ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A THOMPSO	Person *	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) 19300 INTE	(First) (NERNATIONAL	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2005				_X_ Director Officer (give	10% title Othe	Owner or (specify		
BOULEVA	RD SOUTH							below)	below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SEATTLE,	WA 98188		Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
SEATTLE,	W11 70100							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative s	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deen Execution any (Month/E	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security of (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D) 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	05/17/2005			J <u>(1)</u>	527	A	\$ 28.43 (2)	5,145	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	Amou Under Securi	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address** Director 10% Owner Officer Other THOMPSON J KENNETH

19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH X SEATTLE, WA 98188

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts - by power of 05/19/2005 attorney

> **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) Grant of shares in payment of board of director's annual retainer under a plan exempt under 16b-3(d).
- (2) The acquisition price is the average closing price on the NYSE for the 30 trading days immediately preceding the stock purchase date.

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