FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1	dress of Reportin	•	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2016	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO				
(Street) SEATTLE (City)	WA (State)	98188 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								

7. Nature 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Date Execution Date, Transaction Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any Code (Instr. and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Indirect (I) 8) Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) 01 Code v Amount Price Transaction(s) (D) (Instr. 3 and 4) ESOP COMMON STOCK 401(K)⁽¹⁾ 15.473 I TRUST **RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT⁽²⁾** 35,980 D COMMON STOCK 18,405 I GRAT COMMON STOCK 01/19/2016 **S**⁽³⁾ 5,000 \$69.42 149,352 D D

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

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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)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF 12/31/14.

2. STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN: SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

3. SALE OF SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. TILDEN ON 3/2/2015.

<u>/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON,</u> <u>ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR</u> <u>BRADLEY D. TILDEN</u>

01/19/2016

** 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).

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