

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
Form 8-K  
December 30, 2013

**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): December 27, 2013**

**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))

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

On December 27, 2013, National Fuel Gas Company's (the Company) Executive Chairman of the Board, David F. Smith, provided notice to the Company of his intention to retire as an employee of the Company, effective April 1, 2014. Mr. Smith will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the Company's press release dated December 30, 2013 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

December 30, 2013

By: /s/ James R. Peterson  
James R. Peterson  
Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Press release furnished regarding management change