

KEEN GORDON L JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
KEEN GORDON L JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.
RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD,
SUITE 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)
03/09/2005

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)
Sr. VP of Law and Corp. Dev.

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 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 (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M		10,000 A \$ 13.32	323,820 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M		10,000 A \$ 17.31	333,820 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	03/09/2005		S		20,000 D \$ 26.0353	313,820 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock						3,347 ⁽²⁾	I 410(k) Plan
Common Stock						8,000	I Immediate Family

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Amount or Number of Shares. Rows include Stock Option (Right to Buy) with price \$13.32 and \$17.31.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row for KEEN GORDON L JR, Sr. VP of Law and Corp. Dev.

Signatures

Gordon L. Keen, Jr. 03/10/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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Includes 8,220 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 3/09/2005, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings. Since 3/31/2004, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 5/13/2004 Form 4, a total of 512 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

The information presented is as of 3/09/2005, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc.

- (2) common stock in his 401(k) Plan. Since 3/31/2004, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's 5/13/2004 Form 4, a total of 227 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The options vested in four equal annual installments on 5/22/1996, 5/22/1997, 5/22/1998, and 5/22/1999.

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