

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

Form 4

August 07, 2006

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 *
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)

08/04/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EXEC VP/FINANCE & CFO

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	08/04/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	V Amount (D) Price 4,000 A \$ 18.76	4,000	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/04/2006		S	4,000 D \$ 39	0	D	
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾					2,295	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK ⁽³⁾					10,700	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
COMMON STOCK	\$ 18.76	08/04/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	4,000	02/11/2004	02/11/2013	COMMON STOCK	4,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for Bradley D. Tilden,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/07/2006

_____*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) SAME-DAY SALE AND EXERCISE OF OPTIONS COVERED BY S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT.
- (2) NUMBER OF SHARES HELD UNDER EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN AS OF 31, 2005.
- (3) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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