

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

Form 8-K

October 26, 2004

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

October 26, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported)

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8957

91-1292054

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington

98188

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 5.04 Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.

On October 26, 2004, Alaska Air Group, Inc. (the Registrant) sent a notice to its directors and executive officers informing them that a blackout period will be in effect beginning November 8, 2004 at noon Pacific Time and ending the week of Monday, November 14, 2004. The Registrant provided the notice to its directors and executive officers in accordance with Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 104 of Regulation BTR. Since the Registrant administers the Plan, the notice pursuant to Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 has not been sent.

A copy of the notice sent to the Registrant's directors and executive officers is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) (b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Notice of Blackout Period to Directors and Executive Officers of Alaska Air Group, Inc.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
Registrant

Date: October 26, 2004

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen
Brandon S. Pedersen
Staff Vice President/Finance and
Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden
Bradley D. Tilden
Executive Vice President/Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

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