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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION							OMB APPROVAL			
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(Print or Type Re	esponses)									
1. Name and Ada SCHAEFER	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
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(Last)	(First) (Mic		Earliest Tra	nsaction			D. (100	0	
	A AIR GROUP NTERNATIONA	(Month/D 09/13/20 L	-				Director X Officer (give below) VP/FINANCI		Owner er (specify SURER	
	(Street)		ndment, Date th/Day/Year)	e Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SEATTLE, W	VA 98188						Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State) (Z	^{ip)} Table	e I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	iired, 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)	3.4. Securities AcquiredTransactior(A) or Disposed of (D)Code(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)(Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
COMMON STOCK	09/13/2009		F <u>(1)</u>	254	D	\$ 26.57	1,343	D		
COMMON STOCK (2)							10,080	D		
COMMON STOCK (3)							451	Ι	ESOP TRUST	

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. 3. Transaction D Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Repo	rting O	wners									
Reporti	ng Owner Na	me / Address		I	Relationshi	ps					
		D	irector 10% Owne	er Officer				Oth	ner		
C/O ALA 19300 IN		GROUP INC NAL BLVD	VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER								

Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JOHN F. SCHAEFER, JR.

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) SHARES WITHHELD BY COMPANY TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES DUE UPON VESTING OF STOCK UNITS AND ISSUE OF COMMON SHARES.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN AND THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008.

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