

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
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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 *
SPRAGUE JOSEPH A

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)
02/11/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/MARKETING

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) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 3,363 | I | ESOP TRUST |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT | 02/11/2014 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 890 A \$ 0 | 4,210 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/11/2014 | | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 4,600 A \$ 0 | 15,544 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/11/2014 | | F ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,259 D \$ 77.51 | 14,285 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 02/12/2014 | | S | 1,622 D \$ 77.1001 | 12,663 | D | |

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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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$ 77.51 | 02/11/2014 | | A | 1,680 | 02/11/2015 ⁽²⁾ 02/11/2024 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SPRAGUE JOSEPH A 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188 | | | VP/MARKETING | |

Signatures

/S/JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE

02/13/2014

**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) COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST, AS OF 12/31/13.
- (2) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/11/2015, 02/11/2016, 02/11/2017 AND 02/11/2018).
- (3)

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STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN ON 2/11/2014 WILL CLIFF VEST ON 2/11/2017. UNITS ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

- (4) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/7/2011 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/11/14.
- (5) COMMON SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 02/11/2014.

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