

Smyth Thomas M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Smyth Thomas M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.  
RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD,  
SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/06/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP and Controller

(Street)  
RADNOR, PA 19087

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

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

(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 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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,625 A \$ 21.15  | 3,844 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2012                           |  | S                              | 1,625 D \$ 83.81 <sup>(2)</sup>                                   | 2,219 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,126 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 21.15   | 09/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,625   | <sup>(4)</sup> 05/25/2014                                | Common Stock  | 1,625                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Smyth Thomas M<br>C/O AIRGAS, INC.<br>259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100<br>RADNOR, PA 19087 |               |           | VP and Controller |       |

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for Thomas M. Smyth  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

09/10/2012  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 2,219 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 09/06/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 12/01/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 12/02/2011 Form 4, a total of 213 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
- (2) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$83.77-\$83.85) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
- (3)

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The information presented is as of 09/06/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 12/01/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 12/02/2011 Form 4, a total of 51 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).

(4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 05/25/2005, 05/25/2006, 05/25/2007 and 05/25/2008.

(5) Not Applicable.

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