



**National Fuel Gas Company Announces Appointment of James D. Ramsdell
as Senior Vice President in Charge of Safety**

(April 21, 2011) WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. – National Fuel Gas Company (NYSE:NFG) (“National Fuel” or the “Company”) today announced the following management change, to be effective May 1, 2011.

James D. Ramsdell has been promoted to the position of Senior Vice President of National Fuel, with responsibility for leading the Company’s initiatives for safety throughout all of its business operations, reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer. He most recently served as the Senior Vice President of Operations in the Company’s utility subsidiary with direct responsibility for Field Operations and Engineering in both the Utility and Pipeline & Storage segments. Ramsdell has a thorough and deep-seated knowledge of the Company’s infrastructure, having commenced his employment in 1976 as a management trainee in the utility’s Pennsylvania division. He worked as an Assistant Engineer (1979), Senior District Manager (1981), Assistant Superintendent (1984) and Superintendent (1985). Ramsdell was appointed Assistant Vice President, in charge of the Pennsylvania utility division, in 1989. He was transferred to Buffalo in 1993, where he became Vice President in 1994 and was named Senior Vice President for the utility in 2001. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Ramsdell and his wife, Ellen, live in Hamburg, N.Y.

David F. Smith, Chairman and CEO, said: “Jim has spent nearly 35 years in our regulated Operations working to maintain a safe and reliable natural gas delivery system for our customers, a long standing priority for the Company. I can think of no one with more experience or ability to take on the role of chief safety officer for the Company and to oversee and focus solely on our continued emphasis on safety with respect to our Company’s pipelines, storage fields, gathering systems, drilling sites and related facilities.”

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with \$5.0 billion of assets comprising four principal operating segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Utility, and Energy Marketing. Additional information about the Company is available at www.nationalfuelgas.com or through its investor information service at 1-800-334-2188.