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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
POWERS B SHAUN (Last) (First) (Middle)	**AIRGAS INC [ARG]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **2/23/2012**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Division President - East**
RADNOR, PA 19087 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	**2/23/2012**		**M**		**11500**	**A**	**$16.52**	**20755** (1)	**D**	
Common Stock	**2/23/2012**		**S**		**11500**	**D**	**$81.5** (2)	**9255** (1)	**D**	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	**$16.52**	**2/23/2012**		**M**			**11500**	(3)	**5/6/2012**	**Common Stock**	**11500**	(4)	**0**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 9,255 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 2/23/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 5/10/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 5/11/2011 Form 4, a total of 151 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).

(2) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of $81.49-$81.51) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.

(3) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/6/2003, 5/6/2004, 5/6/2005 and 5/6/2006.

(4) Not Applicable.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POWERS B SHAUN **C/O AIRGAS, INC.** **259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100** **RADNOR, PA 19087**			**Division President - East**	

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for B. Shaun Powers **2/27/2012**

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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