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FORM 4

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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 Address of Reporting Person * SCHULTE TED R | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC [ARG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|----------|-----------|--|---|--|--|
| | | (M: 141-) | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. | | | 04/04/2008 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Div. President- Gas Operations | | |
| RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 | | | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| RADNOR, PA 19087 | | | ` ' ' | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I Non Davinsking Committee Acc | wind Discoul of an Donofficially Owner | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi n(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D) | 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 | 04/04/2008 | | M | 750 | A | \$ 15.25 | 7,650 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/04/2008 | | S | 750 | D | \$ 48.28 | 6,900 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,808 (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on f 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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.25 | 04/04/2008 | | M | 750 | (3) | 04/27/2008 | Common Stock | 750 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SCHULTE TED R C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087 | | | Div. President- Gas Operations | | | | |

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Ted R. Schulte 04/08/2008

**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).
- Includes 6,900 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 4/7/2008, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 3/31/2002, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed in April 2002, a total of 3,256 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
- The information presented is as of 4/7/2008, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc.

 (2) common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 3/31/2002, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed in April 2002, a total of 481 401(k) shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
- $\textbf{(3)} \quad \text{These options became exercisable in 25\% equal increments on each of 4/27/1999, 4/27/2000, 4/27/2001 and 4/27/2002.}$

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(4) Not applicable.

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