

AYER WILLIAM S
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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 *
AYER WILLIAM S

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)

C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP
INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL
BLVD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/24/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK	11/24/2010		M ⁽¹⁾		23,278	A	\$ 30.89	52,479	D
COMMON STOCK	11/24/2010		S ⁽¹⁾		23,278	D	\$ 56	29,201	D
COMMON STOCK	11/26/2010		M ⁽¹⁾		5,597	A	\$ 30.89	34,798	D
COMMON STOCK	11/26/2010		S ⁽¹⁾		5,597	D	\$ 56	29,201	D
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾								90,338	D

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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 (RT TO BUY)	\$ 30.89	11/24/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	23,278	01/30/2006 01/30/2012	COMMON 2
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 30.89	11/26/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	5,597	01/30/2006 01/30/2012	COMMON 5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AYER WILLIAM S C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	X		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO	

Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR WILLIAM S. AYER
 11/29/2010
 **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) THIS SAME-DAY EXERCISE AND SALE OF OPTIONS WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. AYER ON AUGUST 4, 2010.

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- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

Remarks:

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