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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**April 26, 2007**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

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**ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-8957**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1292054**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**98188**  
(Zip Code)

**(206) 392-5040**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On April 25, 2007, Alaska Air Group Director Mr. John V. Rindlaub notified the Board that he does not intend to run for re-election at the Company's June 12, 2007 Annual Stockholder Meeting. The Board of Directors wishes to thank Mr. Rindlaub for his dedication and service to the Board over the past 11 years.

Also, on April 25, 2007, the Board of Directors voted to reduce the size of the Board from twelve to eleven members effective as of the Annual Stockholder Meeting on June 12, 2007.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.  
Registrant

Date: April 26, 2007

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen  
Brandon S. Pedersen  
Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden  
Bradley D. Tilden  
Executive Vice President/Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer