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