ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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(1)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PEDERSEN BRANDON | | | Symbol | ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | _ Director | 10% O | | | |
| 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD | | | ` - | (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2016 | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EXEC VP/FINANCE & CFO | | | | |
| | | 4. If Amendme | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | | |
| | | Filed(Month/Da | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| SEATTLE, WA 98188 | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transact (Month/Da | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquon(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Code V Amount

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10.083

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Price

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

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(Instr. 3 and 4)

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19,324

19,124

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | * | | Number | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

PEDERSEN BRANDON 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

EXEC VP/FINANCE & CFO

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRANDON S. **PEDERSEN**

02/19/2016

**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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- SALE OF COMMON SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. PEDERSEN ON 02/20/2015.

THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$71.41 TO \$72.38, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO

(3) PROVIDE TO ALASKA AIR GROUP, ANY SECURITY HOLDER OF ALASKA AIR GROUP, OR THE STAFF OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT EACH SEPARATE PRICE WITHIN THE RANGES SET FORTH IN THIS FOOTNOTE.

THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$72.43 TO \$72.44, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO

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