

AIRGAS INC  
Form 5  
May 11, 2006

**FORM 5**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**THOMAS LEE M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/31/2006**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

**RADNOR, PA 19087**

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form Filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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) (A) or Amount (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
				(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.04	08/09/2005	Â	A4 <sup>(1)</sup>	7,000	Â	08/09/2005 08/09/2015	Common Stock	7,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMAS LEE M C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Dean A. Bertolino, Attorney-In-Fact for Lee M.  
Thomas

05/11/2006

\_\_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) On August 9, 2005, the issuer granted the reporting person 7,000 stock options to purchase the common stock of the issuer in connection with the issuer's annual grant of stock options to its directors.
- (2) Not applicable.

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