

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SPRAGUE JOSEPH A

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/07/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SR VP/COMM & EXT RELATIONS

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-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) |   |            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) <sup>(1)</sup>   |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |   |            |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |   |            |
| COMMON STOCK                         | 12/07/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 170                                                               | A                                                                                             | \$ 38.755                                                | 19,688                                                | D |            |
| COMMON STOCK                         | 12/07/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 1,410                                                             | A                                                                                             | \$ 48.945                                                | 21,098                                                | D |            |
| COMMON STOCK                         | 12/07/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 882                                                               | A                                                                                             | \$ 65.37                                                 | 21,980                                                | D | ESOP TRUST |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT <sup>(2)</sup> |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |   |            |
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COMMON  
STOCK

|                 |            |   |                     |   |               |        |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------|--------|---|
| COMMON<br>STOCK | 12/07/2016 | S | 9,482<br><u>(6)</u> | D | \$<br>87.2348 | 12,498 | 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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 38.755                                              | 12/07/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 170                                                                                     | 02/11/2015 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/11/2024                     | COMMON STOCK                                                |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 48.945                                              | 12/07/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 1,410                                                                                   | 05/12/2015 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/12/2024                     | COMMON STOCK                                                |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 65.37                                               | 12/07/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 882                                                                                     | 02/10/2016 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/10/2025                     | COMMON STOCK                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| SPRAGUE JOSEPH A<br>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD<br>SEATTLE, WA 98188 |               |           | SR VP/COMM & EXT RELATIONS |       |

## Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JOSEPH A.  
SPRAGUE

12/09/2016

\_\_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 ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) REMAINING OPTIONS VEST AS FOLLOWS: 840 ON 02/11/2017 AND 840 ON 02/11/2018.
- (4) REMAINING OPTIONS VEST AS FOLLOWS: 704 ON 05/12/2017 AND 706 ON 05/12/2018.
- (5) REMAINING OPTIONS VEST AS FOLLOWS: 883 ON 02/10/2017; 882 ON 02/10/2018; AND 883 ON 02/10/2019.

THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$86.9831 TO \$87.9525, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON

- (6) 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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