**AIRGAS INC** Form 4 September 22, 2005

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* MCCAUSLAND PETER

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

AIRGAS INC [ARG]

(Check all applicable)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD,

SUITE 100

(Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/20/2005

\_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_X\_ Director \_\_ Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below)

Chairman of the Board and CEO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative Sec	curitie	es Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	ally 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 Approx Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and	f (D)	red (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/20/2005		S	1,000,000	D	\$ 27.5	7,254,466 (1)	D	
Common Stock							1,500 (2)	I	Immediate Family
Common Stock							41,819 (3)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	04/20/2005		J	307,340 (4)	D	<u>(5)</u>	0 (4)	I	Trust F/B/O Children

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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)

<ol> <li>Title of</li> </ol>	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.		5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transa	ction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code		of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Derivative	•		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
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				Code	V	(A) (D)				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
reporting owner runner reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
MCCAUSLAND PETER C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	X	X	Chairman of the Board and CEO						
MCCAUSLAND BONNIE F C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087		X							
Signatures									
Dean A. Bertolino, Attorney-in-Fact for Peter McCausland		09/2	22/2005						
**Signature of Reporting Person		1	Date						
Dean A. Bertolino, Attorney-in-Fact for Bonnie F. McCausland		09/2	22/2005						
**Signature of Reporting Person		1	Date						

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### **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.
- (3) 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
- (4) 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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