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Name and Address of Reporting Person * Claypool Pamela J	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AIRGAS INC [ARG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2016	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Division President - North		
(Street) RADNOR, PA 19087	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transacti	4. Securities A oner Disposed of		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and	15)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(A)	Reported	(I)	
					(A) or	Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D) Pri	ce (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/23/2016		D	1,593.6956 (1)	\$ D 14	3 0	D	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.06	05/23/2016		D	500	<u>(2)</u>	05/19/2017	Common Stock	500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 62.23	05/23/2016		D	650	(2)	05/25/2018	Common Stock	650
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 66.5	05/23/2016		D	1,050	(2)	05/17/2019	Common Stock	1,050
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 91.92	05/23/2016		D	3,500	<u>(2)</u>	05/08/2020	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 102.85	05/23/2016		D	3,500	(2)	05/21/2021	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 104.64	05/23/2016		D	10,000	(2)	05/20/2022	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 103.62	05/23/2016		D	10,000	(2)	05/19/2023	Common Stock	10,000
Phantom Stock	(3)	05/23/2016		D	76.3875	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	76.3875

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
			Division President - North		

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Claypool Pamela J C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087

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Robert H. Young, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Pamela J. Claypool

05/24/2016

**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).
- Disposed of pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 17, 2015, among the Issuer, L'Air Liquide, S.A. and AL (1) Acquisition Corporation, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Air Liquide ("Merger Agreement"), in exchange for the cash merger consideration of \$143.00 per share of Airgas, Inc. common stock disposed of by the reporting person in connection with the merger.
- Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, each stock option outstanding on the effective date of the merger, whether vested or unvested, was canceled in exchange for a cash payment equal to the product of (x) the excess of the cash per share merger consideration (\$143.00) over the exercise price of the stock option and (y) the number of shares of common stock subject to the option on the effective day of the merger.
- Represents phantom stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s deferred compensation plan. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on the effective date of the merger, all notional investments denominated in Airgas, Inc. common stock in the deferred compensation plan were converted into notional investments in cash, based on the merger consideration of \$143.00 per share, and the notional cash was deemed reinvested in other investment funds available under the plan.

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