FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ELIASEN MARK G | | orting Person [*] | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give Other (specify title below) below) VP/FINANCE & TREASURER | | | | |
|---|------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) 19300 INTER | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2015 | | | | | |
| (Street) SEATTLE (City) | WA (State) | 98188 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |

| 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| COMMON STOCK ESPP (1) | | | | | | | | 4,638 | D | | |
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) (2) | | | | | | | | 783 | ı | ESOP TRUST | |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT | | | | | | | | 5,070 | D | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/27/2015 | | M ⁽⁴⁾ | | 2,640 | Α | \$ 15.325 | 6,934 | D | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/27/2015 | | S ⁽⁴⁾ | | 2,640 | D | \$ 64.46 | 4,294 | 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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | | Number | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$ 15.325 | 02/27/2015 | | м ⁽⁴⁾ | | | 2,640 | 02/07/2012 | 02/07/2021 | COMMON STOCK | 2,640 | \$ 0 | 880 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. COMMON SHARES ACQUIRED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2010 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS OF 12/31/2014.
- 2. COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST, AS OF 12/31/14.
- 3. STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- 4. SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. ELIASEN ON 2/19/2015.

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR 03/03/2015 MARK G. ELIASEN

** 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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