

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<u>PEDERSEN BRANDON</u>			<u>ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]</u>		Director 10% Owner	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
<u>ALASKA AIRLINES INC</u>			<u>04/26/2006</u>		<u>STAFF VP FINANCE & CONTROLLER</u>	
<u>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(Street)			<u>05/26/2006</u>		X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
<u>SEATTLE</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>98188</u>			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	04/25/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		2,000	A	\$27.94	2,000	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/25/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		975	A	\$26.1	2,975	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/25/2006		S		2,975	D	\$38.15	0	D	
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾								3,380	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
COMMON STOCK	\$27.94	04/25/2006		M	2,000	12/29/2005	12/29/2013	COMMON STOCK	2,000	\$0	4,000	D
COMMON STOCK	\$26.1	04/25/2006		M	975	03/01/2006	03/01/2014	COMMON STOCK	975	\$0	1,690	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. SAME-DAY SALE AND EXERCISE OF OPTIONS COVERED BY S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT.
 2. RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

Remarks:

ORIGINAL FILING DID NOT INCLUDE SAME-DAY SALE OF SHARES EXERCISED.

Shannon K. Alberts, Attorney-In-Fact 05/26/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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