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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 20,

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) 13-10860 (IRS Employe Identificat

6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

14221 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 857-7000

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