

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Amendment No. 12)*

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$1 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

636180101

(CUSIP Number)

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May 12, 2010

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Delaware

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| NUMBER OF | SHARED VOTING POWER | 4,802,938 |
| SHARES 8 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 4,802,938 |
| OWNED BY 9 | | |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING 10 | | |
| P E R S O N | | |
| WITH | | |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
4,802,938

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
5.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
OO

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New Mountain Vantage, L.P.

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Delaware

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| NUMBER OF | SHARED VOTING POWER | 808,218 |
| SHARES 8 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 808,218 |
| OWNED BY 9 | | |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING 10 | | |
| P E R S O N | | |
| WITH | | |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
808,218

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
1.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
New Mountain Vantage (California), L.P.

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GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Delaware

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| NUMBER OF | SHARED VOTING POWER | 514,948 |
| SHARES 8 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 514,948 |
| OWNED BY 9 | | |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING 10 | | |
| P E R S O N | | |
| WITH | | |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
514,948

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.6%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
PN

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 New Mountain Vantage (California) II, L.P.

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 GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
 WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR
 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
 Delaware

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 1,672,313 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 1,672,313 |

NUMBER OF
 SHARES BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY EACH
 REPORTING PERSON
 WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 1,672,313

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
 SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 2.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
 PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
New Mountain Vantage LO, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Delaware

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|--------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 11,674 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 11,674 |

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
P E R S O N
WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
11,674

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
Less than 0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
New Mountain Vantage Advisers, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Delaware

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 3,099,477 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 3,099,477 |

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
3,099,477

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
3.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
OO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
New Mountain Vantage (Cayman) Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| NUMBER OF | SHARED VOTING POWER | 92,324 |
| SHARES 8 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 92,324 |
| OWNED BY 9 | | |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING 10 | | |
| P E R S O N | | |
| WITH | | |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
92,324

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
New Mountain Vantage HoldCo Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| NUMBER OF | SHARED VOTING POWER | 92,324 |
| SHARES 8 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 92,324 |
| OWNED BY 9 | | |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING 10 | | |
| P E R S O N | | |
| WITH | | |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
92,324

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 Steven B. Klinsky

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
 GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
 AF, PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR
 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
 United States of America

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 4,895,262 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 4,895,262 |

NUMBER OF
 SHARES BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY EACH
 REPORTING PERSON
 WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 4,895,262

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
 SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 6.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
 IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 F. Fox Benton, III

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
 GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
 AF, PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR
 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
 United States of America

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| NUMBER OF | 100 |
| SHARES | 8 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| OWNED BY | 5,000 |
| EACH | 9 |
| REPORTING | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| PERSON | 100 |
| WITH | 10 |
| | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 5,000 |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 5,100

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
 SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 Less than 0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
David M. DiDomenico

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
United States of America

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 100 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 0 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 100 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
100

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
Less than 0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 Frederic V. Salerno

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
 GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
 PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR
 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
 United States of America

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 1,565 |
| NUMBER OF | SHARED VOTING POWER | 0 |
| SHARES 8 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 1,565 |
| BENEFICIALLY | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| OWNED BY 9 | | |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING 10 | | |
| PERSON | | |
| WITH | | |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 1,565

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
 SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 Less than 0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
 IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 NMV Special Holdings, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
 GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
 WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR
 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
 Delaware

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 0 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 1,795,785 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 1,795,785 |

NUMBER OF
 SHARES BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY EACH
 REPORTING PERSON
 WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 1,795,785

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
 SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 2.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
 OO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
California Public Employees' Retirement System

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
P U R S U A N T T O I T E M S 2 (d) O R
2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE ORGANIZATION
United States of America

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 197,990 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 1,795,785 |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 197,990 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 1,795,785 |

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,993,775

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
2.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
EP

This Amendment No. 12, filed by New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“Vantage GP”), New Mountain Vantage, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“NMV”), New Mountain Vantage (California), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“NMVC”), New Mountain Vantage (California) II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“NMVC II”), New Mountain Vantage LO, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“NMVLO”), New Mountain Vantage Advisers, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“NMV Advisers”), New Mountain Vantage (Cayman) Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempt limited company (“NMV Offshore”), New Mountain Vantage HoldCo Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempt limited company (“NMV Offshore HoldCo”), Mr. Steven B. Klinsky, Mr. F. Fox Benton, III, Mr. David M. DiDomenico, Mr. Frederic V. Salerno (collectively, the “NMV Entities”), NMV Special Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“NMVSH”), and the California Public Employees’ Retirement System, a unit of the California State and Consumer Services Agency charged with oversight of the Public Employees’ Retirement Fund (“CalPERS”) (NMV Entities, NMVSH and CalPERS, collectively, the “Reporting Persons”), amends the Schedule 13D (the “Schedule 13D”) filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on October 30, 2006, as amended, relating to the common stock, par value \$1 per share (“Common Stock”), of National Fuel Gas Company, a New Jersey corporation (the “Issuer”).¹

¹ Neither the present filing nor anything contained herein shall be construed as an admission that any Reporting Person constitutes a “person” for any purposes other than Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to add the following:

Mr. Salerno has become the beneficial owner of 400 shares of Common Stock through a quarterly grant under the National Fuel Gas Company Retainer Policy for Non-Employee Directors.

