

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

Form 4

September 01, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON GLENN S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALASKA AIR GROUP,
INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL
BOULEVARD SOUTH

(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)

08/30/2005

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 ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP of Finance & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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. 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)
Common Stock	08/30/2005		A ⁽¹⁾	6,230	A \$ 0 9,460	D	
Common Stock					211	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.96	08/30/2005		A ⁽²⁾		7,000		08/30/2006	08/30/2015	Common Stock	7,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
JOHNSON GLENN S ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH SEATTLE, WA 98188	VP of Finance & Treasurer

Signatures

Shannon K. Alberts for Glenn S. Johnson,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/01/2005

**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) Award of restricted stock units granted under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Equity Plan on August 30, 2005. Units will "cliff" vest on August 30, 2008, subject to forfeiture.
- (2) Grant of shares acquired under the Alaska Air Group 2004 Long-Term Incentive Equity Plan. This grant will vest 25% each year for four years beginning on August 30, 2006.

Remarks:

See attached footnotes page.

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