

SCHAEFER JOHN F JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SCHAEFER JOHN F JR

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)
 C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP
 INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL
 BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/07/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER

(Street)
 SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	02/07/2011		A ⁽¹⁾	V	584	A	\$ 0 3,377	D
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	02/07/2011		A ⁽³⁾		1,080	A	\$ 0 10,913	D
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾	02/08/2011		F ⁽⁴⁾		413	D	\$ 61.94 10,500	D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 61.3	02/07/2011		A	2,050	02/07/2012 02/07/2021	COMMON 2,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHAEFER JOHN F JR C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER	

Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR JOHN F. SCHAEFER, JR.

02/08/2011

__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) SHARES ISSUED UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS GRANTED FEBRUARY 8, 2008 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN. VESTING OF THE UNITS WAS DETERMINED BASED ON THE ISSUER'S AVERAGE ADJUSTED PRE-TAX PROFIT MARGIN OVER A THREE-YEAR PERFORMANCE PERIOD.
 - (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
 - (3) STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN ON FEBRUARY 7, 2011. UNITS WILL CLIFF VEST ON FEBRUARY 7, 2014; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
 - (4)

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SHARES WITHHELD BY THE ISSUER TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES DUE UPON VESTING OF UNITS AND AND ISSUANCE OF NET SHARES.

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