

AIRGAS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2010

**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): October 26, 2010

**AIRGAS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9344**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**56-0732648**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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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:

- 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))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 26, 2010, Airgas, Inc. (the Company) reported its earnings for its second quarter, ended September 30, 2010, as described in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

***Non-GAAP Measures:***

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 contains certain financial measures that are not defined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Company presented its adjusted earnings per diluted share measure to provide investors meaningful insight into the Company's earnings performance without the impact of debt extinguishment, multi-employer pension plan withdrawal charges, and costs related to Air Products' unsolicited takeover attempt. The Company presented Adjusted Operating Margin computations to help investors assess the Company's operating performance without the impact of charges associated with the Company's withdrawal from multi-employer pension plans and costs related to Air Products' unsolicited takeover attempt. The Company presented Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Cash From Operations to provide investors meaningful insight into the Company's ability to generate cash from operations, which is available for servicing debt obligations and for the execution of its business strategies, including acquisitions, the prepayment of debt, the payment of dividends, or to support other investing and financing activities. The Company presented Adjusted Debt to provide investors with a more meaningful measure of the Company's debt obligations by adjusting for funds received under the trade receivables securitization program.

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. In addition, it should be noted that the Company's non-GAAP information may be different from the non-GAAP information provided by other companies.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) None

(b) None

(c) None

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 - Press Release dated October 26, 2010

**Signature**

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.

Dated: October 26, 2010

AIRGAS, INC.  
(Registrant)

BY:

/s/ THOMAS M. SMYTH  
**Thomas M. Smyth**  
**Vice President & Controller**  
**(Principal Accounting Officer)**

**Exhibit Index**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated October 26, 2010