AIRGAS INC Form 4 September 06, 2005

#### FORM 4

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add MCLAUGHL	•	_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC [ARG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(encen un appneaeie)		
C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD., STE. 100			(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2005	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President - Controller		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
RADNOR, PA 19087			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative (	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		Securities Form Beneficially (D) Owned Indi	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		Code V M	Amount 6,000	(D)	Price \$ 10.49	11,599 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S	200	D	\$ 27.99	11,399 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S	5,800	D	\$ 27.94	5,599 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.49	09/01/2005		M	6,000	<u>(2)</u>	06/25/2011	Common Stock	6,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCLAUGHLIN ROBERT M C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD., STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087

Vice President - Controller

#### **Signatures**

Robert M.

McLaughlin 09/06/2005

\*\*Signature of Person Date

\*\*Reporting Person

#### **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).
- Includes 5,599 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 9/6/2005, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 11/17/2004, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 11/17/2004 Form 4, a total of 1,752 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
- (2) Options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 6/25/2002, 6/25/2003, 6/25/2004 and 6/25/2005.
- (3) Not applicable.

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