HARRISON ANDREW R

Form 4

February 14, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARRISON ANDREW R | | | 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) 19300 INTER | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) EVP & CRO | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| SEATTLE, WA 98188 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Zi | Table 1 | I - Non-De | rivative S | ecurit | ies Acqui | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 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 (3) | 02/13/2018 | | A(4) | 8,265 | A | \$ 0 | 28,403 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK (3) | 02/13/2018 | | A(5) | 1,292 | A | \$ 0 | 29,695 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK (3) | 02/13/2018 | | F(6) | 2,744 (7) | D | \$ 66.89 | 26,951 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK (3) | 02/13/2018 | | F(8) | 509 (7) | D | \$ 66.89 | 26,442 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4 |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | \$ 0 | 02/13/2018 | | A | 4,560 | 02/13/2021(1) | 02/13/2028 | COMMON STOCK |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$ 66.89 | 02/13/2018 | | A | 17,660 | 02/13/2019(2) | 02/13/2028 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
|--------------------------------|---------------|

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HARRISON ANDREW R 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

EVP & CRO

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR ANDREW R. HARRISON

02/14/2018

**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) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CLIFF VEST 3 YEARS FROM GRANT AND CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.
- (2) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/13/2019, 02/13/2020, 02/13/2021 and 02/13/2022).

(3)

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TOTAL HELD IN COLUMN 5 INCLUDES 3,050 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 2/9/2016 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN.

- (4) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/10/2015 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018.
- COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 3/7/2017 UNDER THE
- (5) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A TEM ORWANCE STOCK CIVIT AWARD GRAVIED ON 3/1/2017 CINDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018.
- (6) SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/13/2018.
- (7) PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.
- (8) SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/13/2018.

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