AYER WILLIAM S

Form 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of

securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

1. Name and A AYER WIL	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
	(First) (MERNATIONAL RD SOUTH	(Month/	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
BOOLLVA	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
SEATTLE,2	WA 98188				_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-Deri	ivative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly 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 at end of Issuer's	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	, ,	,	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,300	D	Â	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,028 (1)	I	ESOP Trust	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	15,400 (2)	D	Â	

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
	Security			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
AYER WILLIAM S 19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH SEATTLE. WA 98188	Â	Â	Chairman, President and CEO	Â			

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for William S. Ayer, Attorney-in-fact

02/04/2005

**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) Shares acquired under an Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2004.
- (2) Award of restricted stock units granted under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Equity Plan on November 17, 2004. Units will "cliff" vest 100% on November 10, 2007, subject to forfeiture.

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