DOUGHERTY ROBERT A

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad DOUGHERT | | - | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC [ARG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) C/O AIRGAS, INC., | | (Middle) N. | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2012 | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| RADNOR-C SUITE 100 | HESTER R | OAD, | | below) below) Sr. V.P. and CIO | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab l | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 09/10/2012 | | M | 10,900 | A | \$ 21.15 | 16,269 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/10/2012 | | M | 2,000 | A | \$ 21.51 | 18,269 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/10/2012 | | S | 12,900 | D | \$ 86.03 (2) | 5,369 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 579 <u>(3)</u> | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day, | ate | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.15 | 09/10/2012 | | M | 10,900 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/25/2014 | Common Stock | 10,900 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.51 | 09/10/2012 | | M | 2,000 | <u>(6)</u> | 08/04/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOUGHERTY ROBERT A C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087

Sr. V.P. and CIO

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for Robert A.

Dougherty

09/12/2012

**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) Includes 307 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 9/10/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 2/23/2012, the date of the statement

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relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 2/27/2012 Form 4, a total of 115 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).

- (2) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$86.00-\$86.22) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
 - The information presented is as of 9/10/2012, the date of the latest available statment of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc.
- (3) common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 2/23/2012, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 2/27/2012 Form 4, a total of 202 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
- (4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/25/2005, 5/25/2006, 5/25/2007 and 5/25/2008.
- (5) Not Applicable.
- (6) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 8/04/2005, 8/04/2006, 8/04/2007 and 8/04/2008.

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