

MINICUCCI BENITO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MINICUCCI BENITO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ALASKA AIRLINES,  
INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL  
BLVD SO

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/30/2011

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)  
EXEC VP/OPS AND COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
COMMON STOCK	03/30/2011		M		565	A	\$ 42.85
COMMON STOCK	03/30/2011		M		819	A	\$ 819
COMMON STOCK	03/30/2011		S		1,384	D	\$ 63
COMMON STOCK	03/31/2011		M		447	A	\$ 27.49
COMMON STOCK	03/31/2011		S		447	D	\$ 64

COMMON  
STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>

45,290 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)	\$ 42.85	03/30/2011		M	565	01/31/2011 01/31/2017	COMMON 5
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 23.36	03/30/2011		M	819	11/06/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 11/06/2017	COMMON 8
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.49	03/31/2011		M	447	02/08/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/08/2018	COMMON 4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MINICUCCI BENITO C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO SEATTLE, WA 98188			EXEC VP/OPS AND COO	

## Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BENITO  
MINICUCCI

04/01/2011

\_\_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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
  - (2) OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 11/06/11.
  - (3) OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; 888 OF THE REMAINING OPTIONS VESTED ON 02/08/11 AND 1,335 WILL VEST ON 02/08/12.

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