

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
THOMPSON J KENNETH

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)
 05/07/2015

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

SEATTLE, WA 98188
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. 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)
DEFERRED STOCK UNIT ⁽¹⁾				(A) or (D)	21,344 ⁽²⁾	D	
COMMON STOCK ⁽³⁾	05/07/2015		A ⁽⁴⁾	1,154 ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 64.96	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

THOMPSON J KENNETH
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD
SEATTLE, WA 98188

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR J. KENNETH THOMPSON

05/11/2015

____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) FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON'S SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- (2) TOTAL DEFERRED STOCK UNITS HELD HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE 2-FOR-1 STOCK SPLIT THAT OCCURRED ON 7/9/2014.
- (3) TOTAL SHARES BENEFICIALLY HELD PRIOR TO THE TRANSACTION BEING REPORTED HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE 2-FOR-1 STOCK SPLIT THAT OCCURRED ON 7/9/2014.
- (4) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTING PERSON'S RE-ELECTION TO SERVE ON THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS EFFECTIVE 5/7/2015.
- (5) THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE COST BASIS FOR THE SHARES ISSUED.

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