

VISINTAINER PATRICK M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

(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)  
**03/24/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President, Sales**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/24/2009                           |  | M                              | 3,825 A \$ 5.5  | 8,126 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/24/2009                           |  | S                              | 3,825 D \$ 32.87  | 4,301 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 564 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k) plan                    |

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 5.5   | 03/24/2009                           |  | M                              | 3,825   | (3) 05/16/2010   | Common Stock  | 3,825   |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick M. Visintainer  
03/25/2009

\_\_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 4,301 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 3/24/2009, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 12/15/2008, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed 12/17/2008, a total of 31 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

(2) This information presented is as of 3/24/09, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 12/15/2008, the date of the statement for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed 12/17/2008, a total of 3 shares have been acquired in the 401(k) plan in transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

(3) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/16/2001, 5/16/2002, 5/16/2003 and 5/16/2004.

(4) Not applicable.

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