

AIRGAS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOVEY JAMES W**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.  
RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, 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)  
**05/23/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/25/2016		G		10,000	D	
					(A) or (D)		
Common Stock	05/23/2016		D		3,493	D	
					\$ 143		
Common Stock	05/23/2016		D		79,240	D	By Family Trust
					\$ 143		

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)	\$ 57.49	05/23/2016		D	6,500	<u>(3)</u> 08/05/2016	Common Stock	6,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.18	05/23/2016		D	7,000	<u>(3)</u> 08/18/2017	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 67.63	05/23/2016		D	5,500	<u>(3)</u> 09/23/2018	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 64.05	05/23/2016		D	5,782	<u>(3)</u> 08/29/2019	Common Stock	5,782
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 82.74	05/23/2016		D	4,600	<u>(3)</u> 08/14/2020	Common Stock	4,600
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 105.41	05/23/2016		D	4,500	<u>(3)</u> 08/06/2021	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 107.17	05/23/2016		D	5,000	<u>(3)</u> 08/05/2022	Common Stock	5,000

Buy)									
Stock									
Option	\$ 102.7	05/23/2016		D	6,300	<u>(3)</u>	08/04/2023	Common	6,300
(Right to								Stock	
Buy)									

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOVEY JAMES W C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087		X		

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for James W. Hovey	05/24/2016
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\_\_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) Not applicable.

(2) Disposed of pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 17, 2015, among the Issuer, L'Air Liquide, S.A. and AL Acquisition Corporation, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Air Liquide ("Merger Agreement"), in exchange for the cash merger consideration of \$143.00 per share of Airgas, Inc. common stock disposed of by the reporting person in connection with the merger.

(3) Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, each stock option outstanding on the effective date of the merger, whether vested or unvested, was canceled in exchange for a cash payment equal to the product of (x) the excess of the cash per share merger consideration (\$143.00) over the exercise price of the stock option and (y) the number of shares of common stock subject to the option on the effective day of the merger.

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