

LOVELESS KEITH  
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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 \*  
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)  
12/08/2009

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/08/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 11,600  | A  | \$ 30.5   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/08/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 11,600  | D  | \$ 33   |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,137   |  |   |
| COMMON STOCK <u>(1)</u>         |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,570  |  |   |
| COMMON STOCK <u>(2)</u>         |                                      |  |                                |   | 210   | I  | ESOP TRUST  |

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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)          | \$ 30.5  | 12/08/2009                           |  | M                              | 11,600  | 01/25/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/25/2010                     | COMMON  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR KEITH LOVELESS 12/09/2009

\_\_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 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; UNVESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST AS OF JUNE 30, 2009.
- (3) OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON JANUARY 25, 2001, 2002, 2003 AND 2004.

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