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Washington, D.C. 20549

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

November 23, 2015

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| if no longer subject to | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF | | | | | | HIP OF | Expires: Estimated aver | anuary 31, 2005 age | | |
| Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). | Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section | | | | | | | ourden hours p esponse | _ | | |
| (Print or Type Respo | onses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person 2. Issue SPRAGUE JOSEPH A Symbol | | | Inguar | | | | | ationship of Reporting Person(s) to | | | |
| | ALASKA A [ALK] | ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) 19300 INTERN | (First) (Middle) ATIONAL BLVD | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2015 | | | below) | Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) SR VP/COMM & EXT RELATIONS | | | | | |
| | | | | onth/Day/Year) Appl | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing(Check cable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| SEATTLE, WA | 98188 | | | | | For Person | m filed by More | than One Report | ing | | |
| (City) | (State) (Zip) | Table I - I | Non-Deriv | ative Secu | ırities | Acquired, I | Disposed of, or | Beneficially C | wned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | sed of 4 and (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 3 and | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) s) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) (1) | | | | | | | 7,049 | I | ESOP TRUST | | |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT | | | | | | | 7,550 | D | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/19/2015 | | M | 9,200 | A | \$ 8.315 | 24,844 | D | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/19/2015 | | S | 9,200 | D | \$ 78.7715 | 15,644 | D | | | |

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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 op 6. Number of 5. Number of 5. Number of 6. Nu | /e Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
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| | | | | Code V | and 5) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nur of Sha | |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$ 8.315 | 11/19/2015 | | M | 9,20 | 0 02/03/2011 | 02/03/2020 | COMMON STOCK | 9,2 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPRAGUE JOSEPH A 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

SR VP/COMM & EXT RELATIONS

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE

11/23/2015

**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 12/31/14.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Reporting Owners 2

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