

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
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FORM 4

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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 *
TILDEN BRADLEY D

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)
04/19/2016

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) ⁽¹⁾				(A)	15,473	I	ESOP TRUST
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT ⁽²⁾				(A)	23,900	D	
COMMON STOCK				(A)	18,405	I	GRAT
COMMON STOCK	04/19/2016		S ⁽³⁾	5,000 D	\$ 82.36 161,457	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 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 Transaction (Instr. 5)
				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
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
 TILDEN
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date 04/21/2016

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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