#### ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

Form 4 May 22, 2008

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

**STOCK** 

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Add HAMILTON	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				`	• •	,		
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD			(Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2008					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amend	lment, Date	Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
	Filed(Month/Day							Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SEATTLE, W					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		eemed tion Date, if h/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price		od of 5) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
COMMON STOCK	05/20/2008			A(1)	1,747	A	\$ 20.6	1,747	D		
COMMON STOCK								2,345	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

### **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

HAMILTON MARK R ALASKA AIR GROUP INC X 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

# **Signatures**

KAREN A. GRUEN, 05/22/2008 ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

> \*\*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).

GRANT OF FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN. THE STOCK (1) UNITS ARE PAYABLE IN SHARES OF 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.

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