#### LOVELESS KEITH

Form 4

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STOCK UNIT

11/07/2012

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LOVELESS KEITH Issuer Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. (Check all applicable) [ALK] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD 11/07/2012 VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SEATTLE, WA 98188 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **COMMON** 20,558 D **STOCK COMMON** STOCK ESPP D 3.030 (1) **COMMON ESOP** 450 STOCK 401(K) I **TRUST**

4,670

16,740

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)	(A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of Sha
EMPLO STOCK OPTION TO BUY	N (RT	\$ 38	11/07/2012		A	3,048	11/07/2013	11/07/2022	COMMON STOCK	3,0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LOVELESS KEITH 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL

## **Signatures**

/s/JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR KEITH LOVELESS

03/22/2013

\*\*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) SHARES ACQUIRED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2010 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN, AS OF 12/31/2012.
- (2) COMMON SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012.

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STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN ON 11/07/2012, AND WILL CLIFF VEST ON 11/07/2015. UNITS ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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