The aggregate purchase price of the 2,500 shares of Common Stock acquired by CalPERS, as described in Item 5(c), was \$129,148.55. Such shares were acquired with working capital.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a). The aggregate percentage of shares of Common Stock reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 81,920,814 shares of Common Stock outstanding, which is the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of April 30, 2010, as reported in the Issuer’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 2010.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, as described below, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 5,100,017 shares of Common Stock representing, in the aggregate, approximately 6.2% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, Mr. Klinsky may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 4,895,262 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO, NMV Offshore and NMVSH representing, in the aggregate, approximately 6.0% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Mr. Klinsky disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO, NMV Offshore and NMVSH, to the extent that partnership interests or limited liability company interests in NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO, NMV Offshore and

NMVSH are held by persons other than Mr. Klinsky.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, NMV Advisers may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 3,099,477 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO and NMV Offshore representing, in the aggregate, approximately 3.8% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. NMV Advisers disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO and NMV Offshore, to the extent that partnership interests in NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO and NMV Offshore are held by persons other than NMV Advisers.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, Vantage GP may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 4,802,938 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO and NMVSH representing, in the aggregate, approximately 5.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Vantage GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO and NMVSH to the extent that partnership interests or limited liability company interests in NMV, NMVC, NMVC II, NMVLO and NMVSH are held by persons other than Vantage GP.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, NMV Offshore may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 92,324 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by NMV Offshore HoldCo, representing approximately 0.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, (i) NMV may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 808,218 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 1.0% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, (ii) NMVC may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 514,948 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 0.6% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, (iii) NMVC II may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 1,672,313 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 2.0% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, (iv) NMVLO may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 11,674 shares of Common Stock, representing less than 0.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock and (v) NMV Offshore HoldCo may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 92,324 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 0.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, NMVSH may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 1,795,785 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 2.2% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, CalPERS may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 1,993,775 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by NMVSH and by CalPERS, representing approximately 2.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. CalPERS disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by NMVSH to the extent that membership interests in NMVSH are held by persons other than CalPERS.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, Mr. Benton may be deemed to beneficially own 100 shares of Common Stock and an additional 5,000 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Moreno Energy. These 5,100 shares of Common Stock represent less than 0.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, Mr. DiDomenico may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 100 shares of Common Stock, representing less than 0.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of the close of business on May 12, 2010, Mr. Salerno may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 1,565 shares of Common Stock, representing less than 0.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(b). Except as set forth below, each Reporting Person may be deemed to share the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own as described above. CalPERS may be deemed to have the sole power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the 197,990 shares of Common Stock that CalPERS owns directly. Mr. Benton and Mr. DiDomenico may each be deemed to have the sole power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the 100 shares of Common Stock that they each own directly, Mr. Salerno may be deemed to have the sole power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the 1,565 shares of Common Stock that Mr. Salerno owns directly, and Mr. Benton may be deemed to share the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the 5,000 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Moreno Energy.

(c). On April 1, 2010, Mr. Salerno obtained beneficial ownership of 400 shares of Common Stock through a quarterly grant under the National Fuel Gas Company Retainer Policy for Non-Employee Directors. On March 25, 2010, CalPERS acquired 2,100 shares of Common Stock on the open market for an aggregate purchase price of \$108,812.55 and on April 1, 2010, CalPERS acquired 400 shares of Common Stock on the open market for an aggregate purchase price of \$20,336.00. Schedule A annexed hereto lists all other transactions in the shares of Common Stock during the past sixty days by the Reporting Persons. All of the transactions listed on Schedule A were effected on the open market.

(d). No person is known by any Reporting Person to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, any shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by any Reporting Person.

(e). Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 14, 2010

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE GP, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE, L.P.

By: New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C.,
its general partner

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE (CALIFORNIA), L.P.

By: New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C.,
its general partner

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE (CALIFORNIA) II, L.P.

By: New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C.,
its general partner

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE LO, L.P.

By: New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C.,
its general partner

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE ADVISERS, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE (CAYMAN) LTD.

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Director

NEW MOUNTAIN VANTAGE HOLDCO LTD.

