

AIRGAS INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|--|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement   | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |
| Â Smyth Thomas M   |         | (Month/Day/Year)   | AIRGAS INC [ARG]                            |   |
| (Last)   | (First) | 11/15/2006   |   |   |
| C/O AIRGAS, INC.,Â 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 |         | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)   |         | (Check all applicable)   |   |   |
| RADNOR,Â PAÂ 19087                                       |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>VP and Controller |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)  |   |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

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

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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|                             | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3)            | 05/06/2012      | Common Stock        | 6,300                      | \$ 16.52                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (4)            | 05/12/2013      | Common Stock        | 6,500                      | \$ 19.22                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (5)            | 05/25/2014      | Common Stock        | 6,500                      | \$ 21.15                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (6)            | 05/24/2015      | Common Stock        | 6,200                      | \$ 24.09                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (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<br>C/O AIRGAS, INC.<br>259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100<br>RADNOR, PA 19087 | Â             | Â         | Â VP and Controller | Â     |

## Signatures

Thomas M. Smyth 11/21/2006

\*\*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 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.
- (4) 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.
- (6) 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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