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National Fuel Announces Executive Management Changes

(March 1, 2017) WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. – National Fuel Gas Company (“National Fuel” or the “Company”) (NYSE: NFG) announced the following executive management changes, effective Feb. 1, 2017.



Ann M. Wegrzyn has been promoted to Chief Information Officer (CIO) of National Fuel Gas Company. She is now responsible for developing and implementing critical information technology objectives and strategies across all of the Company’s subsidiaries. Wegrzyn is also responsible for the cyber security of corporate information systems. She will provide key leadership in technical management initiatives to make certain the outcomes support the goals of the business.

Wegrzyn started at National Fuel in 1985 as an Analyst. Having worked in various departments for National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, the Company’s utility segment, she was promoted to General Manager in 2000 and later to Assistant Vice President in 2006. In 2010, she was named Vice President with oversight of the Engineering Services, Information Services and Telecommunications departments.

Wegrzyn holds a Bachelor of Science in industrial and systems engineering and a Master’s of Business Administration from the University of Buffalo. In her free time, she is dedicated to her alma mater and the community at large with a focus on STEM education, serving on the UB Alumni Association Board of Directors, UB Industrial Engineering Department Advisory Board and Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Board. She resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.



Ramon P. Harris has been promoted to Vice President of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation. He is now responsible for the Measurement, Regulator and Corrosion Control Department in addition to continuing his responsibilities for management of Gas Storage, Gas Supply, Gas Measurement-Supply, Dispatch, and Transportation and Exchange Functions.

Harris joined National Fuel in 1991 as an Associate Engineer, following time spent at Columbia Gas Transmission. In 1999, he transferred to business development with National Fuel’s Horizon Energy subsidiary, and was involved with various international and domestic energy projects. Harris returned to National Fuel Gas Supply

Corporation in 2001 and was promoted to General Manager in 2003 and later to Assistant Vice President in 2008.

Harris earned a Bachelor of Science in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He is an active member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), the Independent Producers Association of America and the Ontario Petroleum Institute. He currently resides in Lancaster, N.Y.



Elena G. Mendel has been promoted to Assistant Controller of National Fuel's regulated companies, including National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation and Empire Pipeline, Inc.

Mendel was hired at National Fuel in 1994 as a financial accountant after six years at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Throughout her time at National Fuel, she has held various management positions in the audit, accounting and benefits services areas, including at Seneca Resources Corporation – the Company's exploration and production segment. In 2012, she was promoted to Chief Auditor with oversight of the Audit Department.

Mendel holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from the University at Buffalo and is a Certified Public Accountant. She resides on Grand Island, N.Y.



Craig K. Swiech has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation. He is now responsible for the day-to-day management of field operations for the regulated subsidiaries in New York.

Swiech joined the Company in 1993 as a management trainee, working in various departments. Since 2007, he had been serving as Superintendent of Operations responsible for the Utility's construction and customer service, including meter reading and new services throughout the New York service territory.

Swiech holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University and resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

About the Company

National Fuel Gas Company is a diversified energy company headquartered in Western New York that operates an integrated collection of natural gas and oil assets across five business segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Gathering, Utility, and Energy Marketing. Additional information about National Fuel is available at www.nationalfuelgas.com.

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation is the Utility segment of National Fuel Gas Company, a diversified energy company that is engaged in a number of natural gas-related activities. The Utility provides natural gas service to approximately 740,000 customers in Western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation is part of the Pipeline and Storage segment of National Fuel Gas Company, specializing in transporting and storing natural gas and serving utilities, pipelines, marketers, and energy generators in the growing markets of the northeastern U.S.

Empire Pipeline, Inc. is part of the Pipeline and Storage segment of National Fuel Gas Company, providing interstate natural gas transmission services for affiliated and nonaffiliated companies through a high-pressure gas pipeline system that extends more than 245 miles throughout Western and Central New York.

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