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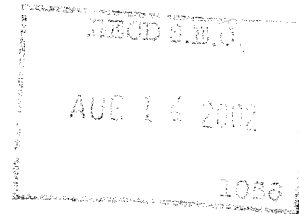
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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order of June 27, 2002 in File No. 4-460, enclosed are the sworn statements of National Fuel Gas Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer. Both certifications conform with the form prescribed by Exhibit A to the Order and are without modification. These statements will also be filed electronically with the Commission as exhibits under Item 9 of a Form 8-K, and will be made available on National Fuel's website.

Sincerely,

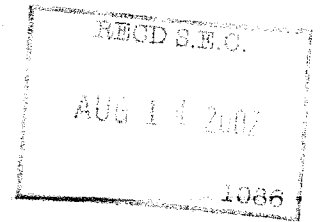
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James R. Peterson  
Assistant Secretary



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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF  
PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING  
TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Philip C. Ackerman, principal executive officer, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of National Fuel Gas Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2001;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of National Fuel Gas Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Philip C. Ackerman  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2002.

*/s/ Janet M. Conrad*  
Notary Public

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