ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. Form 8-K December 19, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

December 19, 2016 (Date of earliest event reported)

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-895791-1292054(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington98188(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 19, 2016, Alaska Air Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the separation of the Company's marketing and codeshare agreement with Delta Air lines, Inc. ("Delta"). The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Pursuant to 17 CFR Part 243 ("Regulation FD"), the Company is also submitting information related to the separation of the marketing and codeshare agreement with Delta in an Investor Update attached as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information under this item shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Other Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Investor Update: Delta Marketing & Codeshare Agreement dated December 19, 2016

Exhibit 99.2 Press Release dated December 19, 2016

## Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. Registrant

Date: December 19, 2016

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen Brandon S. Pedersen Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial Officer