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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):
October 25, 2001

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On October 25, 2001, Airgas, Inc. reported its earnings for its second quarter and six months ended September 30, 2001, as described in the press release attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

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

99 - Press Release dated October 25, 2001

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.

RUTLAND TOOL & SUPPLY CO., INC.

AIRGAS CARBONIC, INC.

AIRGAS SPECIALTY GASES, INC.

NITROUS OXIDE CORP.

PURITAN MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC.

RED-D-ARC, INC.

AIRGAS REALTY, INC.

CYLINDER LEASING CORP.

ATNL, INC.

AIRGAS DATA, LLC

(Co-Registrants)

BY:/s/ Robert M. McLaughlin Robert M. McLaughlin Vice President

AIRGAS DIRECT INDUSTRIAL VESSEL, LLC

(Co-Registrant)

BY:/s/ Robert M. McLaughlin Robert M. McLaughlin President and Member

DATED: October 26, 2001