

Hooper Max D
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FORM 4

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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)
02/13/2013

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
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/13/2013		M		15,800 A \$ 43.62	35,089 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	02/13/2013		M		10,300 A \$ 25.5	45,389 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	02/13/2013		M		11,100 A \$ 60.84	56,489 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	02/13/2013		S		37,200 D \$ 98.08 ⁽²⁾	19,289 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	02/14/2013		M		4,700 A \$ 60.84	23,989 ⁽¹⁾	D

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Common Stock	02/14/2013	M	13,725	A	\$ 43.06	37,714 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2013	S	18,425	D	\$ 97.8 ⁽³⁾	19,289 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock						4,636 ⁽⁴⁾	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)	\$ 43.62	02/13/2013		M	15,800	⁽⁵⁾ 05/08/2015	Common Stock	15,800
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.5	02/13/2013		M	10,300	⁽⁷⁾ 05/24/2015	Common Stock	10,300
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.84	02/13/2013		M	11,100	⁽⁸⁾ 05/20/2016	Common Stock	11,100
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.84	02/14/2013		M	4,700	⁽⁸⁾ 05/20/2016	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.06	02/14/2013		M	13,725	⁽⁹⁾ 05/19/2017	Common Stock	13,725

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Max Hooper
 02/15/2013
 **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 8,844 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 2/13/2013, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 2/21/2012, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 2/23/2012 Form 4, a total of 279 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
 - (2) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$98.00 - \$98.40) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
 - (3) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$97.75 - \$98.06) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
 - (4) The information presented is as of 2/13/2013, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 2/21/2012, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 2/23/2012 Form 4, a total of 67 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
 - (5) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/08/2008, 5/08/2009, 5/08/2010 and 5/08/2011.
 - (6) Not applicable.
 - (7) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 8/07/2008, 8/07/2009, 8/07/2010 and 8/07/2011.
 - (8) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/20/2009, 5/20/2010, 5/20/2011 and 5/20/2012.
 - (9) These options became or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% equal increments on each of 5/19/2010, 5/19/2011, 5/19/2012 and 5/19/2013.

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