

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

May 11, 2015

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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Section 16.  
Form 4 or  
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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/07/2015

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

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

6. 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price	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 <sup>(1)</sup>					21,344 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
COMMON STOCK <sup>(3)</sup>	05/07/2015		A <sup>(4)</sup>	1,154 <sup>(5)</sup> A \$ 64.96	18,134	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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).

FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF  
(1) 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.

COMMON SHARES ISSUED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN IN CONNECTION  
(4) 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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