

AIRGAS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
SNEED PAULA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.
RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, 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)
10/27/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/27/2008		M		12,500 A \$ 5.25	17,506	D
Common Stock	10/27/2008		M		6,250 A \$ 12.25	23,756	D
Common Stock	10/29/2008		S		4,587 D \$ 37.5 (1)	19,169	D

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. Transaction Code	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.25	10/27/2008		M	12,500	<u>(2)</u> 08/02/2010	Common Stock	12,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.25	10/27/2008		M	6,250	<u>(4)</u> 10/11/2009	Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SNEED PAULA A
C/O AIRGAS, INC.
259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100
RADNOR, PA 19087

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Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Paula A. Sneed

10/29/2008

__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).
- (1) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$37.30-\$37.70) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
- (2) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 8/2/2001, 8/2/2002, 8/2/2003 and 8/2/2004.
- (3) Not applicable.

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(4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 10/11/2000, 10/11/2001, 10/11/2002 and 10/11/2003.

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