

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

February 18, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SPRAGUE JOSEPH A

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)
02/14/2015

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SR VP/COMM & EXT RELATIONS

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------|------------------|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | | | 7,049 | I ESOP TRUST |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/14/2015 | | A <u>(2)</u> | | 3,960 | A | \$ 0 | 23,631 | D |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT | 02/14/2015 | | J <u>(3)</u> | | 3,960 | D | \$ 0 | 7,550 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/14/2015 | | F <u>(4)</u> | | 1,084 | D | \$ 62.56 | 22,547 | D |

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

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

02/18/2015

__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) COMMON SHARES ACQUIRED UPON VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ON 02/14/2015.
- (3) FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2018 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK EFFECTIVE 02/14/2015.
- (4) COMMON SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ON 02/14/2015. AMOUNT PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF THE SHARES ON THE DATE OF FORFEITURE.

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