ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

TILDEN BRADLEY D

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

			[ALK]						(Check all applicable)				
	(Last) 19300 INTERN	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earlie (Month/Day/Ye				bel	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	19300 INTERN	ATIONAL	BLVD	03/15/2016	03/15/2016				CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO				
		(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
				Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SEATTLE, WA 98188									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									y Owned		
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transacti (Month/Da	y/Year) I	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of	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)								15,473	I	ESOP TRUST		
	RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (2)								23,900	D			
	COMMON STOCK								18,405	I	GRAT		
	COMMON STOCK	03/15/20	16		S(3)	5,000	D	\$ 79.4	166,457	D			

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerci	sable and	7. Title a	ınd	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	iorNumber	Expiration Date		Amount of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Y	(ear)	Underlyi	ing	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities		(Inst	(Instr. 3	and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
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					4, and 5)					
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				Code V	$^{\prime}$ (A) (D)			Sh	nares	

## **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

03/15/2016

\*\*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 12/31/15.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SALE OF SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. TILDEN ON 3/2/2015.

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