

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCGINNIS JOHN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1201 LOUISIANA STREET, SUITE 2600

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2016

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-Seneca Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2016 | | M | | 4,000 A \$ 33,379 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2016 | | F | | 1,094 (2) D \$ 58.01 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2016 | | M | | 775 A \$ 33,060 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2016 | | F | | 212 (3) D \$ 58.01 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2016 | | M | | 863 A \$ 33,711 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------------------|---|----------|----------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/19/2016 | F | 237 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | \$ 58.01 | 33,474 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 6,426 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | 401k Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 13,615 | I | By limited liability company ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,205 | I | By reporting person and spouse as trustees for child |
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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) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 12/19/2016 | | M | 4,000 | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Restricted Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 12/19/2016 | | M | 775 | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | Common Stock | 775 |

Units

Restricted

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|------------|---|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----|
| Stock | (1) | 12/19/2016 | M | 863 | (9) | (9) | Common | 863 | \$ |
| Units | | | | | | | Stock | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCGINNIS JOHN P 1201 LOUISIANA STREET SUITE 2600 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | | | President-Seneca Resources | |

Signatures

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| James P. Baetzhold, Attorney in Fact | 12/21/2016 |
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(2) On December 19, 2016, the reporting person had 1,094 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. 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) On December 19, 2016, the reporting person had 212 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. 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.

(4) On December 19, 2016, the reporting person had 237 shares withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholdings due to the vesting of restricted stock units. 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.

(5) 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 15, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

(6) The reporting person and his spouse are the sole members of the limited liability company.

(7) On December 19, 2011, the reporting person was granted 12,000 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 4,000 on December 19, 2014, 4,000 on December 19, 2015, and 4,000 on December 19, 2016.

(8) On December 19, 2013, the reporting person was granted 2,323 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 774 on December 19, 2014, 774 on December 19, 2015, and 775 on December 19, 2016.

(9) On December 19, 2014, the reporting person was granted 2,590 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 863 on December 19, 2015, 863 on December 19, 2016, and 864 on December 19, 2017.

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