

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DeCarolis Donna L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 165 LAWRENCE BELL
 DRIVE, SUITE 120
 (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)
 05/10/2006

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, Natl Fuel 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/15/2005		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 31.4154	1,355	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2006		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 33.2632	1,367	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2006		J	V	12 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 32.003	1,379	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		J	V	412 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0	10,240	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	05/10/2006		J	V	4 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 0	168	I	ESOP Trust

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(3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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