

AIRGAS INC  
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**

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 \*  
MCCAUSLAND PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.  
RADNOR-CHESTER RD, 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)  
12/11/2008

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)

Chariman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/08/2008		G	V	22,000 (1)	A	(2) 7,020,518 (3) D
Common Stock	06/17/2008		G	V	5,678	D	(2) 7,014,840 (3) D
Common Stock	06/18/2008		G	V	1,217	D	(2) 7,013,623 (3) D
Common Stock	12/11/2008		M		130,000	A	\$ 11.5 7,143,623 (3) D
Common Stock							228,000 (4) I By trusts

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Common Stock	41,500 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	By immediate family
Common Stock	44,442 <sup>(6)</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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	12/11/2008		M	130,000	<sup>(7)</sup> 05/18/2009	Common Stock	130,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCAUSLAND PETER C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	X	X	Chariman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Peter McCausland 12/15/2008

\_\_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).

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Represents 22,000 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock distributed to Peter McCausland and his spouse (and held jointly) from two separate grantor retained annuity trusts (each, a "GRAT") of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee with his spouse and either he or his spouse is a beneficiary.

- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Includes 15,700 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock owned directly by Peter McCausland and indirectly by his spouse.
- (4) Represents 228,000 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock held in two separate GRATs of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee and either he or his spouse is a beneficiary.
- (5) Represents 41,500 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock owned directly by his spouse and indirectly by Peter McCausland.

The information presented is as of 12/11/2008, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since March 7, 2008, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 dated March 11, 2008, a total of 735 shares of common stock have been acquired in the reporting person's 401(k) plan through transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

- (6) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/18/2000, 5/18/2001, 5/18/2002 and 5/18/2003.

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