

THOMPSON J KENNETH  
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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 \*  
THOMPSON J KENNETH

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)  
05/03/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price                                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| DEFERRED STOCK UNIT <sup>(1)</sup> |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 10,672                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| COMMON STOCK                       | 05/03/2013                           |                                                    | G                              | V 800 D \$ 0                                                      | 10,464                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| COMMON STOCK                       | 05/21/2013                           |                                                    | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 785 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 58.54                                     | 11,249                                                                                        | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD  
SEATTLE, WA 98188

## Signatures

/s/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR J. KENNETH THOMPSON

05/23/2013

\*\*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).

- FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF
- (1) THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON'S SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
  - (2) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTING PERSON'S RE-ELECTION TO SERVE ON THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
  - (3) THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE COST BASIS FOR THE SHARES ISSUED.

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