ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

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1. Name and A	Symbo	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (1		ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (1	, 5.24.0	of Earliest 11 /Day/Year)	ansaction			Director		Owner	
19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH			07/27/2005				X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Staff VP and Controller			
	Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-D	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	n Date, if Transaction(A) or D Code (Instr. 3,		(A) or		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	07/27/2005		M(1)	2,000	A	\$ 27.94	3,690	D		
common	07/27/2005		M (1)	075	٨	\$ 26.1	1 665	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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 27.94	07/27/2005		M <u>(1)</u>		2,000	12/29/2004	12/29/2013	common stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.1	07/27/2005		M(1)		975	03/01/2005	03/01/2014	common stock	975

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PEDERSEN BRANDON 19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH SEATTLE, WA 98188

Staff VP and Controller

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for Brandon Pedersen, Attorney-in-Faact

07/27/2005

**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) Same-day exercise and sale of employee stock options covered by an S-8 registration statement.

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