

Loughman William J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Loughman William J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AIRGATE PCS INC /DE/ [PCSA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 AIRGATE PCS, INC., 233
 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE
 1700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2004

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 CFO

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30303

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2004 | | M | V | 22,500 | A | \$ 14.24 | 22,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2004 | | S | | 22,500 | D | \$ 34.96 | 0 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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