ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

August 10, 2015

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * THOMPSON J KENNETH |   |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.<br>[ALK] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) 19300 INTER   | (Last) (First) (Middle) 2300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2015                       | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) 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 Own    |  |  |  |  |  |

|  | • | ` / ` \ 1                            | 1 able 1  | - Non-                          | Der | ivauve Se   | curiu            | es Acquire   | a, Disposea oi, o   | r Beneficially                | Ownea                                      |  |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----|---|------------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
|  | 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr. |     | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |              | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned         | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |  |
|  |   |                                      |   | Code                            | V   | Amount  | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price        | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)    | (Instr. 4)                                 |  |
|  | DEFERRED<br>STOCK<br>UNIT (1)           |                                      |   |                                 |     |   |                  |              | 21,344  | D                             |  |  |
|  | COMMON<br>STOCK                         | 08/01/2015                           |   | G                               | V   | 1,000   | D                | \$ 0         | 17,134  | D                             |  |  |
|  | COMMON<br>STOCK                         | 08/07/2015                           |   | S                               |     | 1,000<br>(2)  | D                | \$<br>77.561 | 16,134  | 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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl   | e and    | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber   | Expiration D  | ate         | Amou      | nt of    | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)       | Under     | lying    | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e             |             | Secur     | ities    | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |               |             | (Instr.   | 3 and 4) |             | Owne   |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |               |             |           |          |             | Follo  |
|             | ·           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |               |             |           |          |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |               |             |           |          |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |               |             |           |          |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |               |             |           |          |             | · ·    |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |               |             |           |          |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |           |          |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |           | Amount   |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date          | Expiration  |           | or       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable   | Date        | Title Nun | Number   |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |           | of       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |               |             |           | Shares   |             |        |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THOMPSON J KENNETH 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

### **Signatures**

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR J. KENNETH THOMPSON

08/10/2015

\*\*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).
- FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF (1) THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON'S SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
  - THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$77.52 TO \$77.60, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO
- (2) PROVIDE TO ALASKA AIR GROUP, ANY SECURITY HOLDER OF ALASKA AIR GROUP, OR THE STAFF OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT EACH SEPARATE PRICE WITHIN THE RANGES SET FORTH IN THIS FOOTNOTE.

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