ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

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(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 [ALK] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 19300 INTERNATIONAL 08/30/2005 below) **BOULEVARD SOUTH** VP/Legal & Corporate Affairs (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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of

1.Title of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/30/2005 $A^{(1)}$ 6,680 Α \$0 10,360 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.96	08/30/2005		A(2)	8,300	08/30/2006	08/30/2015	Common Stock	8,300

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Other

Director 10% Owner Officer

LOVELESS KEITH 19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH SEATTLE, WA 98188

VP/Legal & Corporate Affairs

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for Keith Loveless, 09/01/2005 Attorney-in-Fact

> **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).
- Award of restricted stock units granted under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Equity Plan on August 30, 2005. Units will "cliff" vest on (1) August 30, 2008, subject to forfeiture.
- Grant of shares acquired under the Alaska Air Group 2004 Long-Term Incentive Equity Plan. This grant will vest 25% each year for four years beginning on August 30, 2006.

Remarks:

See attached footnotes page.

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