

FORM 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses) Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hooper Max D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC ARG	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RA DNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 (Street) RADNOR - PA - 19087 (City) (State) (Zip)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05-20-2008	(give title below) (specify below) Division President-West
	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Execut. Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Sec Beneficially Owned Following Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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 Execut. Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3)	6. Date and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	9. Number of Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	10. Ownership Form: Derivative (D) or Beneficially (B) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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	Code	V	(A)	(D)	3, 4 and 5)	Date	Exer- tion Date	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Owned following reported tran.(s)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Instr. 4
Stock Op- tion (Right to Buy)						05-20-2008		05-20-2016	Common Stock	15,800	15,800	D	
						#1				#2			

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hooper Max D C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 RADNOR PA 19087	.	.	Division P resident-W est	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1 Options become exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/20/2009, 5/20/2010, 5/20/2011 and 5/20/2012.
- 2 Not applicable.

Remarks:

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Max Hooper / 05-22-2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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