National Fuel Gas Company Mourns the Death of Board Member John F. Riordan

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(August 8, 2008) Williamsville, New York: It is with regret that National Fuel Gas Company (NYSE: NFG) announces that on Thursday, August 7, 2008, John F. Riordan, 72, a member of the National Fuel Gas Company Board of Directors since 2000, passed away after a short illness. Riordan's 40-year career in the energy industry included serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Gas Technology/Gas Research Institute, President and Chief Executive Officer of MidCon Corporation and President of the commodity chemical business at Occidental Petroleum.

"Our sympathies are with John's family at this sad time. He was a most valuable member of our Board of Directors and his leadership and keen insight strongly contributed to the success and growth the Company has achieved. He will be deeply missed," said David F. Smith, President and CEO of National Fuel Gas Company.

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