

AIRGAS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 12, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 9, 2007**

**AIRGAS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | <b>1-9344</b><br>(Commission File<br>Number) | <b>56-0732648</b><br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| <b>259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100,<br/>Radnor, PA</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices) | <b>19087-5283</b><br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(610) 687-5253**

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

Effective as of October 9, 2007, the Board of Directors of Airgas, Inc. (the Company ) amended and restated Article VIII of the Company s by-laws (the By-laws ) to allow for the issuance of uncertificated shares. By being able to issue uncertificated shares, the Company may now participate in the Direct Registration System, which is currently administered by The Depository Trust Company. The Direct Registration System allows investors to have securities registered in their names without the issuance of physical certificates and allows investors to electronically transfer securities to broker-dealers in order to effect transactions without the risks and delays associated with transferring physical certificates.

The amendment to Article VIII of the By-laws is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 3.1 Amendment to Article VIII of Airgas, Inc. s By-laws.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AIRGAS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: October 12, 2007

By: /s/ Thomas M. Smyth  
Thomas M. Smyth  
Vice President and Controller