

NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO  
Form 35-CERT  
May 11, 2005

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY  
NATIONAL FUEL RESOURCES, INC.

FIFTY-THIRD  
CERTIFICATE  
PURSUANT TO  
RULE 24

File No. 70-7833

(Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935)

In accordance with the terms of the Order dated December 20, 1991 issued to National Fuel Gas Company ("National") authorizing National to acquire the common stock of National Fuel Resources, Inc. ("NFR") (File No. 70-7833, HCAR No. 35-25437), attached as Exhibit "A" is an Income Statement of NFR for the Six and Twelve Months ended March 31, 2005. Also attached as Exhibit "B" is the Balance sheet of NFR as of March 31, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned companies have duly caused this Certificate to be signed this 11th day of May 2005.

NATIONAL FUEL RESOURCES, INC.

By: /s/ Donna L. DeCarolis  
Donna L. DeCarolis, President

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

By: /s/ James R. Peterson  
James R. Peterson, Assistant Secretary