



**National Fuel Board of Directors Nominee, Frederic V. Salerno,  
to Trim Board Commitments**

(February 8, 2008) Williamsville, NY: National Fuel Gas Company (NYSE: NFG) (the "Company") today announced that one of its nominees to its Board of Directors, Frederic V. Salerno, has committed to not stand for re-election in 2009 to one of the six Boards of Directors of public companies on which he currently serves. Salerno is now on the Company's slate of nominees to serve on the National Fuel Gas Company Board of Directors for a term to expire in 2011.

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with \$4.0 billion in assets comprised of the following five operating segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Utility, Energy Marketing, and Timber. Additional information about National Fuel is available on its Internet Web site: <http://www.nationalfuelgas.com> or through its investor information service at 1-800-334-2188.