

MCCAUSLAND PETER
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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 *
MCCAUSLAND PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N.
RADNOR-CHESTER RD, 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)
10/27/2011

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)

Chairman, President and CEO

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/08/2011		G	V 102,398 D 11 1,825,860 2	I	By trusts	
Common Stock	07/18/2011		G	V 30,014 3 A 11 5,774,167	D		
Common Stock	09/20/2011		G	V 400,000 4 A 11 6,174,167	D		
Common Stock	09/28/2011		G	V 224,000 3 A 11 6,398,167	D		
Common Stock	10/20/2011		G	V 194,000 3 A 11 6,592,167	D		

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) Represents shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock held in six separate grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs) of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee and either he or his spouse is a beneficiary.
- (3) Represents shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock distributed to Peter McCausland and his spouse (and held jointly) from two separate GRATs of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee with his spouse and either he or his spouse is a beneficiary.
- (4) Represents shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock distributed to Peter McCausland and his spouse (and held jointly) from four separate GRATs of which Peter McCausland is a co-trustee with his spouse and either he or his spouse is a beneficiary.

(5) The information presented is as of 10/27/2011, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 3/31/2011, the date of the statement relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's Form 5 dated 5/16/2011, a total of 288 shares of common stock have been acquired in the reporting person's 401(k) plan through transactions exempt under Section 16(b).

(6) Represents shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock owned directly by his spouse and indirectly by Peter McCausland.

(7) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/6/2003, 5/6/2004, 5/6/2005 and 5/6/2006.

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