

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

Form 4

December 10, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)  
**12/09/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

VP/LEGAL &amp; GENERAL COUNSEL

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| COMMON<br>STOCK <u>(1)</u>            | 12/09/2008                              |   | J <sup>(2)</sup>                     | 1,037 D   | \$<br>25.8292 0  | I   | ESOP<br>TRUST   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 12/09/2008                              |   | Z                                    | 3,119 D   | \$<br>27.4795 0  | D   |   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK <u>(3)</u>            |   |   |                                      |   | 7,480  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## 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

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT, FOR KEITH LOVELESS 12/10/2008

\_\_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) ALASKA AIR GROUP COMMON STOCK HELD IN THE COMPANY'S ESOP 401(K) PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 8, 2008.
- (2) DISPOSITION OF ALASKA AIR GROUP COMMON STOCK SHARES AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN THE COMPANY'S ESOP 401(K) PLAN.
- (3) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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