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**Statement Under Oath of the Principal Executive Officer of Airgas, Inc.
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Peter McCausland, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Airgas, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

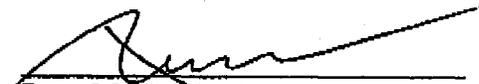
(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with Airgas, Inc.'s Audit Committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K of Airgas, Inc. filed with the Commission on June 25, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Airgas, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

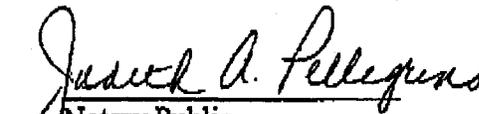
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 Peter McCausland
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 (Principal Executive Officer)

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 13th day of
August 2002



 Judith A. Pellegrino
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires:

August 13, 2002

Notarial Seal
 Judith A. Pellegrino, Notary Public
 Radnor Twp., Delaware County
 My Commission Expires Mar. 9, 2004
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