

AYER WILLIAM S

Form 4

October 16, 2012

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 *
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)
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/12/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EXECUTIVE CHAIR

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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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 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)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (1)					59,600	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/12/2012		M(2)	100 A \$ 13.745	110,148	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/12/2012		S(2)	100 D \$ 37	110,048	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/15/2012		M(2)	690 A \$ 13.745	110,738	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/15/2012		S(2)	690 D \$ 37	110,048	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 13.745	10/12/2012		M ⁽²⁾	100	02/08/2009 02/08/2018	COMMON STOCK	100
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 13.745	10/15/2012		M ⁽²⁾	690	02/08/2009 02/08/2018	COMMON STOCK	690

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
AYER WILLIAM S 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EXECUTIVE CHAIR

Signatures

/s/ Jeanne Gammon, Attorney-in-Fact for William S.
Ayer

10/16/2012

__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).

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- (1) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. AYER ON 8/16/12.

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