National Fuel Declares Quarterly Dividend

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(September 17, 2009) WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK: The Board of Directors of National Fuel Gas Company (NYSE:NFG) today approved payment of a regular quarterly dividend of 33.5 cents per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable October 15, 2009, to shareholders of record on September 30, 2009.

The company has approximately 80.4 million shares of common stock outstanding. It has no preferred stock outstanding.

National Fuel has paid dividends for 107 consecutive years and has increased its annual dividend for 39 straight years. In June 2009, the dividend was increased by 3.1 percent.

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with $4.4 billion in assets comprised of the following four principal operating segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Utility, and Energy Marketing. Additional information about National Fuel is available at investor.nationalfuelgas.com or through its investor information service at 1-800-334-2188.

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