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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> THOMAS LEE M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC [ARG]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Leat)	(Einst) (-	_		(Check all applicable)				
	(First) (1 AS, INC., 259 N. CHESTER ROA)	Middle) D, STE.		of Earliest T Day/Year) 2011	ransaction		X Director Officer (giv below)		% Owner her (specify		
	(Street)			endment, Daonth/Day/Yea	-	ıl	6. Individual or . Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by		Person		
RADNOR,	PA 1908/						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tał	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed	(A) or of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction of Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Der

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	ed ed of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Sec (In
				Code V	′ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 64.05	08/29/2011		A	5,782	2	<u>(1)</u>	08/29/2019	Common Stock	5,782	
Reporting Owners											
Barry Comments (Addition		-	Relationships								
Reporting Owner Name / Address			Direc	tor 10%	Owner	Offic	er Other				
	GAS, INC.	ESTER ROAD, S	STE. 100 X								
Signa	tures										

08/31/2011

Date

Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Lee M. Thomas

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 became exercisable on the date of grant.
- (2) Not applicable.

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