FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LI SUSAN J</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ ALK ]											olicable)	g Person(s) to 10%	ssuer Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2018											Officer (give title below)		Other below	(specify )
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD  (Street)					4. If	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				
(City)	SEATTLE														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				oorting
		Tabl	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	uired	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally (	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution D			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)						4 and S		ount of ities icially d Following ted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							v	Amount		A) or O)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(11301.4)			
COMMON STOCK 05/03/2						/2018			A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,589	<sup>2)</sup> A \$6		\$62	.92	92 1,589		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)	rivative Conversion Date Execution curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			n Date, ay/Year) -	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of	rative rities ired r osed ) : 3, 4	6. Date I Expirati (Month/I	on Dat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amour or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber	-		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1. \ COMMON\ SHARES\ GRANTED\ UNDER\ ALASKA\ AIR\ GROUP'S\ 2016\ PERFORMANCE\ INCENTIVE\ PLAN\ IN\ CONNECTION\ WITH\ THE\ REPORTING\ PERSON'S\ RE-ELECTION\ TO\ SERVE\ ON\ THE\ COMPANY'S\ BOARD\ OF\ DIRECTORS\ UNTIL THE\ 2019\ ANNUAL\ STOCKHOLDERS\ MEETING.$ 

2. THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE COST BASIS FOR THE SHARES ISSUED.

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON,
ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR 05/07/2018
SUSAN J. LI

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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