

Stark Ronald J
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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 *
 Stark Ronald J

(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)
 12/10/2012

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 VP - Sales/Marketing

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/10/2012		M		8,500	A	\$ 43.62
Common Stock	12/10/2012		S		8,500	D	\$ 91.29
							(1)
							(2)

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.62	12/10/2012		M	8,500	⁽³⁾ 05/08/2015	Common Stock	8,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stark Ronald J C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER RD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087			Senior VP - Sales/Marketing	

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald J. Stark
 12/12/2012

**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 1,915 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 12/10/2012, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 11/14/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 11/30/2011 Form 3, a total of 358 ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
 - (2) This price represents the average selling price (within a range of \$91.25-\$91.34) of the shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. sold by the reporting person, as provided by the reporting person's broker.
 - (3) Options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/08/2008, 5/8/2009, 5/8/2010 and 5/8/2011.
 - (4) Not applicable.

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