ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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1. Name and Address of Report SCHAEFER JOHN F JR	ing Person *	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•			
C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD		(Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2006	Director 10% Owner String Officer (give title Other (specify below) STAFF VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SEATTLE, WA 98188		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or	Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
COMMON STOCK	04/26/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	1,000	A	\$ 31.8	1,000	D		
COMMON STOCK	04/26/2006		M(1)	250	A	\$ 25.2	1,250	D		
COMMON STOCK	04/26/2006		S	1,250	D	\$ 38.62	0	D		
COMMON STOCK (2)							129	I	ESOP TRUST	
COMMON STOCK	04/26/2006		S(3)	129	D	\$ 38.14	0	I	ESOP TRUST	

COMMON STOCK (4)

2,340

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
STOCK OPTION	\$ 31.8	04/26/2006		M		1,000	01/30/2005	01/30/2011	COMMON STOCK	1,000		
STOCK OPTION	\$ 25.2	04/26/2006		M		250	11/12/2005	11/12/2011	COMMON STOCK	250		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHAEFER JOHN F JR C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

STAFF VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for John F. Schaefer, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact

04/28/2006

**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).

Reporting Owners 2

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- (1) Same-day exercise and sale of employee stock options covered by S-8 registration statement.
- (2) Number of shares held under Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of March 31, 2006
- (3) Exchange of Alaska Air Group shares under the Alaska Airlines employee 401(k) Plan.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units granted under 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan; subject to forteiture.

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