FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre | ess of Repor | | | Name and Ticker of Air Group, Inc. (A | | ng Symbol | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director10% Owner | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) 19300 Pacific High | of Re | port | Identification Numbership Person, y (voluntary) | oer | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 02/28/03 | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO, Alaska Air Group, Inc. | | | | | | |
| Seattle, WA 98188 | (Street) | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | 3. Trans- action Co (Instr. 8) | ode | 4. Securities Acqui (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | red (A) | or Disposed of (D) | Securities | 6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | (Month/ Day/ Year) | if any (Month/Day/ Year) | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Owned Follow- ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2549 | I | ESOP Trust | | |
| Common Stock | 2/28/03 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | V | 785.311 | A | \$15.4275 | 1446.521 | D | | | |

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Title of | Conver- | 3. | 3A. | 4. | 5. | 5. Number of Derivative | | | | 7. Ti | tle and Amount | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------|---------|------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Derivative | sion or | Trans- | Deemed | Trans- | - S | ecurities Acquir | Exercisable | | of U | nderlying | Derivative | Derivative | Owner- | of Indirect | |
| Security | Exercise | action | Execution | action | D | Disposed of (D) | and Expiration | | Secu | ırities | Security | Securities | ship | Beneficial | |
| | Price of | Date | Date, | Code | | | | Date | | (Inst | r. 3 & 4) | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Form | Ownership |
| (Instr. 3) | Derivative | | if any | | (I | Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | (Month/D | ay/ | | | | Owned | of | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | I | (Month/ | (Instr. | . | | | Year) | | | | | Following | Deriv- | |
| | | | Day/ Year) | 8) | | | | | | | | | Reported | ative | |
| | | r ear) | rear) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date | Expira- | Title | Amount or | 1 | Transaction(s) | Security: | |
| | | | | | | · í | | Exer- | tion | | Number of | | (Instr. 4) | Direct | |
| | | | | | | | | cisable | Date | | Shares | | | (D) | |
| | | | | | | | | l | | | | | | or | |
| | | | | | | | | l | | | | | | Indirect | |
| | | | | | | | | l | | | | | | (I) | |
| | | 1 | | | | | | l | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Purchase of common stock under the Alaska Air Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

 $By: /s/ \\ \underline{\textbf{Shannon Alberts for John Kelly, Attorney in Fact}}$

3/3/03 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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