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Director

/s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky

/s/ F. Fox Benton, III
F. Fox Benton, III

/s/ David M. DiDomenico
David M. DiDomenico

/s/ Frederic V. Salerno
Frederic V. Salerno

NMV SPECIAL HOLDINGS, LLC

By: New Mountain Vantage GP, L.L.C.,
its managing member

By: /s/ Steven B. Klinsky
Steven B. Klinsky
Managing Member

California Public Employees' Retirement System

By: /s/ Eric Baggesen
Eric Baggesen
Title: Senior Investment Officer

SCHEDULE A
TRANSACTIONS IN THE PAST SIXTY DAYS BY THE REPORTING PERSONS

NMV

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive of commissions) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/17/2010 | 1,702 | 52.28 |
| 3/18/2010 | 826 | 51.76 |
| 3/19/2010 | 2,479 | 50.85 |
| 3/23/2010 | 9,918 | 52.18 |
| 3/24/2010 | 1,140 | 52.16 |
| 3/25/2010 | 743 | 51.94 |
| 3/26/2010 | 4,959 | 50.93 |
| 3/29/2010 | 9,918 | 51.20 |
| 3/30/2010 | 5,901 | 51.13 |
| 3/31/2010 | 4,678 | 50.90 |
| 4/1/2010 | 8,351 | 50.84 |
| 4/5/2010 | 7,438 | 51.78 |
| 4/6/2010 | 1,653 | 52.27 |
| 5/12/2010 | 11,257 | 52.55 |

NMVC

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive of commissions) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/17/2010 | 1,084 | 52.28 |
| 3/18/2010 | 526 | 51.76 |
| 3/19/2010 | 1,579 | 50.85 |
| 3/23/2010 | 6,318 | 52.18 |
| 3/24/2010 | 726 | 52.16 |
| 3/25/2010 | 473 | 51.94 |
| 3/26/2010 | 3,159 | 50.93 |
| 3/29/2010 | 6,318 | 51.20 |
| 3/30/2010 | 3,759 | 51.13 |
| 3/31/2010 | 2,980 | 50.90 |
| 4/1/2010 | 5,320 | 50.84 |
| 4/5/2010 | 4,738 | 51.78 |
| 4/6/2010 | 1,053 | 52.27 |
| 5/12/2010 | 7,146 | 52.55 |

NMVC II

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
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| | | of commissions) |
|-----------|--------|-----------------|
| 3/17/2010 | 3,514 | 52.28 |
| 3/18/2010 | 1,706 | 51.76 |
| 3/19/2010 | 5,118 | 50.85 |
| 3/23/2010 | 20,475 | 52.18 |
| 3/24/2010 | 2,354 | 52.16 |
| 3/25/2010 | 1,535 | 51.94 |
| 3/26/2010 | 10,237 | 50.93 |
| 3/29/2010 | 20,475 | 51.20 |
| 3/30/2010 | 12,182 | 51.13 |
| 3/31/2010 | 9,657 | 50.90 |
| 4/1/2010 | 17,241 | 50.84 |
| 4/5/2010 | 15,356 | 51.78 |
| 4/6/2010 | 3,412 | 52.27 |
| 5/12/2010 | 19,476 | 52.55 |

NMVLO

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive of commissions) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/17/2010 | 24 | 52.28 |
| 3/18/2010 | 11 | 51.76 |
| 3/19/2010 | 35 | 50.85 |
| 3/23/2010 | 143 | 52.18 |
| 3/24/2010 | 16 | 52.16 |
| 3/25/2010 | 10 | 51.94 |
| 3/26/2010 | 71 | 50.93 |
| 3/29/2010 | 143 | 51.20 |
| 3/30/2010 | 84 | 51.12 |
| 3/31/2010 | 67 | 50.90 |
| 4/1/2010 | 120 | 50.84 |
| 4/5/2010 | 107 | 51.78 |
| 4/6/2010 | 23 | 52.27 |
| 5/12/2010 | 167 | 52.55 |

NMV Offshore HoldCo

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive of commissions) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/17/2010 | 194 | 52.28 |
| 3/18/2010 | 94 | 51.76 |
| 3/19/2010 | 283 | 50.85 |
| 3/23/2010 | 1,133 | 52.18 |
| 3/24/2010 | 130 | 52.16 |
| 3/25/2010 | 85 | 51.94 |
| 3/26/2010 | 566 | 50.93 |
| 3/29/2010 | 1,133 | 51.20 |

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|-----------|-------|-------|
| 3/30/2010 | 674 | 51.13 |
| 3/31/2010 | 534 | 50.90 |
| 4/1/2010 | 954 | 50.84 |
| 4/5/2010 | 850 | 51.78 |
| 4/6/2010 | 189 | 52.27 |
| 5/12/2010 | 1,345 | 52.55 |

NMVSH

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive of commissions) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/17/2010 | 3,782 | 52.28 |
| 3/18/2010 | 1,837 | 51.76 |
| 3/19/2010 | 5,506 | 50.85 |
| 3/23/2010 | 22,013 | 52.18 |
| 3/24/2010 | 2,534 | 52.16 |
| 3/25/2010 | 1,654 | 51.94 |
| 3/26/2010 | 11,008 | 50.93 |
| 3/29/2010 | 22,013 | 51.20 |
| 3/30/2010 | 13,100 | 51.13 |
| 3/31/2010 | 10,385 | 50.90 |
| 4/1/2010 | 18,536 | 50.84 |
| 4/5/2010 | 16,511 | 51.78 |
| 4/6/2010 | 3,670 | 52.27 |
| 5/12/2010 | 22,827 | 52.55 |

CalPERS

| Date | Shares of Common Stock Sold | Approximate Price per Share (inclusive of commissions) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/30/2010 | 500 | 51.12 |