

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* <u>ELIASSEN MARK G</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD</u> (Street) <u>SEATTLE WA 98188</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP/FINANCE & TREASURER</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/29/2016</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 401(K) ⁽¹⁾								783	I	ESOP TRUST
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT ⁽²⁾								3,040	D	
COMMON STOCK ESPP	02/29/2016		A ⁽³⁾	V	195	A	\$62.815	5,302	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/01/2016		M		2,500	A	\$6.555	7,060	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/01/2016		S ⁽⁴⁾		2,500	D	\$80.73	4,560	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$6.555	04/01/2016		M		2,500	09/14/2010	09/14/2019	COMMON STOCK 2,500	\$0	2,884	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST, AS OF 12/31/15.
- STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- SHARES ACQUIRED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2010 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN THAT ARE EXEMPT UNDER BOTH RULE 16b-3(d) and RULE 16b-3(c).
- SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. ELIASSEN ON 11/23/15.

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON,
ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR 04/01/2016
MARK G. ELIASSEN

** 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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