

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>LEVINE KYLE B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.</u> <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 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP LEGAL</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/14/2017</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 ⁽¹⁾								4,426	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$0 ⁽²⁾	02/14/2017		A		760		02/14/2020	02/14/2027	COMMON STOCK	760	\$0	760	D	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$96.3	02/14/2017		A		1,750		02/14/2018 ⁽³⁾	02/14/2027	COMMON STOCK	1,750	\$0	1,750	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. INCLUDES 39 SHARES ACQUIRED UNDER THE ISSUER'S EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN, AS WELL AS 1380 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS (690 GRANTED ON 2/10/2015 AND 690 GRANTED ON 2/9/2016) UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN.
2. RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
3. OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/14/2018, 02/14/2019, 02/14/2020 and 02/14/2021).

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON,
ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR 02/16/2017
KYLE B. LEVINE

** 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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