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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 3**

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> ( <i>Last, First, Middle</i> )  Knight, Jr., Jessie J.  <hr/> c/o Alaska Air Group, Inc. 19300 Pacific Hwy South  <div style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></div> <hr/> Seattle, WA 98188  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><i>(City)</i>      <i>(State)</i>      <i>(Zip)</i></div>	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>  12/1/02  <hr/> <b>4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  Alaska Air Group, Inc. (ALK)  <hr/> <b>6. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>  <hr/>	<b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> ( <i>voluntary</i> )  <hr/> <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (<i>give title below</i>)</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify below</i>)</div> </div> <hr/> <b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div> </div>
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\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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

Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 5)</i>
No securities owned	0		

Table II — Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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### Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Shannon K. Alberts, Attorney in Fact  
for Jessie J. Knight, Jr.

12/2/02

**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person**

Date

**\*\*** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.