AYER WILLIAM S

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AYER WILLIAM S			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	(Choose an approacte)			
C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD			(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2010	X Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specification) below) CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
SEATTLE, WA 98188			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				

(City)	(State) (Zi	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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	01/31/2010		F <u>(1)</u>	1,369	D	\$ 31.34	3,831	D	
COMMON STOCK							56,058	D	
COMMON STOCK (2)							67,858	D	
COMMON STOCK (3)							4,194	I	ESOP TRUST

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
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	·				(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date		umber		
								of			
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AYER WILLIAM S C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

X

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR WILLIAM S. **AYER**

02/01/2010

**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).
- STOCK UNITS WITHHELD TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING AND ISSUE OF NET SHARES IN CONNECTION WITH STOCK UNITS AWARDED JANUARY 31, 2007.
- STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY OR 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE **(2)** PLANS; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009.

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