

SNEED PAULA A
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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 *
SNEED PAULA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.
RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, 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)
12/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2009	A	8.81		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>			Common Stock	8.81	\$ 47.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SNEED PAULA A C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	X			

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Paula A. Sneed 01/05/2010
 **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) Acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s deferred compensation plan as a result of the reinvestment under the plan of dividends declared and paid with respect to shares of Airgas, Inc.'s common stock underlying the phantom stock.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of Airgas, Inc. common stock.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following the reporting person's termination of service as a director with Airgas, Inc. The reporting person may transfer her phantom stock account into an alternative investment account under the plan at any time.

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