ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/13/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 (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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK 401(K) (1)								15,473	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK								18,405	I	GRAT
COMMON STOCK	07/13/2017		M(2)		3,600	A	$ 0	145,546	D	
COMMON STOCK (3)	07/13/2017		S(2)		2,800 (4)	D	$ 94.2267	142,746	D	
COMMON STOCK (3)	07/13/2017		S(2)		800 (5)	D	$ 95.3288	141,946	D	

COMMON STOCK (6)	07/13/2017		S(7)	1,500 (8)	D	$ 94.2732	140,446	D
COMMON STOCK (3)	07/13/2017		S(7)	500 (9)	D	$ 95.194	139,946	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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of Sha
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	$ 8.315	07/13/2017		M(2)			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 — 07/13/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

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

(3) TOTAL HELD IN COLUMN 5 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.

(4) THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM $93.765 TO $94.68 INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO 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.

(5) THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM $94.88 TO $95.68, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO 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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(7) SALE OF ALK COMMON SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. TILDEN ON 9/6/2016.

(8) THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM $93.76 TO $94.76, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO 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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