

AIRGATE PCS INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Loughman William J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AIRGATE PCS, INC., 233
PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE
1700

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AIRGATE PCS INC /DE/ [PCSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Non-qualified Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.24	02/15/2005	D	22,500	(2)	08/11/2014	Common Stock	22,500	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/15/2005	D	15,000	(4)	(5)	Common Stock	15,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Loughman William J
 AIRGATE PCS, INC.
 233 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 1700
 ATLANTA, GA 30303

CFO

Signatures

/s/ William J.
 Loughman

02/15/2005

__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) These Non-Qualified Stock Options were granted on August 11, 2004 pursuant to the terms of the AirGate PCS, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2002 LTIP").

These options provided for vesting in the amount of 25% of the total grant on each anniversary of the grant date, beginning August 11, 2005. On February 7, 2005, the Company's board of directors approved the full acceleration of vesting of these options, effective immediately prior to the closing of the merger on February 15, 2005 between the issuer and A-Co. Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. The options were cancelled pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer, Alamosa Holdings, Inc. and A-Co. Merger Sub, Inc. in exchange for a cash payment of \$503,550.00, representing the number of shares subject to the option times the difference between the exercise price of the option and the average closing price of Alamosa common stock for the ten trading days prior to the merger multiplied by 2.87 (\$36.62 per share).

(2) Convertible into the issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

(3) These Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") were scheduled to vest on August 11, 2007, subject to the achievement of certain performance objectives as detailed in the 2002 LTIP. On February 7, 2005, the Company's board of directors approved the full acceleration of vesting of these RSUs, effective immediately prior to the closing of the merger on February 15, 2005. The RSUs were cancelled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$549,300.00, representing the number of RSUs times the average closing price of Alamosa common

(4) Convertible into the issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

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stock for the ten trading days prior to the merger multiplied by 2.87 (\$36.62 per share).

(5) None.

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