

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TILDEN BRADLEY 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 BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2017

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

SEATTLE, WA 98188

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
COMMON STOCK 401(K) ⁽¹⁾					15,473	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK					18,405	I	GRAT
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	03/21/2017		M ⁽³⁾	3,600 A	\$ 8.315 153,546	D	
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	03/21/2017		S ⁽³⁾	3,218 ⁽⁴⁾ D	\$ 92.5831 150,328	D	
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	03/21/2017		S ⁽³⁾	382 ⁽⁵⁾ D	\$ 93.2195 149,946	D	

COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	03/21/2017	S ⁽⁶⁾	1,600 ⁽⁷⁾	D	\$ 92.6727	148,346	D
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	03/21/2017	S ⁽⁶⁾	300 ⁽⁸⁾	D	\$ 93.1633	148,046	D
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	03/21/2017	S ⁽⁶⁾	100	D	\$ 94.13	147,946	D

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

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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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 8.315	03/21/2017		M ⁽³⁾	3,600	02/03/2011 02/03/2020	COMMON STOCK 3,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TILDEN BRADLEY D 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO	

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRADLEY D. TILDEN 03/21/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST, AS OF 12/31/16.

(2) INCLUDES 6,000 AND 6,300 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 2/10/2015 and 2/9/2016, RESPECTIVELY, UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN.

(3) SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. TILDEN ON 9/6/2016.

THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$92.05 TO \$92.98, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO

(4) PROVIDE TO ALASKA AIR GROUP, ANY SECURITY HOLDER OF ALASKA AIR GROUP, OR THE STAFF OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT EACH SEPARATE PRICE WITHIN THE RANGES SET FORTH IN THIS FOOTNOTE.

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(6) SALE OF ALK COMMON SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. TILDEN ON 9/6/2016.

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