ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

February 11, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** YOUNG TAMARA S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2016	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP/HUMAN RESOURCES			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
SEATTLE, WA 98188		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Cransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)			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)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT	02/09/2016		Code V $A^{(2)}$	Amount 760	(D)	Price \$ 0	6,050	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2016		A(3)	3,840	A	\$ 0	11,982	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2016		F(4)	1,051	D	\$ 65.63	10,931	D	

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

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Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of ar Repositionally Owned

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 65.63	02/09/2016		A	1,810	02/09/2017(1)	02/09/2026	COMMON STOCK	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

YOUNG TAMARA S 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

VP/HUMAN RESOURCES

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR TAMARA S YOUNG

02/11/2016

**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) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/09/2017, 02/09/2018, 02/09/2019 AND 02/09/2020).
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN ON 02/09/2016 WILL CLIFF VEST ON 02/09/2019. UNITS ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- ALK COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2015, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 02/11/2013 UNDR THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON 02/09/2016.
- (4) COMMON SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 02/09/2016. AMOUNT PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF THE SHARES ON THE DATE OF FORFEITURE.

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