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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* TACKETT SHANE R	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div>Director 10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)</div> <div>SR VP REV/E-COMMERCE</div>
(Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018	
(Street) SEATTLE WA 98188	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div>
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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⁾								2,807	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK	02/13/2018		A ⁽⁴⁾		2,430	A	\$0	7,440	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/13/2018		A ⁽⁵⁾		1,112	A	\$0	8,552	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/13/2018		F ⁽⁶⁾		592 ⁽⁷⁾	D	\$66.89	7,960	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/13/2018		F ⁽⁶⁾		271 ⁽⁷⁾	D	\$66.89	7,689	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	02/13/2018		A		2,000		02/13/2021 ⁽²⁾	02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK	2,000	\$0	2,000	D	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$66.89	02/13/2018		A		7,740		02/13/2019 ⁽³⁾	02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK	7,740	\$0	7,740	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF 12/31/2017.
2. RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CLIFF VEST 3 YEARS FROM GRANT AND CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.
3. OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/13/2019, 02/13/2020, 02/13/2021 and 02/13/2022).
4. COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/10/2015 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018.
5. COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 3/7/2017 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018.
6. SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/13/2018.
7. PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON,
ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR
SHANE R. TACKETT

02/14/2018

** 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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