

AYER WILLIAM S  
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(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 or Price   |  |                                   |        |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 3,144   | A  | \$ 31.8                           | 3,144  | D |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 3,237   | A  | \$ 30.89                          | 6,381  | D |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 5,332   | A  | \$ 18.76                          | 11,713 | D |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 3,831   | A  | \$ 26.1                           | 15,544 | D |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 05/03/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 8,849   | D  | \$ 45.2                           | 51,040 | D |

COMMON  
STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>

90,338 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) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)               | \$ 30.89   | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              | 3,237   | 01/30/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2012                     | COMMON  | 3,237                      |
| EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)               | \$ 18.76   | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              | 5,332   | 02/11/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/11/2013                     | COMMON  | 5,332                      |
| EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)               | \$ 31.8  | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              | 3,144   | 01/30/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/30/2011                     | COMMON  | 3,144                      |
| EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)               | \$ 26.1  | 05/03/2010                           |  | M                              | 3,831   | 03/01/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 03/01/2014                     | COMMON  | 3,831                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR WILLIAM S. AYER 05/05/2010

\*\*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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
  - (2) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 01/30/2005.
  - (3) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 02/11/2007.
  - (4) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 01/30/2005.
  - (5) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 03/01/2008.

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