AIRGAS INC Form SC 13G/A February 10, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 13) *

AIRGAS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

009363 10 2

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[] Rule 13d-1(b)

[] Rule 13d-1(c)

[X] Rule 13d-1(d)

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	F REPORTING I	PERSON NTIFICATION NO. OF	'ABOVE PERSON			
Peter	McCausland					
2. CHECK	. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [] (b) [X]					
3. SEC US	E ONLY					
4. CITIZE	NSHIP OR PLAC	CE OF ORGANIZATION	1			
United	States					
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWE	IR			
		725,925				
NUMBER OF SHARES	6.	SHARED VOTING PO	WER			
BENEFICIAL OWNED BY EACH		10,225,937				
REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE	POWER			
PERSON WITH		725,925				
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITI	VE POWER			
		10,225,937				
9. AGGREG	ATE AMOUNT BI	ENEFICIALLY OWNED	BY EACH REPORTIN	IG PERSON		
10,951	,862					
10. CHECK	BOX IF THE A	AGGREGATE AMOUNT I	N ROW (9) EXCLUD	DES CERTAIN SHARES*		
11. PERCE	NT OF CLASS I	REPRESENTED BY AMO	OUNT IN ROW 9			
14.8%						
12. TYPE	OF REPORTING	PERSON*				
IN						
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Item 1(a)	Name of Issu	aer				
	Airgas, Inc					

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices Airgas, Inc. Radnor Court 259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100 Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087-5283 Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing Peter McCausland Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence Airgas, Inc. Radnor Court 259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100 Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087-5283 Item 2(c) Citizenship United States Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share Item 2(e) CUSIP Number 009363 10 2 CUSIP No. 009363 10 2 13G Page 4 of 6 pages Item 3 If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a: ___ Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act; __ Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of (b) the Exchange Act; __ Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of (C) the Exchange Act; (d) __ Investment company registered under Section 8 of

the Investment Company Act;

- An investment adviser in accordance with Rule (e) 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- A parent holding company or control person in (g) accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- A church plan that is excluded from the definition of (i) an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4 Ownership

(a) and (b) Peter McCausland beneficially owned an aggregate of 10,951,862 shares of the issuer's Common Stock, or approximately 14.8% of the shares outstanding, as of December 31, 2003, of which 1,068,750 shares were issuable upon exercise of employee stock options.

(c) Peter McCausland had sole power to vote or to direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, 725,925 shares of the issuer's Common Stock, of which 670,486 shares were issuable upon exercise of employee stock options. Mr. McCausland had shared power to vote or to direct the vote, and/or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, 10,225,937 shares of the Common Stock, which included 398,264 shares issuable upon exercise of stock options held by a trust for Mr. McCausland's children, and 4,079 shares held by a charitable foundation (the "Foundation") of which Mr. McCausland is an officer and director.

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Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the issuer's shares which are the subject of this Schedule 13G, except that, with respect to 10,221,858 shares, members of Mr. McCausland's family share with Mr. McCausland the right, and, with respect to 4,079 shares, the Foundation has the exclusive right, to receive the dividends from

and the proceeds of sale as to such shares.					
Item 7	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company				
	Not Applicable				
Item 8	Identification and Classification	of Members of the Group			
	Not Applicable				
Item 9	Notice of Dissolution of Group				
	Not Applicable				
Item 10	Certification				
	Not Applicable				
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SIGNATURE					
After reasonable 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.					
February 10, 2004					

Date

Name

Signature

/S/Peter McCausland

Peter McCausland