

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.  
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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 \*  
**ELIASSEN MARK G**

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)  
**19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/31/2016**

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

**SEATTLE, WA 98188**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK 401(K) <sup>(1)</sup>					783	I	ESOP TRUST
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT <sup>(2)</sup>					3,040	D	
COMMON STOCK ESPP	08/31/2016		A <sup>(3)</sup>	V 135 A \$ 57,4005	5,437	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/03/2016		M <sup>(4)</sup>	1,320 A \$ 8.315	1,320	D	
	10/03/2016		M <sup>(4)</sup>	880 A \$ 15.325	2,200	D	

COMMON  
STOCK

COMMON STOCK 10/03/2016 S<sup>(4)</sup> 2,200 D \$ 65.6 0 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)

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)	Am or Num of Sha
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 8.315	10/03/2016		M <sup>(4)</sup>	1,320	02/03/2011 02/03/2020	COMMON STOCK	1,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 15.325	10/03/2016		M <sup>(4)</sup>	880	02/07/2012 02/07/2021	COMMON STOCK	8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELIASSEN MARK G 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/FINANCE & TREASURER	

## Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR MARK G. ELIASSEN 10/03/2016

\_\_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) COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST, AS OF 12/31/15.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SHARES ACQUIRED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2010 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN THAT ARE EXEMPT UNDER BOTH RULE 16b-3(D) AND RULE 6b-3(c).
- (4) SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. ELIASSEN ON 11/23/2015.

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