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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AIRGAS INC [ARG] Graff Leslie J (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. (Check all applicable) RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, **SUITE 100** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Sr. VP - Corporate Development _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person RADNOR. PAÂ 19087 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 707 (1) D Common Stock 250 Ι By Immediate Family Common Stock 4,018 (2) I By 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 15.63	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/14/2008	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 15.94	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	03/04/2009	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 8.5	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/18/2009	Common Stock	6,250	\$ 11.5	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/11/2010	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 6.94	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/08/2011	Common Stock	6,970	\$ 8.99	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	03/11/2012	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 19.3	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	05/06/2012	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 16.52	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	05/12/2013	Common Stock	6,900	\$ 19.22	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	05/25/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 21.15	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	08/04/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 21.51	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(8)	05/24/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 24.09	D	Â	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(9)	05/23/2014	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 36.17	D	Â	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
Transfer of the second	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Graff Leslie J C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR. PA 19087	Â	Â	Sr. VP - Corporate Development	Â			

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Leslie J. Graff 08/24/2006

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Includes 707 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 8/15/2006, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings.
- (2) The information presented is as of 8/15/2006, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan.
- (3) These options are fully exercisable.
- These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/6/2003, 5/6/2004, 5/6/2005 and 5/6/2006.
- (5) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/12/2004, 5/12/2005, 5/12/2006 and 5/12/2007.
- (6) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/25/2005, 5/25/2006, 5/25/2007 and 5/25/2008.
- These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 8/4/2005, 8/4/2006, 8/4/2007 and 8/4/2008.
- (8) These options will become exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/24/2006, 5/24/2007, 5/24/2008 and 5/24/2009.
- (9) These options will become exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/23/2007, 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.

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