

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
Form 35-CERT  
August 13, 2002

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY  
NATIONAL FUEL RESOURCES, INC.

File No. 70-7833

(Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935)

FORTY-SECOND  
CERTIFICATE  
PURSUANT TO  
RULE 24

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In accordance with the terms of the Order dated December 20, 1991 issued to National Fuel Gas Company ("National") authorizing National to acquire the common stock of National Fuel Resources, Inc. ("NFR") (File No. 70-7833, HCAR No. 35-25437), attached as Exhibit "A" is an Income Statement of NFR for the Three and Twelve Months ended June 30, 2002. Also attached as Exhibit "B" is the Balance sheet of NFR as of June 30, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned companies have duly caused this Certificate to be signed this 9th day of August, 2002.

NATIONAL FUEL RESOURCES, INC.

By: /s/ Donna L. DeCarolis

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Donna L. DeCarolis, Vice President

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

By: /s/ James R. Peterson

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James R. Peterson, Assistant Secretary