AYER WILLIAM S

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AYER WILLIAM S			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)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Choon an apphoante)		
C/O ALASK INC, 19300 I BLVD			(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2007	X Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SEATTLE, V	VA 98188		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed 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)	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 (1)	01/31/2007		A	5,200	A	\$0	34,600	D	
COMMON STOCK (2)							3,449	I	ESOP TRUST
COMMON STOCK (3)	01/31/2007		A	9,175	A	\$ 42.85	35,975	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)	ransactionDerivative Expiration Date ode Securities (Month/Day/		e	7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	ng Securit	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 42.85	01/31/2007		A(4)	23,800	01/31/2008	01/31/2017	COMMON STOCK	2	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
AYER WILLIAM S C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	X		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO			

Signatures

SHANNON K. ALBERTS FOR WILLIAM S. AYER, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

02/02/2007

**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 AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) SHARES HELD UNDER EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006.
- (3) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN IN LIEU OF CASH AWARD FOR 2006 UNDER THE AIR GROUP PERFORMANCE-BASED PAY PLAN.
- (4) GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN. THIS GRANT WILL VEST 25% EACH YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 31, 2007.

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