AYER WILLIAM S

Form 4 May 05, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person	n
AYER WILLIAM S	

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2010

X Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title

below)

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL **BLVD**

> 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

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City)	(State) (Z	iip) Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
COMMON STOCK	05/03/2010		M	3,144	A	\$ 31.8	3,144	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/03/2010		M	3,237	A	\$ 30.89	6,381	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/03/2010		M	5,332	A	\$ 18.76	11,713	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/03/2010		M	3,831	A	\$ 26.1	15,544	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/03/2010		F	8,849	D	\$ 45.2	51,040	D	

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COMMON STOCK (1)

90,338

D

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	urities juired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		and 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	' (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 30.89	05/03/2010	M		3,237	01/30/2003(2)	01/30/2012	COMMON	3,23
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 18.76	05/03/2010	M		5,332	02/11/2004(3)	02/11/2013	COMMON	5,33
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 31.8	05/03/2010	M		3,144	01/30/2002(4)	01/30/2011	COMMON	3,14
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 26.1	05/03/2010	M		3,831	03/01/2005(5)	03/01/2014	COMMON	3,83

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AYER WILLIAM S C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE. WA 98188

X

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR WILLIAM S. AYER

05/05/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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; NOT YET VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 01/30/2005.
- (3) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 02/11/2007.
- (4) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 01/30/2005.
- (5) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; ALL OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF

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