BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA Form 3 September 21, 2017 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]				
INC., 1930 INTERNATI			09/12/2017	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) VP EXT RELATIONS		 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		Ownership C	(Instr. 5)			
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02) Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. SEC 1473 (7-02)								
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying		4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of		
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable Expirat Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)		

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			Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)				
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) 09/11/20	18 <u>(1)</u> 09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	2,980	\$ 75.59	D	Â			
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS 09/11/20	18 <u>(2)</u> 09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	1,250	\$ 0	D	Â			
Reporting Owners									
Reporting Owner Name / Address									
	Director 10% Own	er Officer Othe			r				
BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	Â	VP EX	T RELAT	IONS Â					
Signatures									
/S/JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTC RAKOW	,	09/21/2017							
**Signature of Reporting Person						Date			

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Shares

or Indirect

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS AS FOLLOWS: 745 ON 9/11/18; 745 ON 9/11/19; 745 ON 9/11/20 AND 745 ON 9/11/21.
- (2) UNITS VEST AS FOLLOWS: 416 ON 9/11/18; 417 ON 9/11/19 AND 417 ON 9/11/20.

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