

Graff Leslie J
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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 *
 Graff Leslie J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AIRGAS INC [ARG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/15/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP Corporate Development

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100

(Street)

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

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

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2011 | | M | 5,500 | A \$ 19.3 | 23,214 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2011 | | S | 5,500 | D \$ 64.7 | 17,714 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 250 | I By Immediate Family |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,293 ⁽²⁾ | I By 401(k) Plan |

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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) | \$ 19.3 | 09/15/2011 | | M | 5,500 | ⁽³⁾ 03/11/2012 | Common Stock | 5,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Graff Leslie J C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087 | | | Sr. VP Corporate Development | |

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for Leslie J. Graff

 **Signature of Reporting Person

09/16/2011

 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 3,494 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 9/14/2011, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 8/25/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 8/26/2011 Form 4, a total of zero ESPP shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
- (2)

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The information presented is as of 9/14/2011, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 8/25/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 8/26/2011 Form 4, a total of 20 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).

- (3) These options became exercisable in equal increments of 25% on each of 3/11/2003, 3/11/2004, 3/11/2005 and 3/11/2006.
- (4) Not applicable.

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