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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/12/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ALASKA AIR GROUP,

INC., 19300

INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(Street)

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

VP EXT RELATIONS

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

SEATTLE. WAÂ 98188

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City)

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

Conversion or Exercise Price of

4.

Ownership Form of Derivative

5.

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

(Instr. 4)

Amount or Number of Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	09/11/2018(1)	09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	2,980	\$ 75.59	D	Â
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	09/11/2018(2)	09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	1,250	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	Â	Â	VP EXT RELATIONS	Â		

Signatures

/S/JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR DIANA BIRKETT RAKOW

09/21/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS AS FOLLOWS: 745 ON 9/11/18; 745 ON 9/11/19; 745 ON 9/11/20 AND 745 ON 9/11/21.
- (2) UNITS VEST AS FOLLOWS: 416 ON 9/11/18; 417 ON 9/11/19 AND 417 ON 9/11/20.

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