#### CIPRICH PAULA M

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* CIPRICH PAULA M

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

6363 MAIN STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 11/21/2012

General Counsel & Secretary

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

BUFFALO, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (Instr. 3) Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Stock

Appreciation \$ 52.1 11/21/2012 A 5,000 11/21/2012 03/11/2020 Common Stock 5,00

Right

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CIPRICH PAULA M 6363 MAIN STREET BUFFALO, NY 14221

General Counsel & Secretary

Amour

or Number of Shares

# **Signatures**

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact 11/26/2012

\*\*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 March 11, 2010, the reporting person was granted a stock appreciation right in respect of an aggregate of 15,000 shares of common stock. The stock appreciation right vests in three equal installments based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of a performance criterion for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012. The performance criterion for fiscal 2012 was met, resulting in vesting of the stock appreciation right as to 5,000 shares.

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