

DOBBS KELLEY J  
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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 \*  
DOBBS KELLEY J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALASKA AIRLINES, INC., 19300  
INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

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

02/04/2011

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)

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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
COMMON STOCK	02/04/2011		M		568 A \$ 42.85	3,830	D
COMMON STOCK	02/04/2011		M		3,683 A \$ 27.56	7,513	D
COMMON STOCK	02/04/2011		S		4,251 D \$ 60.2	3,262	D
COMMON STOCK	02/07/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,098 A \$ 0	6,191	D
COMMON STOCK <sup>(2)</sup>	02/07/2011		A <sup>(3)</sup>		1,360 A \$ 0	13,089	D

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COMMON STOCK <u>(2)</u>	02/08/2011	F <sup>(4)</sup>	659	D	\$ 61.94	12,430	D	
COMMON STOCK <u>(5)</u>						1,126	I	ESOP TRUST

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 42.85	02/04/2011		M	568	01/31/2011	01/31/2017	COMMON	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.56	02/04/2011		M	3,683	01/29/2011	01/29/2019	COMMON	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 61.3	02/07/2011		A	2,610	02/07/2012 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/07/2021	COMMON	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOBBS KELLEY J ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/HR & LABOR RELATIONS	

## Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR KELLEY J.  
DOBBS

02/08/2011

\_\_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).

- SHARES ISSUED UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS GRANTED FEBRUARY 8, 2008 UNDER THE ISSUER'S
- (1) 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN. VESTING OF THE UNITS WAS DETERMINED BASED ON THE ISSUER'S AVERAGE ADJUSTED PRE-TAX PROFIT MARGIN OVER A THREE-YEAR PERFORMANCE PERIOD.
  - (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
  - (3) STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN ON FEBRUARY 7, 2011. UNITS WILL "CLIFF" VEST THREE YEARS FROM DATE OF GRANT; ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 7, 2014. SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
  - (4) SHARES WITHHELD BY THE ISSUER TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING AND ISSUE OF NET SHARES IN CONNECTION WITH STOCK UNITS.
  - (5) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010.
  - (6) THE OPTIONS GRANTED WILL VEST IN FOUR EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS BEGINNING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANT DATE.

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