

CRICHTON ALFRED B
Form 5
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRICHTON ALFRED B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Division President - West

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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) (A) or (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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 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 any	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)	\$ 21.51	08/04/2004	Â	A4	2,000	Â	Â	Â ⁽¹⁾	08/04/2014	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRICHTON ALFRED B C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Â	Â	Â Division President - West	Â

Signatures

Alfred B. Crichton 05/13/2005

__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) Options become exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 8/4/2005, 8/4/2006, 8/4/2007 and 8/4/2008.
- (2) Not applicable.

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