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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and AdVISINTAIN	•	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC [ARG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
	AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. NOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100		(Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2007	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President, Sales			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
RADNOR, PA 19087			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ansaction Date 2A. Deemed			ties A ispose 4 and (A) or (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/05/2007		M	1,750	A	\$ 11.5	8,168 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock	12/05/2007		S	1,750	D	\$ 51.6	6,168 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock							553 (2)	I	By 401(k) plan	
Common Stock							100 (3)	I	By immediate family	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.6	12/05/2007		M		1,750	<u>(4)</u>	05/18/2009	Common Stock	1,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VISINTAINER PATRICK M C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087

Senior Vice President, Sales

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick M.
Visintainer

12/07/2007

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Includes 4,168 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 12/7/2007, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 6/19/2007, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's 6/21/2007 Form 4, a total of 52 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).
- (2) This information presented is as of 12/7/2007, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan.

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- These shares are owned by a parent of the reporting person who does not live in the same household as the reporting person. The (3) reporting person disclaims beneficial onwership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting
- person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/18/2000, 5/18/2001, 5/18/2002 and 5/18/2003.
- (5) Not applicable.

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