AIRGAS INC
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July 23, 2010

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION

STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 23)

AIRGAS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

AIRGAS, INC.

(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

009363102

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Robert H. Young, Jr.

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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This Amendment No. 23 to Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (as amended from time to time, the Statement) originally filed by Airgas, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Airgas or the Company), with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 22, 2010, relating to the tender offer by Air Products Distribution, Inc. (AP Sub), a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (Air Products), to purchase all of the outstanding shares of Airgas Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share, including the associated rights to purchase shares of Series C Junior Participating Preferred Stock (Rights, and together with the Airgas Common Stock, the Airgas Common Shares), at a price of $63.50 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest and less any required withholding taxes. Except as specifically noted herein, the information set forth in the Statement remains unchanged. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment without definition have the respective meanings set forth in the Statement.

ITEM 9. EXHIBITS

Item 9 of the Statement is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibit.

Exhibit Number	**Description**
(a)(44)	Press release issued by Airgas, dated July 22, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on July 22, 2010).

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

AIRGAS, INC.

By: /s/ ROBERT H. YOUNG, JR.
Name: **Robert H. Young, Jr.**
Title: **Senior Vice President and General Counsel**
Dated: July 22, 2010

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