

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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

(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)

01/29/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT, ALASKA AIRLINES

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
COMMON STOCK <u>(1)</u>	01/29/2009		A		19,744	A	\$ 0
COMMON STOCK <u>(2)</u>					14,800	D	
COMMON STOCK					7,783	D	
COMMON STOCK <u>(3)</u>					3,076	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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 27.56	01/29/2009		A ⁽⁴⁾	42,138	01/29/2010 01/29/2019	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TILDEN BRADLEY D ALASKA AIRLINES INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			PRESIDENT, ALASKA AIRLINES	

Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRADLEY D. TILDEN 02/02/2009

__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) STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN ON JANUARY 29, 2009. UNITS WILL "CLIFF" VEST ON JANUARY 29, 2012, SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008.

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- (4) GRANT OF NON-QUALIFIED STOCK OPTIONS UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN. THIS GRANT WILL VEST 25% EACH YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS; FIRST 25% INCREMENT TO VEST ON JANUARY 29, 2009.

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