

AIRGAS INC
Form 4
May 26, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRICHTON ALFRED B

(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)
05/24/2005

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Div. President - West

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)			
			Code	V	Amount		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 Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		S (	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.09	05/24/2005	A		16,900		<u>(1)</u>	05/24/2015	Common Stock	16,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CRICHTON ALFRED B C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Div. President - West

Signatures

Dean A. Bertolino, Attorney-in-Fact for Alfred B.
Crichton 05/26/2005

 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) Options become exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/24/2006, 5/24/2007, 5/24/2008 and 5/24/2009.

(2) Not applicable.

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