

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
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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 *
TILDEN BRADLEY D

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)
09/22/2016

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | (A) | 15,473 | I | ESOP TRUST |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT ⁽²⁾ | | | | (A) | 23,900 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | (A) | 18,405 | I | GRAT |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/22/2016 | | S ⁽³⁾ | 800 ⁽⁴⁾ D | \$ 66,0756 | D | |
| | 09/22/2016 | | S ⁽³⁾ | D | 135,457 | D | |

COMMON STOCK 1,200 \$ (5) 67.1463

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TILDEN BRADLEY D 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188 | | | CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO | |

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRADLEY D. TILDEN 09/22/2016
 **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 THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SALE OF ALK COMMON SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. TILDEN ON 9/6/2016.

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