

AIRGAS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 01, 2006

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**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):**

**May 1, 2006**

**AIRGAS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-9344

56-0732648

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 687-5253

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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Item 2.02 **Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On May 1, 2006, Airgas, Inc. (the Company ) reported its earnings for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, as described in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this Form 8-K report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Non-GAAP Measures:**

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 contains a Free Cash Flow financial measure that is not defined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP measure that provides investors meaningful insight into the Company s ability to generate cash from operations, which can be used at management s discretion for acquisitions, the prepayment of debt or to support other investing and financing activities.

The Company s intent is to provide non-GAAP financial information to enhance investors understanding of the Company s consolidated financial statements and should be considered by the reader in addition to, but not instead of, the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Item 9.01 **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 1, 2006

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Signatures

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

**AIRGAS, INC.**

(Registrant)

BY: /s/ Robert M. McLaughlin

Robert M. McLaughlin  
Vice President & Controller  
AIRGAS EAST, INC.  
AIRGAS GREAT LAKES, INC.  
AIRGAS MID AMERICA, INC.  
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL, INC.  
AIRGAS SOUTH, INC.  
AIRGAS GULF STATES, INC.  
AIRGAS MID SOUTH, INC.  
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN, INC.  
AIRGAS NORPAC, INC.  
AIRGAS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA & NEVADA, INC.  
AIRGAS SOUTHWEST, INC.  
AIRGAS WEST, INC.  
AIRGAS SAFETY, INC.  
AIRGAS CARBONIC, INC.  
AIRGAS SPECIALTY GASES, INC.  
NITROUS OXIDE CORP.  
RED-D-ARC, INC.  
AIRGAS DATA, LLC

(Co-Registrants)

BY: /s/ Robert M. McLaughlin

Robert M. McLaughlin  
Vice President  
ATNL, INC.

(Co-Registrant)

BY: /s/ Melanie Andrews

Melanie Andrews  
President

DATED: May 1, 2006