## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Ad	dress of Reporting I AMARA S	Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ ALK ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
(Last) 19300 INTER	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2016	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP/HUMAN RESOURCES
(Street) SEATTLE	WA	98188	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
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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 Disposed Of and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT	02/09/2016		A <sup>(2)</sup>		760	Α	\$0	6,050	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2016		A <sup>(3)</sup>		3,840	A	\$0	11,982	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2016		F <sup>(4)</sup>		1,051	D	\$65.63	10,931	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)				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)	(I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$65.63	02/09/2016		A		1,810		02/09/2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/09/2026	COMMON STOCK	1,810	\$0	1,810	D	

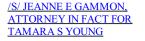
### Explanation of Responses:

1. OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/09/2017, 02/09/2018, 02/09/2019 AND 02/09/2020).

2. STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN ON 02/09/2016 WILL CLIFF VEST ON 02/09/2019. UNITS ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

3. ALK COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2015, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 02/11/2013 UNDR THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON 02/09/2016.

4. COMMON SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 02/09/2016. AMOUNT PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF THE SHARES ON THE DATE OF FORFEITURE.



<u>02/11/2016</u>

\*\* 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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