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Alaska Air Group, Inc. Stockholder Meeting to be held on May 17, 2011

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Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 3, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

Alaska Air Group's Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 17, 2011 at the Museum of Flight 9404 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA, at 2 p.m. Pacific Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed, a vote FOR Proposals 2, 3, and 6, EVERY ONE YEAR for Proposal 4, and a vote AGAINST Proposal 5.

1. Election of Nominees for the Board of Directors
Nominees:
01. William S. Ayer 04. Phyllis J. Campbell 07. Dennis F. Madsen 10. Bradley D. Tilden
02. Patricia M. Bedient 05. Jessie J. Knight, Jr. 08. Byron I. Mallott
03. Marion C. Blakey 06. R. Marc Langland 09. J. Kenneth Thompson
2. Ratification of Appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's Independent Auditor
3. Advisory Vote on the Compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers
4. Advisory Vote on the Frequency of a Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation
5. Advisory Vote on Stockholders' Right to Act by Written Consent
6. Approval of the Amendment of the Company's 2008 Performance Incentive Plan

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Directions to the Alaska Air Group 2011 Annual Stockholders Meeting

The Museum of Flight is located south of downtown Seattle, at the south end of Boeing Field/King County Airport; take Exit 158 off Interstate 5.

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