

SPRAGUE JOSEPH A
Form 4
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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 *
SPRAGUE JOSEPH A

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)
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/19/2012

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP/MARKETING

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK 401(K) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 3,242 ⁽²⁾ | I | ESOP TRUST |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT ⁽³⁾ | | | | | 14,920 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK ⁽⁴⁾ | 11/19/2012 | | S | 300 D | \$ 41.44 16,200 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/19/2012 | | S | 4,562 D | \$ 41.43 11,638 | D | |

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD
SEATTLE, WA 98188

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Signatures

JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE

11/19/2012

__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 HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF MARCH 5, 2012.
- (2) ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. (ALK) COMMON STOCK WAS SPLIT IN A TWO-FOR-ONE TRANSACTION ON MARCH 16, 2012. SHARES AND PRICES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE SPLIT.
- (3) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (4) AMOUNT OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED PRIOR TO TRANSACTIONS WAS CORRECTED TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL 4,456 COMMON SHARES (GIVING EFFECT TO ALASKA AIR GROUP'S MARCH 16, 2012 STOCK SPLIT)

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WHICH WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THE FORM 3 FILED ON MARCH 13, 2012.

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