

TANSKI RONALD J

Form 4

December 29, 2011

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 *
TANSKI RONALD J

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)

12/27/2011

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

President & COO

(Street)

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

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

(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 (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)
Common Stock	12/27/2011		M	50,000 A	\$ 24.495	220,109	D
Common Stock	12/27/2011		F	7,864 (1) D	\$ 56.03	212,245	D
Common Stock	12/27/2011		F	13,006 (1) D	\$ 56.03	199,239	D
Common Stock						18,798	I 401k Trust
Common Stock						2,882	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	\$ 24.495	12/27/2011		M		25,000		03/14/2004	03/15/2012	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 24.495	12/27/2011		M		25,000		03/14/2005	03/15/2012	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
TANSKI RONALD J 6363 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	President & COO

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney
in Fact 12/29/2011

__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).

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- On December 27, 2011, the reporting person exercised 50,000 stock options, delivered 7,864 shares of common stock of the Company for cancellation in partial payment of the exercise price of such options and had 13,006 shares of common stock of the Company withheld
- (1) and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholding. 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.

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