

Virgin America Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Nickell Robert A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VIRGIN AMERICA INC., 555 AIRPORT BLVD

(Street)

BURLINGAME, CA 94010

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Virgin America Inc. [VA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2016

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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	05/25/2016		G	V 2,050 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 0	217,435 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2016		D	217,435 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 57 ⁽³⁾ 0		D	
Common Stock	12/14/2016		D	10,000 D \$ 57 0		I	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	12/14/2016		D	500 D \$ 57 0		I	See Footnote ⁽⁵⁾

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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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for Nickell Robert A., C/O VIRGIN AMERICA INC., 555 AIRPORT BLVD, BURLINGAME, CA 94010, with 'X' in the Director column.

Signatures

/s/ Allen Huang, Attorney-in-fact for Robert Nickell 12/14/2016
**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 denotes a charitable contribution.
(2) Includes 6,624 restricted stock units ("RSUs").
(3) Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated April 1, 2016, by and among Virgin America Inc., Alaska Air Group, Inc. and Alpine Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger Agreement"), (i) each issued and outstanding RSU was automatically vested and converted in the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest and (ii) each issued and outstanding share of common stock was automatically cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest.
(4)

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Shares were held by Nickell Irrevocable 2009 Trust, of which Reporting Person is trustee. Such trust is for the sole benefit of Reporting Person's children. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, each issued and outstanding share of common stock was automatically cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest.

- (5) Shares were held by a trust, for which Reporting Person's minor child is the sole beneficiary. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, each issued and outstanding share of common stock was automatically cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$57.00 in cash, without interest.

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