

VISINTAINER PATRICK M
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President - Sales

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

(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
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RADNOR, PA 19087

(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 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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2006		M	1,000 A \$ 22	4,958 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		M	2,000 A \$ 13.5	6,958 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S	3,000 D \$ 38	3,958 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					100 ⁽²⁾	I	By Immediate Family
					559 ⁽³⁾	I	

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 3,958 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to the Airgas, Inc. 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 2/22/06, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP account. Since 6/22/2005, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 6/23/2005 Form 4, a total of 134 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

These shares are owned by a parent of the reporting person who does not live in the same household as the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
 - (3) The information presented is as of 06/22/06, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holding of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan.
 - (4) Options were exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/24/1997, 5/24/1998, and 5/24/1999, 5/24/2000.
 - (5) Options were exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 12/10/1998, 12/10/1999, 12/10/2000, and 12/10/2001.
 - (6) Not applicable.

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