

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**03/07/2005**

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, CEO and Chairman**

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	12/17/2004		G	V	1,050 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0	378,793	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		M		140,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 14.2812	518,793	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		F		68,954	D	\$ 28.995	449,839	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		F		28,350	D	\$ 28.995	421,489	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		J	V	220 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 0	14,711	I	401k Trust



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Of these, 70,000 options exercised were originally issued as Stock Appreciation Rights on August 29, 1995, and were later converted to

- (2) Non-Qualified Stock Options on November 20, 2001. This was approved by the shareholders at the Special Meeting of Stockholders held on October 16, 2001.
- (3) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (4) Routine acquisitions under the NFG ESOP Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction

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