

PEDERSEN BRANDON  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PEDERSEN BRANDON

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)  
 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP/FINANCE & CFO

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

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

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (1)					13,920	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/22/2013		M		2,000	A	\$ 19.99
COMMON STOCK	02/22/2013		M		5,354	A	\$ 13.745
COMMON STOCK	02/22/2013		S		11,132 (2)	D	\$ 50.2964
					19,778	D	
					25,132	D	
					14,000	D	

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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)	Am or Nur of Sha
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 19.99	02/22/2013		M	2,000	12/01/2007 12/01/2016	COMMON STOCK	2,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 13.745	02/22/2013		M	5,354	02/08/2009 02/08/2018	COMMON STOCK	5,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PEDERSEN BRANDON 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/FINANCE & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRANDON S. PEDERSEN

02/26/2013

\*\*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 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

(2)

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