

LOVELESS KEITH  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LOVELESS KEITH

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALASKA AIRLINES INC, 19300  
INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

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

03/25/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 03/25/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,431 A \$ 31.8   | 4,431   | D  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 03/25/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,431 D \$ 42   | 0   | D  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK <sup>(2)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   | 14,880  | D  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK <sup>(3)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   | 742   | D  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK <sup>(4)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   | 345   | I  | ESOP TRUST                        |

COMMON  
STOCK

6,927 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)               | \$ 31.8  | 03/25/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,431   | 01/30/2002 01/30/2011                                    | COMMON  | 4,431                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| LOVELESS KEITH<br>ALASKA AIRLINES INC<br>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD<br>SEATTLE, WA 98188 |               |           | VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL |       |

## Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR KEITH  
LOVELESS

03/29/2010

\_\_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) THE SAME-DAY EXERCISE AND SALE OF OPTIONS REPORTED IN THIS FORM 4 WERE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. LOVELESS ON MARCH 11, 2010.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SHARES ACQUIRED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009.
- (4) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009.

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