National Fuel Appoints New Director of Investor Relations

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Williamsville, New York: National Fuel Gas Company ("National Fuel" or the "Company") (NYSE:NFG) today announced that James C. Welch has been named Director of Investor Relations for the Company, effective June 1, 2007. Mr. Welch will be responsible for all aspects of the Company's investor relations program.

Mr. Welch joined National Fuel in 2002 and has worked with several departments of National Fuel's subsidiaries, including Finance, Rates and Regulatory Affairs, and most recently, Interstate Marketing. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Ronald J. Tanski, Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer of National Fuel, stated, "Jim has acquired extensive knowledge and skills in various operational aspects as well as internal support services in his positions at National Fuel. We are confident that he will be effective in maintaining the high quality of information exchanged with the investment community."

Mr. Welch succeeds Margaret M. Suto, who will join Seneca Resources Corporation ("Seneca") as its Manager of Land Administration, East Division. Seneca is the Company's wholly owned exploration and production segment. Tanski added, "Margaret has provided invaluable assistance to the Company and the financial community as our Investor Relations Director during the last nine years. We appreciate her dedication and the high level to which she raised our investor relations program."

Questions about National Fuel Gas Company, or requests for financial information, should be directed to Jim Welch at (716) 857-6987 or via e-mail at welchj@natfuel.com.

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

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