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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Rohde Michael E

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2011

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AIRGAS INC [ARG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Division President - South

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

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

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RADNOR. PAÂ 19087

(City) (State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock $2,178 \stackrel{(1)}{=}$

D

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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. 5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	05/08/2015	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 43.62	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/20/2016	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 60.84	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	05/01/2017	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 42	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	05/19/2017	Common Stock	16,200	\$ 43.06	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	05/25/2018	Common Stock	12,100	\$ 62.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	05/17/2019	Common Stock	13,500	\$ 66.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Rohde Michael E						
C/O AIRGAS, INC.	â	â	Division President - South	â		
259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100	А	A	A Division Fresident - South	A		
RADNOR, PA 19087						

Signatures

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Michael E. Rohde 11/30/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 2,178 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 11/14/2011, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings.
- (2) These options became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/8/2008, 5/8/2009, 5/8/2010 and 5/8/2011.
- (3) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/20/2009, 5/20/2010, 5/20/2011 and 5/20/2012.
- (4) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/1/2010, 5/1/2011, 5/1/2012 and 5/1/2013.
- (5) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% equal increments on each of 5/19/2010, 5/19/2011, 5/19/2012 and 5/19/2013.
- (6) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% equal increments on each of 5/25/2011, 5/25/2012, 5/25/2013 and 5/25/2014.

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(7) These options will become exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/17/2012, 5/17/2013, 5/17/2014 and 5/17/2015.

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