

Carlotti Carl M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Carlotti Carl M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6363 MAIN STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP - NFG Dist. Corp.

BUFFALO, NY 14221  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/15/2011		M		4,082 A \$ 24.495	30,778	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		F		1,424 (1) D \$ 70.19	29,354	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		F		112 (1) D \$ 70.19	29,242	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		M		40,918 A \$ 24.495	70,160	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		F		14,279 (1) D \$ 70.19	55,881	D

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Common Stock	02/15/2011	F	9,469 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 70.19	46,412	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2011	J	V 96 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0	9,991	I	401k Trust
Common Stock						109	I	ESOP 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.495	02/15/2011		M	4,082	03/14/2003	03/14/2012	Common Stock	4,082
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.495	02/15/2011		M	10,918	03/14/2003	03/15/2012	Common Stock	10,918
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.495	02/15/2011		M	15,000	03/14/2004	03/15/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.495	02/15/2011		M	15,000	03/14/2005	03/15/2012	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carlotti Carl M 6363 MAIN STREET BUFFALO, NY 14221			Senior VP - NFG Dist. Corp.	

## Signatures

James R. Peterson , Attorney  
in Fact 02/17/2011

\*\*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).

- On February 15, 2011, the reporting person in the aggregate exercised 45,000 stock options, delivered to the Company 15,703 shares of common stock of the Company for cancellation in payment of the exercise price of such options, and had 9,581 shares of common stock
- (1) of the Company withheld and cancelled to cover minimum required tax withholding. These share cancellations are shown on Table I as dispositions (Transaction Code "D" in Column 4), although none of these cancelled shares were sold into the market, as indicated by Transaction Code "F" in Column 3.
  - (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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