

AYER WILLIAM S
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP
INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL
BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/04/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/04/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 55 | 40,587 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/05/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 30.89 | 57,100 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/05/2010 | | S ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 56.1265 | 40,587 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/05/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 56 | 38,987 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/05/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 56.0204 | 29,201 | D |

COMMON
STOCK ⁽³⁾

90,338 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$ 30.89 | 11/05/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 16,513 | 01/30/2003 01/30/2012 | COMMON 1 |

Reporting Owners

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

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR WILLIAM S. AYER 11/08/2010

__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) THIS SALE OF SHARES WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. AYER ON AUGUST 4, 2010.

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- (2) THIS SAME-DAY EXERCISE AND SALE OF OPTIONS WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b-5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. AYER ON AUGUST 4, 2010.
- (3) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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