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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] Smyth Thomas M (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2006 (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) VP and Controller \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

RADNOR, PAÂ 19087

(State)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Person

Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 401 (1) D Common Stock 644 (2) Ι By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Zip)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying Derivative Security

Conversion Ownership or Exercise

Form of (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Conversion or Exercise

Form of (Instr. 5)

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		(Instr. 4)			Price of	Derivative	
	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)	05/06/2012	Common Stock	6,300	\$ 16.52	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	05/12/2013	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 19.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	05/25/2014	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 21.15	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	05/24/2015	Common Stock	6,200	\$ 24.09	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	05/23/2016	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 36.17	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Smyth Thomas M C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR Â PA Â 19087	Â	Â	VP and Controller	Â		

#### **Signatures**

Thomas M. Smyth 11/21/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### **Explanation of Responses:**

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

Date

- \*\* 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 401 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 11/15/2006, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings.
- (2) The information presented is as of 11/15/2006, 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 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.
- 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.
- (5) 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 5/24/2006, 5/24/2007, 5/24/2008 and 5/24/2009.

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(7) 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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