

Hooper Max D
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hooper Max D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AIRGAS INC [ARG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Division President-West

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.
RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2009

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

RADNOR, PA 19087

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/08/2008	^	S4	3,000 D \$ 35	14,685 (1)	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	4,416 (2)	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
						Date Exercisable (A)	Expiration Date (D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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	Â	Â	Â Division President-West	Â

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Max Hooper
Date: 05/13/2009

__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 7,240 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 3/31/2009, the end of the issuer's fiscal year. Since 5/9/2008, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 5/13/2008 Form 4, a total of 330 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).

(2) The information presented is as of 3/31/2009, the end of the issuer's fiscal year. Since 5/9/2008, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 5/13/2008 Form 4, a total of 4,008 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).

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