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 SPRAGI | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK] | | | | | | | | Chec | k all applica Director | , | | 10% Ov | vner | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2020 | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specification) PRESIDENT, HORIZON AIR | | | | | | |
| (Street) SEATTLE | • | | | | | | | 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 | | | | | |
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| | | Tab | le I - No | on-Deri | vative | Sec | uriti | ies Ac | quired | l, Dis | sposed o | of, or Ber | nefici | ally | Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Dat | | | | | | Exe if a | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | and 5) Sec Ber Ow | | mount of urities eficially led Following | | : Direct · Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | Code | Code V A | | | | Amount (A) or (D) | | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMON | STOCK 40 | 01(K) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | 7,0 |)49 | | | ESOP TRUST | | | | | |
| COMMON | STOCK | /2020 | 2020 | | | M | | 3,190 | A | \$38.755 | | 16, | ,444 | | D | | | | | | | |
| COMMON | /2020 | 2020 | | | М | | 1,380 | A | \$24.4 | | 17,824 | | | D | | | | | | | | |
| COMMON | /2020 | 2020 | | S | | 4,570 | D | \$39.0411 | | 13,254 | | | D | | | | | | | | | |
| | | T | able II | | | | | | , | | | , or Bene ble secu | | • | wned | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/I | | 4. Transac Code (I 8) | | ion of | | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye | | te | 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securitie: Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e es ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$24.4 | 09/01/2020 | | | М | | | 1,380 | 02/11/20 |)14 | 02/11/2023 | COMMON STOCK | 1,3 | 80 | \$0 | 0 | | D | | | | |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$38.755 | 09/01/2020 | | | М | | | 3,190 | 02/11/20 |)15 | 02/11/2024 | COMMON STOCK | 3,1 | 90 | \$0 | 0 | | D | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST, AS OF 12/31/2019.

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR 09/03/2020 JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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