

Hooper Max D  
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 \*  
Hooper Max D

(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)  
02/21/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Division President-West

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2012                           |  | M                              | 15,800 A \$ 36.17   | 31,810 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2012                           |  | S                              | 12,800 D \$ 80.06 <sup>(2)</sup>                                  | 19,010 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,569 <sup>(3)</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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 36.17   | 02/21/2012                           |  | M                              | 15,800  | <sup>(4)</sup> 05/23/2014                                | Common Stock  | 15,800                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Hooper Max D<br>C/O AIRGAS, INC.<br>259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100<br>RADNOR, PA 19087 |               |           | Division President-West |       |

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Max Hooper  
Date: 02/23/2012

\_\_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 8,565 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 2/21/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 11/9/2009, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 11/10/2009 Form 4, a total of 861 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
  - (2) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$79.77-\$80.37) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
  - (3) The information presented is as of 2/21/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 11/9/2009, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 11/10/2009 Form 5, a total of 126 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
  - (4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/23/2007, 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.

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(5) Not applicable.

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