GOLDFARB CHARLES S

Form 4

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

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGATE PCS INC /DE/ [PCSA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
a o a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a								(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) AIRGATE PCS, INC., 233 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 1700		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2004					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President - Sales			
				F. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ATLANTA, GA 30303								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	ed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Indirect (I) O				
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/23/2004			M	2,500	A	\$ 4.1	2,500	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004			S	2,500	D	\$ 34.96	0	D	
Common Stock								1,194	I	See footnote 1

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)	on Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisa (Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative Expiration Date any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities		
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Non-qualified Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 4.1	12/23/2004		M	2,500	(3)	12/17/2012	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
2 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GOLDFARB CHARLES S AIRGATE PCS, INC. 233 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 1700 ATLANTA, GA 30303			Vice President - Sales			

Signatures

/s/ Charles S.
Goldfarb

**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) Held in his 401(k) account.
- (2) The Non-Qualified Stock Options were granted on December 17, 2002 pursuant to the terms of the AirGate PCS, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) These Non-Qualified Stock Options vest in the amount of 25% of the total grant on each anniversary of the grant date.

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