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AIRGAS INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 14, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1) \*

AIRGAS, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

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(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2001

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(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)  
[ X ] Rule 13d-1(c)  
[ ] Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

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Airgas, Inc. Employee Benefits Trust

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

0

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,755,866

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,755,866

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
[ ]

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.4%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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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

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Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing

Airgas, Inc. Employee Benefits Trust

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence

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

Item 2(c) Citizenship

Delaware

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Item 2(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 Exchange Act;
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (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



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(b) By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2002

Governance and Compensation Committee

By: /S/ Robert L. Yohe

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Signature

Name: Robert L. Yohe  
Title: Chairman of the Airgas, Inc.  
Governance and Compensation Committee,  
on behalf of the Airgas, Inc. Employee Benefits Trust