

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 2, 2002

**ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified  
in its Charter)

Delaware

1-8957

91-1292054

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(State or Other  
Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS  
Employer Identification  
Number)

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19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington

98188

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 431-7040

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Effective December 2, 2002, the board of directors of Alaska Air Group, Inc. voted to increase the size of the board of directors from 12 to 13 directors and to appoint Jessie J. Knight Jr. to fill the additional seat on the corporation's board of directors. Mr. Knight has been appointed to the class of directors with a three year term expiring at the corporation's annual meeting of stockholders in May 2003.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated December 2, 2002

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

March 11, 2003

/s/ Terri K. Maupin

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Terri K. Maupin  
Staff Vice President/Finance and Controller

March 11, 2003

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden

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Bradley D. Tilden  
Executive Vice President/Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release dated December 2, 2002