TILDEN BRADLEY D

Form 4

February 14, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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STOCK

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02/13/2018

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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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO			
(Street) SEATTLE, WA 98188				4. 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-De	erivative Se	curitie	s Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execu-	eemed tion Date, if h/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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)				Couc ,	rinoune		71100	15,473	I	ESOP TRUST	
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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 A Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$ 0	02/13/2018		A	12,000	02/13/2021(2)	02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 66.89	02/13/2018		A	46,630	02/13/2019(3)	02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK

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

02/14/2018

**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 12/31/17.
- (2) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CLIFF VEST 3 YEARS FROM GRANT AND CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.

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- (3) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/13/2019, 02/13/2020, 02/13/2021 and 02/13/2022).
- (4) TOTAL HELD IN COLUMN 5 INCLUDES 6,300 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 2/9/2016 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN.
 - COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/10/2015
- (5) UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018.
- (6) SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/13/2018.
- (7) PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.

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