AIRGAS INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2005

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 14) \*

AIRGAS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

009363 10 2

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[ ] Rule 13d-1(b)

[ ] Rule 13d-1(c)

[X] Rule 13d-1(d)

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Edgar Filing: AIRGAS INC - Form SC 13G/A Peter McCausland 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [ ] (b) [X] 3. SEC USE ONLY 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States 5. SOLE VOTING POWER 807,984 NUMBER OF 6. SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES BENEFICIALLY 10,248,061 OWNED BY 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH REPORTING 807,984 PERSON WITH 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 10,248,061 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 11,056,045 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* [ ] 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 14.5% 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\* IN CUSIP No. 009363 10 2 13G Page 3 of 6 pages Item 1(a) Name of Issuer

Airgas, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

Airgas, Inc.
Radnor Court

259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100 Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087-5283

| Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing                               |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | Peter McCausland   |  |  |  |
| Item 2(b)   | Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence   |  |  |  |
|   | Airgas, Inc. Radnor Court 259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100 Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087-5283   |  |  |  |
| Item 2(c)   | c) Citizenship   |  |  |  |
|   | United States  |  |  |  |
| Item 2(d)   | Title of Class of Securities   |  |  |  |
|   | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share  |  |  |  |
| Item 2(e)   | e) CUSIP Number  |  |  |  |
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| Item 3  | If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:  |  |  |  |
| (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Mact; |  |  |  |  |
|   | (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;  |  |  |  |
|   | <pre>(c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the</pre>   |  |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>(d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;</li> <li>(e) An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (E);</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |
|   | (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);   |  |  |  |

- (g)  $\_$  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) \_\_ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) \_\_\_ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  $\_$  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

#### Item 4 Ownership

(a) and (b). Peter McCausland beneficially owned an aggregate of 11,056,045 shares of the issuer's Common Stock, or approximately 14.5% of the shares outstanding, as of December 31, 2004, of which 987,750 shares were issuable upon exercise of employee stock options.

(c). Peter McCausland had sole power to vote or to direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, 807,984 shares of the issuer's Common Stock, of which 751,486 shares were issuable upon exercise of employee stock options. Mr. McCausland had shared power to vote or to direct the vote, and/or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, 10,248,061 shares of the Common Stock, which included 236,264 shares issuable upon exercise of stock options held by a trust for Mr. McCausland's children, and 41,542 shares held by a charitable foundation (the "Foundation") of which Mr. McCausland is an officer and director.

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 $\label{tem.5} \mbox{ Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class}$ 

Not applicable

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

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No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the issuer's shares which are the subject of this Schedule 13G, except that, with respect to 10,206,519 shares, members of Mr. McCausland's family share with Mr. McCausland the right, and, with respect to 41,542 shares, the Foundation has the exclusive right, to receive the dividends from and the proceeds of sale as to such shares.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

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Not Applicable

| Item 9   | Notice of Dissolution of Group |           |   |  |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
|          | Not Applicable                 |           |   |  |
| Item 10  | Certification                  |           |   |  |
|          | Not Applicable                 |           |   |  |
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|          |                                | SIGNATURE |   |  |
|          | that the information           | =         | my knowledge and belief, I ment is true, complete and |  |
| February | 14, 2005                       |           |   |  |
| Date     |                                |           |   |  |
| /s/ Pete | r McCausland                   |           |   |  |
| Peter Mc | Causland                       |           |   |  |