

Virgin America Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Forte Stephen A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VIRGIN AMERICA INC., 555 AIRPORT BLVD

(Street)

BURLINGAME, CA 94010

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Virgin America Inc. [VA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2016 | | D | | 39,403 (1) | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 57 (2) | | |
| | | | | | 0 | | |

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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.4549 | 12/14/2016 | | D | 46,234 | (3) 05/12/2013 | Common Stock | 46,234 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Forte Stephen A. C/O VIRGIN AMERICA INC. 555 AIRPORT BLVD BURLINGAME, CA 94010 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Allen Huang, Attorney-in-fact for Stephen Forte
 12/14/2016
 **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) Includes 6,181 restricted stock units ("RSUs"), 10,746 shares of service-based restricted stock and also includes 15,328 shares of performance-based stock, which resulted from an initial award of 7,664 shares.
 Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated April 1, 2016, by and among Virgin America Inc., Alaska Air Group, Inc. and Alpine Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger Agreement"), (i) each issued and outstanding RSU was automatically vested and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest, (ii) each issued and outstanding share of common stock was automatically cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest, (iii) each issued and outstanding share of service-based restricted stock was automatically vested and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest, and (iv) each issued and outstanding share of performance-based restricted stock was automatically vested (treating the performance-based condition to which such award was subject as having been attained at a level of 200%) and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest.
- (3) Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, this option, whether or not then vested, was cancelled in exchange for a cash payment for each share subject to the option equal to the excess of \$57.00 over the per share exercise price of the option.

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