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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 2, 2019

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-3880
(Commission
File Number)

13-1086010
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

14221
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 857-7000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: Not Applicable

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 2, 2019, Ronald J. Tanski, President and Chief Executive Officer of National Fuel Gas Company (the “Company”) and a member of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”), provided notice to the Company of his intention to retire as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective July 1, 2019. He will continue to serve as a member of the Board.

Mr. Tanski will be succeeded as President and Chief Executive Officer by David P. Bauer, effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Bauer, age 49, has served as Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer of the Company since July 2010 and as President of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, the Company’s principal pipeline and storage subsidiary (“Supply Corporation”), since February 2016. He has served as Treasurer of Seneca Resources Company, LLC, the Company’s exploration and production subsidiary, since April 2015; Treasurer of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, the Company’s utility subsidiary, since April 2015; Treasurer of National Fuel Gas Midstream Company, LLC, the Company’s gathering subsidiary, since April 2013; Treasurer of Supply Corporation since June 2007; and Treasurer of Empire Pipeline, Inc., a pipeline and storage subsidiary of the Company, since June 2007.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the Company’s press release dated April 3, 2019 regarding the Company’s management change is furnished as part of this Current Report as Exhibit 99.

Neither the furnishing of the press release as an exhibit to this Current Report nor the inclusion in such press release of any reference to the Company’s internet address shall, under any circumstances, be deemed to incorporate the information available at such internet address into this Current Report. The information available at the Company’s internet address is not part of this Current Report or any other report filed or furnished by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99 [Press release furnished regarding management change](#)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

April 4, 2019

By: /s/ Sarah J. Mugel

Sarah J. Mugel
Secretary



National Fuel Gas Company

**Financial
News**

6363 Main Street
Williamsville, N.Y. 14221

National Fuel Announces Management Change
Ron Tanski announces retirement date; will be succeeded by Dave Bauer

(April 3, 2019) WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. – Today, National Fuel Gas Company (“National Fuel” or the “Company”) (NYSE: NFG) announced that Ronald J. Tanski, President and Chief Executive Officer of National Fuel Gas Company, has indicated his intention to retire, effective July 1, 2019, after more than 40 years of service. He will continue to serve as a member of the board of directors.

The Company also announced that Tanski would be succeeded by David P. Bauer, a member of National Fuel’s executive team since 2004. “I am pleased with National Fuel’s performance and prospects, and this shift in leadership is the culmination of many years of preparation,” said Tanski. “I look forward to a seamless transition as Dave has been fully entrenched in and is familiar with all aspects of the Company’s operation and strategic direction as part of his role as Principal Financial Officer since 2010.”

Bauer has served in numerous positions with National Fuel and its operating subsidiaries. He has been responsible for carrying out the Company’s financial strategy and has played a leading role in maintaining the Company’s fiscal strength and stability. As President of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation since 2016, Bauer has overseen the Company’s pipeline and storage operations and key interstate infrastructure modernization and expansion projects.

After more than 10 years at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and its predecessor, Bauer joined National Fuel in 2001. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Boston College. Bauer is a board member of the YMCA Buffalo Niagara, board member and audit committee chairman at D’Youville College, board member and finance committee member of the Canisius High School, and an investment committee member of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.



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“When I joined National Fuel in the late 1970s, our industry and customers were facing record high energy prices, curtailments of natural gas supplies, and national reliance on imported natural gas and oil,” said Tanski. “Today, we have a domestic abundance of oil and natural gas due to advanced shale recovery technologies. For the first time in nearly 60 years, the U.S. is a net exporter of natural gas and our utility customers are paying the lowest rates in decades because they are next door to the largest natural gas producing region in North America. While much has changed, one thing has remained constant: the dedication of National Fuel and its current 2,100 employees to finding, transporting and delivering much-needed, clean-burning natural gas supplies safely and reliably to utility customers and others throughout our regional pipeline network. I will be leaving the Company in capable hands that are well prepared and committed to building value for our communities and our shareholders.”

“National Fuel is in an excellent position for the future,” said Chairman of the Board David F. Smith. “During his tenure as President and CEO, Ron has continued our legacy of tremendous leadership, long-term focus, deliberate decision making, and financial discipline, resulting in ongoing growth and value for the Company and benefits for shareholders. The board and I extend our deep appreciation to Ron for his long and steadfast guidance and dedication to the Company, and we wish him, his wife Mary Ann, and his family all the best in his retirement. We are fortunate to have a talent of Dave Bauer’s caliber as Ron’s successor, and the board and I look forward to continued success with Dave at the helm of our experienced executive team.”

National Fuel is an integrated energy company reporting financial results for five operating segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Gathering, Utility, and Energy Marketing. Additional information about National Fuel is available at www.nationalfuel.com.

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