

BROWN W THACHER

Form 4

August 20, 2009

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN W THACHER**

(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)  
**08/18/2009**

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)  
☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | 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<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction<br>of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities | 8. Filing<br>Date |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) |     | (Instr. 3 and 4)    |                    | Sec<br>(In      |                                        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                      |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                                 | (A)              | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 44.18                                          | 08/18/2009              | A                  |                                                                                   | 7,000            |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 08/18/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 7,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWN W THACHER  
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 W. Thacher  
Brown

08/20/2009

\_\_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 options become exercisable in four equal increments of 25% on each of 8/18/2010, 8/18/2011, 8/18/2012 and 8/18/2013.
- (2) Not applicable.

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