National Fuel Declares Quarterly Dividend

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(December 10, 2009) WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK: National Fuel Gas Company's (NYSE:NFG) Board of Directors today approved payment of a regular quarterly dividend of 33.5 cents per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable January 15, 2010, to shareholders of record on December 31, 2009.

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 $4.8 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 1-800-334-2188.

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