

AIRGAS INC

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *

Â VAN RODEN JOHN C JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

RADNOR,Â PAÂ 19087

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/03/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
AIRGAS INC [ARG]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

1,000

D

Â

Common Stock

1,500 ⁽¹⁾

I

By General Partnership

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
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security4. Conversion
or Exercise5. Ownership
Form of6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title (Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN RODEN JOHN C JR
C/O AIRGAS, INC.
259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100
RADNOR, PA 19087

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Signatures

Dean A. Bertolino, Attorney-in-Fact for John C. van
Roden, Jr.

10/11/2006

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).

The reporting person and his spouse each owns a 0.5% interest and is a general partner in a general partnership that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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