

LOVELESS KEITH  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALASKA AIRLINES INC, 19300  
INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(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)

01/31/2010

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)  
VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
COMMON STOCK	01/31/2010		F <sup>(1)</sup>		390 D \$ 31.34	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/01/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>		3,700 A \$ 18.76	D	
COMMON STOCK <sup>(3)</sup>					12,090	D	
COMMON STOCK <sup>(4)</sup>					742	D	
COMMON STOCK <sup>(5)</sup>					345	I	ESOP TRUST

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COMMON  
STOCK

2,137 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 18.76	02/01/2010		M <sup>(6)</sup>	3,700	02/11/2004 02/11/2013	COMMON	3,700

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LOVELESS KEITH ALASKA AIRLINES INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/LEGAL & GENERAL COUNSEL	

**Signatures**

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR KEITH LOVELESS 02/01/2010

\*\*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 WITHHELD TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING AND ISSUE OF NET SHARES IN CONNECTION WITH STOCK UNITS AWARDED JANUARY 31, 2007.
- (2) COMMON SHARES TO BE HELD IN BROKERAGE ACCOUNT FOLLOWING EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTIONS.
- (3) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (4) SHARES HELD IN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009.
- (5) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009.
- (6) CASH EXERCISE OF INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED 2/11/2003, VESTING IN 25% INCREMENTS ON 2/11/2004, 2005, 2006 AND 2007.

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