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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hooper Max D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 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)
03/02/2005

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)
Division President-West

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2006		A		2,000	A	$ 19.25	7,580 (1)	D	
Common Stock								403 (2)	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. D Sec (Ins
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 19.25	03/02/2006		M		2,000		(3)	07/01/2006	Common Stock	2,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hooper Max D C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087			Division President-West	

Signatures

Todd Craun, attorney-in-fact for reporting person	03/03/2006
**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 5,580 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 3/2/06, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings in the ESPP. Since 12/1/2005, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 12/1/2005 Form 3, a total of 254 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(2) The information presented is as of 3/2/2006, the date of the latest available statment of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 12/1/2005, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 12/1/2005 Form 3, a total of zero shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(3) These options are fully exercisable.

(4) Not applicable.

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