

AIRGAS INC  
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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 \*  
MCCAUSLAND PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.  
RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD,  
SUITE 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)  
09/20/2005

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)  
Chairman of the Board and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 09/20/2005                           |  | S                              | V   | Amount 1,000,000 (A) or (D) D Price \$ 27.5   | 7,254,466 <sup>(1)</sup> D                               |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,500 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | Immediate Family                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 41,819 <sup>(3)</sup>   | I  | 401(k) Plan                       |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2005                           |  | J                              | V   | Amount 307,340 <sup>(4)</sup> (A) or (D) D Price <sup>(5)</sup> 0 <sup>(4)</sup>              | I  | Trust F/B/O Children              |



## 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 15,700 shares owned directly by Peter McCausland and indirectly by Bonnie F. McCausland.

(2) Represents 1,500 shares owned directly by Bonnie F. McCausland and indirectly by Peter McCausland.

The information presented is as of 9/13/2005, the date of the latest available statement of Peter McCausland's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 4/8/2005, the date relied upon for the amount reported on Peter McCausland's May 18, 2005 Form 4, a total of 115 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) by Rule 16b-3(c).

These shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock are held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Persons' children, under which each child is a beneficiary of the trust. On or about April 20, 2005, Bonnie McCausland resigned as a trustee of the trust (and, as a result, as of and since such time, neither of the Reporting Persons has been a trustee of the trust), thereby eliminating each Reporting Person's power to vote, dispose of or direct the voting or disposition of the shares held in trust. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that either of them is the beneficial owner of such securities.

(5) Not applicable.

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