FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDVIK HELVI KAY | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK] | | | | | | | | | elationship ck all app Direc | , | ng Pe | • • |) to Issuer 0% Owner | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2021 | | | | | | | | | Office below | cer (give title w) | | Other (below) | specify | |
| (Street) SEATTL (City) | E WA | ate) (Z | 8188 Zip) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Form Form Perso | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | Execution D | | | Date, | 3. Transa Code (8) | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | Benefic Owned | ties cially Following | Forn (D) c | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or I | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111501.4) | |
| COMMON STOCK ⁽¹⁾ 05/06/ | | | | | | /2021 | | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 1,566 | A \$ | | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 14,528 | | | D | | |
| | 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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | n Date, | | saction le (Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | vative irities sired r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4) | | str. | . Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 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) | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. TOTAL HELD IN COLUMN 5 INCLUDES 4,108 DEFERRED STOCK UNITS (DSUs) PREVIOUSLY GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN AND 1,460 DSUs GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN. THE DSUs ARE 100% VESTED ON THE DATE OF GRANT AND ISSUABLE IN COMMON SHARES UPON RESIGNATION FROM THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2. DEFERRED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTING PERSON'S RE-ELECTION TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL THE 2022 ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. UNITS ARE 100% VESTED AND PAYABLE IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

> /S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR 05/07/2021 HELVI KAY SANDVIK

** 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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