

LOVELESS KEITH

Form 4

November 05, 2012

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

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may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LOVELESS KEITH

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/01/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL

SEATTLE, WA 98188

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COMMON<br>STOCK ESPP<br>(1)        |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 2,220                                                                                                              | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| RESTRICTED<br>STOCK UNIT<br>(2)    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 12,820 (3)                                                                                                         | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK<br>401(K) (4)      |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 228                                                                                                                | I                                                                       | ESOP<br>TRUST                                                     |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                    | 11/01/2012                              |                                                             | M(5)                                 | 2,440 A                                                                 | \$ 16.63 22,998                                                                                                    | D                                                                       |                                                                   |

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|              |            |                  |               |   |            |        |   |
|--------------|------------|------------------|---------------|---|------------|--------|---|
| COMMON STOCK | 11/01/2012 | S <sup>(6)</sup> | 2,440         | D | \$ 39      | 20,558 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/05/2012 | M <sup>(6)</sup> | 13,420        | A | \$ 21.425  | 33,978 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/05/2012 | S <sup>(6)</sup> | 13,420<br>(7) | D | \$ 40.0067 | 20,558 | 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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title                                                       |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 16.63                                               | 11/01/2012                           |                                                    | M <sup>(6)</sup>               | 2,440                                                                                   | 02/03/2011 02/03/2020                                    | COMMON STOCK                                                |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 21.425                                              | 11/05/2012                           |                                                    | M <sup>(6)</sup>               | 13,420                                                                                  | 01/31/2008 01/31/2017                                    | COMMON STOCK                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| LOVELESS KEITH<br>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD<br>SEATTLE, WA 98188 | VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeanne Gammon Attorney-in-Fact for Keith  
Loveless

11/05/2012

\_\_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) SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN (ESPP) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011.

(2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

AN ERROR IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO  
(3) RECORD THE CORRECT ADJUSTED NUMBER OF UNITS SUBSEQUENT TO THE TWO-FOR-ONE SPLIT OF ALASKA AIR GROUP'S COMMON STOCK ON MARCH 16, 2012.

(4) SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011.

(5) SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. LOVELESS ON 7/30/12.

(6) SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. LOVELESS ON 7/30/12.

THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$40.00 TO \$40.12, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO  
(7) PROVIDE TO ALASKA AIR GROUP, ANY SECURITY HOLDER OF ALASKA AIR GROUP, OR THE STAFF OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT EACH SEPARATE PRICE WITHIN THE RANGES SET FORTH IN THIS FOOTNOTE.

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