

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
<b>PUSTULKA JOHN R</b>			<b>NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [ NFG ]</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>COO</b>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)						
<b>6363 MAIN STREET</b>				<b>2/20/2018</b>					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
<b>WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221</b>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	2/20/2018		M		4166.00	A	\$49.646	63853.00	D	
Common Stock	2/20/2018		D		3976.00 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$49.646	59877.00	D	
Common Stock	2/20/2018		F		63.00 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$49.646	59814.00	D	
Common Stock								20272.00 <u>(2)</u>	I	401k Trust
Common Stock								3772.00 <u>(3)</u>	I	ESOP Trust

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Appreciation Right	\$47.37	2/20/2018		M		4166.00	2/20/2009	2/20/2018	Common Stock	4166.00	\$0.00	0.00	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- A stock appreciation right with respect to 4,166 shares of Common Stock of the Company was deemed to be exercised by the reporting person at the close of business on February 20, 2018, the scheduled expiration date of the right. In connection with this exercise, the reporting person was deemed to have sold back to the Company shares of Common Stock of the Company having a value equal to the exercise price of the stock appreciation right. This deemed sale of 3,976 shares is shown on Table I as a disposition (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these shares were sold into the open market, as indicated by Transaction Code "D" in column 3. Additionally, 63 shares of Common Stock of the Company were withheld and cancelled to cover minimum tax withholding. This share cancellation is shown on Table I as a disposition (Transaction Code "D" in column 4), although none of these shares were sold into the open market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in column 3.
- 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 February 20, 2018, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- The NFG employee stock ownership 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 ESOP as of February 20, 2018, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>PUSTULKA JOHN R</b> <b>6363 MAIN STREET</b>			<b>COO</b>	

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221				
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**Signatures**

**J. P. Baetzhold, Attorney in Fact**

**2/21/2018**

      
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

      
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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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