

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Conner Raymond L.</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/18/2018</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
<u>SEATTLE</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>98188</u>						

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			
<u>COMMON STOCK</u>	<u>01/18/2018</u>		<u>A</u> ⁽¹⁾		<u>422</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>A</u>	<u>\$71.08</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>D</u>	

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)		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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- COMMON ALK SHARES GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTING PERSON'S APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE ISSUER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL THE 2018 ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
- THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE COST BASIS FOR THE SHARES ISSUED, WHICH IS BASED ON THE CLOSING FMV OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK ON THE NYSE ON THE DATE OF GRANT.

JEANNE E GAMMON,
ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR 01/22/2018
RAYMOND L CONNER

** 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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