

DeCarolis Donna L  
Form 5  
October 15, 2009

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6363 MAIN ST.

(Street)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/30/2009

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 Energy Dev

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at end<br>of Issuer's<br>Fiscal Year<br>(Instr. 3 and<br>4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>stock                       | 01/15/2009                              | Â                                                           | J                                       | 79 <sup>(1)</sup> A                                                     | \$ 27.57 6,753                                                                                                  | D                                                                    | Â                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 04/15/2009                              | Â                                                           | J                                       | 69 <sup>(1)</sup> A                                                     | \$ 31.68 6,822                                                                                                  | D                                                                    | Â                                                                 |
| Common<br>stock                       | 06/09/2009                              | Â                                                           | G                                       | 74 D                                                                    | \$ 0 6,748                                                                                                      | D                                                                    | Â                                                                 |
| Common<br>stock                       | 07/15/2009                              | Â                                                           | J                                       | 61 <sup>(1)</sup> A                                                     | \$ 37.67 6,809                                                                                                  | D                                                                    | Â                                                                 |

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|              |            |   |   |                    |   |      |        |   |            |
|--------------|------------|---|---|--------------------|---|------|--------|---|------------|
| Common stock | 09/30/2009 | Â | J | 5 <sup>(3)</sup>   | A | \$ 0 | 186    | I | ESOP Trust |
| Common stock | 09/30/2009 | Â | J | 640 <sup>(2)</sup> | A | \$ 0 | 12,388 | I | 401k Trust |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of                      |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) (D)                                                                                 |                                                          |                                                               |                                            |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                               | Director 10% Owner Officer Other      |
| DeCarolis Donna L<br>6363 MAIN ST.<br>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | Â Â Â President, Horizon Energy Dev Â |

## Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney  
in Fact 10/15/2009

        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) Routine acquisitions under the NFG dividend reinvestment plan, exempt under Rule 16a-9(a).

(2) Routine acquisitions under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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

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