

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>MCGINNIS JOHN P<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>1201 LOUISIANA STREET, SUITE 2600<br>(Street)<br><br>HOUSTON, TX 77002<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>04/01/2016 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>COO - Seneca Resources | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 27,535   | D   | ^  |
| Common Stock                       | 5,873 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | I   | 401(k) Trust   |
| Common Stock                       | 12,949   | I   | By limited liability company <sup>(2)</sup>              |
| Common Stock                       | 695  | I   | By reporting person and spouse as trustees for child     |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                                  | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |  |  |  |
| Stock Appreciation Right                      | 02/20/2009   | 02/20/2018         | Common<br>Stock  | 4,166                            | \$ 47.37   | D  | Â  |
| Stock Appreciation Right                      | Â <u>(3)</u>   | 03/11/2020         | Common<br>Stock  | 20,000                           | \$ 52.1  | D  | Â  |
| Stock Appreciation Right                      | Â <u>(4)</u>   | 12/20/2020         | Common<br>Stock  | 7,500                            | \$ 63.865  | D  | Â  |
| Restricted Stock Units                        | 12/19/2016   | 12/19/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 4,000                            | \$ <u>(5)</u>  | D  | Â  |
| Stock Appreciation Right                      | Â <u>(6)</u>   | 12/19/2022         | Common<br>Stock  | 20,802                           | \$ 53.045  | D  | Â  |
| Restricted Stock Units                        | 12/19/2016   | 12/19/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 775                              | \$ <u>(5)</u>  | D  | Â  |
| Restricted Stock Units                        | Â <u>(7)</u>   | Â <u>(7)</u>       | Common<br>Stock  | 1,727                            | \$ <u>(5)</u>  | D  | Â  |
| Restricted Stock Units                        | Â <u>(8)</u>   | Â <u>(8)</u>       | Common<br>Stock  | 7,619                            | \$ <u>(5)</u>  | D  | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| MCGINNIS JOHN P<br>1201 LOUISIANA STREET<br>SUITE 2600<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Â             | Â         | Â COO - Seneca Resources | Â     |

## Signatures

James P.  
Baetzhold

04/08/2016

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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- 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 April 1, 2016, as reported by the plan administrator, divided by the closing price of NFG common stock on that date.
- (1) The reporting person and his spouse are the sole members of the limited liability company.
  - (2) The stock appreciation right became exercisable as follows: 6,666 on November 24, 2010; 6,667 on November 23, 2011; and 6,667 on November 21, 2012.
  - (3) The stock appreciation right became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning December 20, 2011.
  - (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NFG common stock.
  - (5) The stock appreciation right became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2013.
  - (6) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 863 on December 19, 2016 and 864 on December 19, 2017
  - (7) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 2,539 on December 17, 2016; 2,540 on December 17, 2017; and 2,540 on December 17, 2018.

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