

AIRGAS INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VISINTAINER PATRICK M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.  
RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100

(Street)

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AIRGAS INC [ARG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President, Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 750 A \$ 11.5   | 5,020 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2008                           |  | S                              | 750 D \$ 35   | 4,270 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 561 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k) plan  |
| Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   | 0 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | By immediate family <sup>(3)</sup>                    |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 11.5  | 12/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 750   | <u>(4)</u> 05/18/2009                                    | Common Stock 750  |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| VISINTAINER PATRICK M<br>C/O AIRGAS, INC.<br>259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100<br>RADNOR, PA 19087 |               |           | Senior Vice President, Sales |       |

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick M. Visintainer  
Date: 12/17/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

(1) Includes 4,270 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 12/15/2008, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 5/13/2008, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed 5/14/2008, a total of 48 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

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This information presented is as of 12/15/08, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 5/13/2008, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed 5/14/2008, a total of 6 shares have been acquired in the 401(k) plan in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

- Forms 4 previously filed by the reporting person included 100 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock owned by a parent of the reporting person. The reporting person has disclaimed beneficial ownership of these shares in a previously filed Form 4, and these shares are no longer considered beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (3) person. The reporting person has disclaimed beneficial ownership of these shares in a previously filed Form 4, and these shares are no longer considered beneficially owned by the reporting person.
  - (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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