

MCCAUSLAND PETER  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCCAUSLAND PETER

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
03/31/2011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

RADNOR, PA 19087

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)	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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/08/2011	^	G	49,047 D \$ <sup>(1)</sup>	6,668,120	D	^
Common Stock	12/15/2011	^	G	22,743 D \$ <sup>(1)</sup>	6,645,377	D	^
Common Stock	12/23/2011	^	G	230,000 <sub>(2)</sub> A \$ <sup>(1)</sup>	6,875,377	D	^
Common Stock	12/23/2011	^	G	40,000 A \$ <sup>(1)</sup>	6,915,377	D	^

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Stock	<u>(2)</u>								
Common Stock	02/02/2012	Â	G	4,022	D	\$ <u>(1)</u>	6,911,355	D	Â
Common Stock	03/16/2012	Â	G	<u>100,000</u> <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ <u>(1)</u>	7,011,355	D	Â
Common Stock	01/19/2012	Â	G	265,400	D	\$ <u>(1)</u>	342,540 <u>(3)</u>	I	By trusts
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,500 <u>(4)</u>	I	By immediate family
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	48,165 <u>(5)</u>	I	By 401(k) plan

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCAUSLAND PETER C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Â X	Â X	Â Chairman, President and CEO	Â
MCCAUSLAND BONNIE F ERDENHEIM FARM P.O. BOX 274 LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444	Â	Â X	Â	Â

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Peter  
McCausland

05/14/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Bonnie F.  
McCausland

05/14/2012

\_\_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) Not applicable.

Represents shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock distributed to Peter McCausland and Bonnie McCausland (and held jointly) from two separate grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs) of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee with Bonnie McCausland and either he or she is a beneficiary.

(3) Represents shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock held in four separate GRATs of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee with Bonnie McCausland and either he or she is a beneficiary.

(4) Represents 1,500 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock owned directly by Bonnie McCausland and indirectly by Peter McCausland.

The information presented is as of 3/31/2012. Since 10/27/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed on 10/31/2011, a total of 569 shares of common stock have been acquired in the reporting person's 401(k) plan through transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

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