

## **Matthew D. Cabell to Head National Fuel's Exploration and Production Unit**

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### ***Cabell Has 26 Years of Industry Experience***

WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 21, 2006--National Fuel Gas Company (NYSE: NFG) announces that Matthew D. Cabell has been named President of Seneca Resources Corporation ("Seneca"), the energy company's Houston-based Exploration and Production subsidiary.

"We are pleased to have successfully concluded our search for a new President of Seneca and offer Matt a warm welcome to the Company. His demonstrated success in business as well as his technical expertise in the energy industry, coupled with his proven ability to develop and execute long-term strategies for growth are well suited to meet the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities ahead,"\* said David F. Smith, President and Chief Operating Officer of National Fuel Gas Company. "We expect Matt to be a great fit in our management team as he takes the helm of this important segment of our business and directs its development in the coming years."\*

Cabell joins Seneca in December after spending more than 26 years in the energy industry that include being at the forefront of several significant discoveries in the Gulf of Mexico, gathering significant experience with some of the largest energy companies in the nation and building, from the ground up, a successful exploration and production company. In just three years, while serving as Executive Vice President and General Manager of Marubeni Oil and Gas (USA) in Houston, Texas, Cabell built a significant exploration and production company. Before that, his career experience also includes serving as Vice President, Gulf of Mexico Exploration for Texaco Corporation (Houston, Texas), Division Geologist for Amerada Hess Corporation (Houston, Texas) and various positions with Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc. (New Orleans, Louisiana).

Cabell was born in Auburn Hills, Michigan and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Michigan and a Masters of Business Administration from Cornell University. He resides in the Houston area with his wife, Deborah, and their son.

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with \$3.7 billion in assets comprising five principal operating segments: Utility, Pipeline and Storage, Exploration and Production, Energy Marketing, and Timber. Additional information about the Company is available at <http://www.nationalfuelgas.com> or through its investor information service at 1 (800) 334-2188.

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