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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* PINNEO JEFFREY D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2004										Director X Officer (give title below) President & C			10% Owner Other (specify below)		
						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) SEATTLE WA 98188																	n filed by One		•		
(City)	(Si	tate) (Zip)		-												orm filed by More than One Re erson			oorting	
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Exec if an	Deemed cution Date, ny onth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (ADisposed Of (D) (Instr. 35)				, 4 and Secur Bene Owne		icially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Pric	e	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 11/08/						004			M ⁽¹⁾		1,22	.5	A	\$15	5.625		1,225		D		
Common Stock 11/08					2004				S ⁽²⁾		1,22	.5	D	\$2	8.17	0		D			
Common Stock ⁽³⁾															2,990			Ι	ESOP Trust		
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)	if any		4. Transac Code (I 8)		tion Number		6. Date Exo Expiration (Month/Da	Date	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (II and 4)		of De See (In:		Price rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership form: Direct (D) or Indirect () (Instr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	e V (A			Date Exercisabl		opiration ate			Amour or Numbe of Shares							
Employee Stock Option (Rt to Buy)	\$15.625	11/08/2004			M			1,225	11/07/1996	5 11	/06/2005	Comr		1,225	\$1	5.625	0		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Aquisition of shares granted on November 7, 1995 under the 1988 Stock Option Plan. These options are fully vested.
- 2. Same-day exercise and sale from the stock option grant of November 17, 1995 at an exercise price of \$15.625 which is covered by an S-8 registration statement.
- 3. Shares acquired under an Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2003 with prices ranges from \$15.28 to \$31.86.

Remarks:

Shannon K. Alberts for Jeffrey 11/08/2004 D. Pinneo, Attorney-in-Fact

** 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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