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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading TILDEN BRADLEY D Issuer Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify ALASKA AIRLINES INC, 19300 12/08/2009 below) below) INTERNATIONAL BLVD PRESIDENT, ALASKA AIRLINES (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SEATTLE, WA 98188 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership of Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **COMMON** 12/08/2009 M 11,600 Α \$ 30.5 11,600 D **STOCK COMMON** 12/08/2009 S 11,600 D D 33.0003 STOCK **COMMON** 11,681 D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	•)	Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 30.5	12/08/2009		M	11,600	01/25/2004(3)	01/25/2010	COMMON

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TILDEN BRADLEY D ALASKA AIRLINES INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

PRESIDENT, ALASKA AIRLINES

Signatures

1. Title of

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRADLEY D. TILDEN

12/09/2009

**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; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008.
- (3) OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON JANUARY 25, 2001, 2002, 2003 AND 2004.

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Reporting Owners 2

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