FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     KNIGHT JESSIE J JR |  |         |          |           |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ ALK ] |  |       |  |     |  |  |             |          | heck all  | nship of Reporti<br>applicable)<br>Director                          | ng Perso                                   | Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |
|--|--|---------|----------|-----------|--|--|--|-------|--|-----|--|--|-------------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (Fir   | ,       | (Middle) |           |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2015                            |       |  |     |  |  |             |          |   | Officer (give title below)   |  | Other (specify below)  |  |  |
| 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD                                     |  |         |          |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |  |       |  |     |  |  |             |          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |  |         |          |           |  |  |  |       |  |     |  |  |             |          | X Form filed by One Reporting Person                        |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (City)   | (Sta   | ate) (Z | Zip)     |           |  |  |  |       |  |     |  |  |             |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tabl    | e I - N  | on-Deriv  | ative S  | ecu  | ritie  | s Acq | uired, C   | isp | osed of                                | f, or  | Bene        | ficia    | lly O   | wned   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day |  |         |          |           |  | Exec<br>if an  | A. Deemed<br>secution Date,<br>any<br>lonth/Day/Year)                                  |       |  |     | rities Acquired (<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. |  |             | Se<br>Be | Amount of ecurities eneficially wned bllowing               | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)    |  |  |
|  |  |         |          |           |  |  |  |       | Code   | v   | Amount                                 |  | A) or<br>D) | Price    | Re  | eported<br>ansaction(s)<br>astr. 3 and 4)                            | (  | ,  | (  |  |
| COMMO  |  |         |          |           |  |  |  |       |  |     | 20,160(1)                              |  | )           |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEFERRED STOCK UNIT <sup>(2)(3)</sup> 05/07/2                |  |         |          |           | 2015   |  |  |       | A <sup>(4)</sup>   |     | 1,154 A                                |  | \$(         | )        | 22,498  |  | )  |  |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |         |          |           |  |  |  |       |  |     |  |  |             |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | erivative Conversion Date Execution Date curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any  |         |          | ion Date, | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                  |  | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr<br>3 and 4) |             | ount     | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivat<br>Securit<br>(Instr.             | derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially                             | Owr<br>For<br>Dire<br>or I<br>(I) (I<br>4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |         |          |           | Code   | v  | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisab  |     | xpiration<br>ate                       | Title  | of<br>Sha   | res      |   |  |  |  |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. TOTAL SHARES BENEFICIALLY HELD HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE 2-FOR-1 STOCK SPLIT THAT OCCURRED ON 7/9/2014.
- 2. FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2018 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON'S SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- 3. TOTAL DEFERRED STOCK UNITS HELD PRIOR TO THE TRANSACTION BEING REPORTED HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE 2-FOR-1 STOCK SPLIT THAT OCCURRED ON 7/9/2014.
- 4. DEFERRED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTING PERSON'S RE-ELECTION TO SERVE ON THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS EFFECTIVE 5/7/2015.

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR. 05/11/2015

\*\* 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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