

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2002

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

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)\*

**ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**011659109**

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(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2001**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this schedule is filed:

// Rule 13d-1(b)

/x/ Rule 13d-1(c)

// Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No.: 011659109

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons.

Cascade Investment, L.L.C.

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S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

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(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	(a) //	(b) //
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(3) SEC Use Only

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(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

State of Washington

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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting  
Person With:

(5) Sole Voting Power

-0-

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(6) Shared Voting Power

792,400

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(7) Sole Dispositive Power

-0-

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(8) Shared Dispositive Power

792,400

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(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

792,400

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(10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) //

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(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

2.99%

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(12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons.

William H. Gates III

S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

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(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member  
of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) //  
(b) //

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(3) SEC Use Only

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(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States of America

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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting  
Person With:

(5) Sole Voting Power

-0-

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(6) Shared Voting Power

792,400

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(7) Sole Dispositive Power

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2.99%

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(12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IN

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**ITEM 1.**

- (a) Name of Issuer  
Alaska Air Group, Inc. (the "Issuer")  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98188  
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**ITEM 2.**

- (a) Name of Person Filing  
(1) Cascade Investment, L.L.C. ("Cascade")  
(2) William H. Gates III  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence  
(1) 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033  
(2) One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052  
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- (c) Citizenship  
(1) Cascade is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Washington  
(2) William H. Gates III is a citizen of the United States of America  
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- (d) Title of Class of Securities  
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (e) CUSIP Number  
011659109  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Item 3. Not Applicable**

**Item 4. Ownership.**

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
792,400  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Percent of class:  
2.99%  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:  
(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

-0-

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

792,400\*

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

-0-

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

792,400\*

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\* All shares held by Cascade may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III as the sole member of Cascade. Michael Larson, Cascade's manager and executive officer, has voting and investment power with respect to the Common Stock held by Cascade. Mr. Larson disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Stock beneficially owned by Cascade and Mr. Gates.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following /x/.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:**

Not Applicable

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:**

Not Applicable

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:**

Not Applicable

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of a Group:**

Not Applicable

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**Item 10. Certification:**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 12, 2002

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C.

By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON

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Michael Larson, Manager

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON

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William H. Gates III, by Michael Larson as attorney in fact\*

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

We, the signatories of the statement to which this Joint Filing Agreement is attached, hereby agree that such statement is filed, and any amendments thereto filed by either or both of us will be filed, on behalf of each of us.

DATED: February 12, 2002.

CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C.

By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON

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Michael Larson, Manager

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON

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William H. Gates III, by Michael Larson as attorney in fact\*

\* Duly authorized under power of attorney dated March 14, 2001, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed with Cascade's Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D with respect to Pan American Silver Corp. on March 19, 2001, SEC File Number 005-52919, and incorporated by reference herein.

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