TACKETT SHANE R

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TACKETT SHANE R			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) 19300 INTERN	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2019	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP STRATEGY/PLNG		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State) (Zi	p) Table I	- Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
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)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
COMMON STOCK 401(K) (1)							2,807	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK	02/14/2019		A(2)	1,672	A	\$ 0	7,462	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/14/2019		A(3)	1,114	A	\$0	8,576	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/14/2019		F(6)	408 (7)	D	\$ 66.57	8,168	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/14/2019		F(6)	272 (7)	D	\$ 66.57	7,896	D	

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and A Underlying Se
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 66.57	02/14/2019		A	15,180	02/14/2020(4)	02/14/2029	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$ 0	02/14/2019		A	3,960	02/14/2022(5)	02/14/2029	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TACKETT SHANE R 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD

EVP STRATEGY/PLNG

SEATTLE, WA 98188

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR SHANE R.
TACKETT

02/19/2019

**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 12/31/2018.
- (2) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/18 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/9/2016 UNDER

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THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/14/2019.

- (3) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/18 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 3/7/2017 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/14/2019.
- (4) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/14/2020, 02/14/2021, 02/14/2022 and 02/14/2023).
- (5) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CLIFF VEST 3 YEARS FROM GRANT AND CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.
- (6) SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/14/2019.
- (7) PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.

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