FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Dixon Robert D (Last) (First) (Middle) 7201 HAMILTON BOULEVARD					A) /D												5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) below) V.P. and G.M. Merchant Gases				
(Street) ALLENT	FOWN P		18195 (Zip)	4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. 4. Secu Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			rities Acquired (A)			5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned	unt of es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount (A		or	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock				10/3	10/31/2006					M		1,500) .	A	\$41.3	1 11,6	06.268		D		
Common Stock				10/3	10/31/2006					S		1,500		D	\$69.7	5 10,1	06.268		D		
Common Stock															3,5	3,505.67		I	By RSP		
			Table II -									sed of, onvertil				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code (8)				Expi	ate Exercisablo iration Date nth/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable		expiration Date	Title	O N O	lumber						
1998 Rights ⁽¹⁾	(1)	10/31/2006			J			1,500	08/0)8/1988 ⁽	2) 1	0/02/2007	Comm		1,500	\$0	2,500)	D		
1998 Stock Options ⁽³⁾	\$41.31	10/31/2006			M			1,500	08/0)8/1988 ⁽	4) 1	0/02/2007	Comm		1,500	\$0	2,500)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These Rights were cancelled upon the exercise of the Options described herein.
- 2. Rights have exercise dates only during a 30 day period following a change in control of the Company (as defined in the LTIP).
- 3. Employee Stock Options (Options) granted under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). Exercise of these Options cancels the related Rights described herein on a one-for-one basis.
- $4. \ One-third\ became\ exercisable\ 10/1/98;\ one-third\ became\ exercisable\ 10/1/99;\ and\ one-third\ became\ exercisable\ 10/1/00.$

By: Linda M. Svoboda as Attorney in Fact 11/01/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Da

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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