

SCHAEFER JOHN F JR  
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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 \*  
 SCHAEFER JOHN F JR

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)  
 C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP  
 INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL  
 BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/08/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER

(Street)  
 SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2011		M	515	A \$ 42.85	3,892	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2011		M	1,260	A \$ 27.49	5,152	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2011		M	590	A \$ 33.26	5,742	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2011		S	2,365	D \$ 61.8814	3,377	D
COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>						10,500	D

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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)	\$ 42.85	02/08/2011		M	515	01/31/2011 01/31/2017	COMMON
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.49	02/08/2011		M	1,260	02/08/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2018	COMMON
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 33.26	02/08/2011		M	590	02/03/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/03/2020	COMMON

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHAEFER JOHN F JR C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER	

## Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR JOHN F. SCHAEFER, JR.

02/09/2011

\_\_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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON 02/08/09, 02/08/10 AND 02/08/11; REMAINING OPTIONS VEST ON 02/08/12.
- (3) OPTIONS VEST IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; REMAINING OPTIONS VEST ON 02/03/12, 02/03/13 AND 02/03/14.

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