

SARETSKY GREGG A  
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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 \*  
SARETSKY GREGG A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ALASKA AIRLINES INC, 19300  
INTERNATIONAL BLVD  
(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/26/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXEC VP/MARKETING & PLANNING

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	04/25/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,038 D \$ 38.52	394	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK <sup>(2)</sup>					11,140	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/27/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	5,200 A \$ 18.76	5,200	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/27/2006		S	5,200 D \$ 38.764	0	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
STOCK OPTION	\$ 18.76	04/27/2006		M	5,200	02/11/2006 02/11/2013	COMMON STOCK	5,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SARETSKY GREGG A ALASKA AIRLINES INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			EXEC VP/MARKETING & PLANNING	

## Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for Gregg A. Saretsky,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/27/2006

\_\_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) Exchange of Alaska Air Group shares under the Alaska Airlines employee 401(k) plan.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units granted under 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan; subject to forfeiture.
- (3) Same-day exercise and sale of employee stock options covered by S-8 registration statement.

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