

AIRGAS INC

Form 4

December 17, 2008

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VISINTAINER PATRICK M

(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)
12/15/2008

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)

Senior Vice President, Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/15/2008		M	750	A \$ 11.5	5,020 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/15/2008		S	750	D \$ 35	4,270 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock						561 ⁽²⁾	I By 401(k) plan
Common Stock ⁽³⁾						0 ⁽³⁾	I By immediate family ⁽³⁾

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. Price or Value 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)	\$ 11.5	12/15/2008		M	750	<u>(4)</u>	05/18/2009	Common Stock	750	\$ 11.5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
VISINTAINER PATRICK M C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Senior Vice President, Sales

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick M. Visintainer

12/17/2008

__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 4,270 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 12/15/2008, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 5/13/2008, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed 5/14/2008, a total of 48 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

(2)

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This information presented is as of 12/15/08, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 5/13/2008, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed 5/14/2008, a total of 6 shares have been acquired in the 401(k) plan in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

- Forms 4 previously filed by the reporting person included 100 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock owned by a parent of the reporting person. The reporting person has disclaimed beneficial ownership of these shares in a previously filed Form 4, and these shares are no longer considered beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/18/2000, 5/18/2001, 5/18/2002 and 5/18/2003.
- (5) Not applicable.

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