#### ALASKA AIR GROUP INC

Form 4 May 19, 2005

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KNIGHT JESSIE J JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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 BOULEVARD SOUTH			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2005						X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
SEATTLE,	1	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)  1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(State)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	(Zip)  2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3.	ctio	4. Securit (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ies Ao	equired 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)		
Common Stock	05/17/2005			J(1)		1,055	A	28.43 (2)	2,315	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)

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					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other KNIGHT JESSIE J JR

19300 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD SOUTH X SEATTLE, WA 98188

## **Signatures**

Shannon K. Alberts - by power of 05/19/2005 attorney

> \*\*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) Grant of shares in payment of board of director's annual retainer under a plan exempt under 16b-3(d).
- (2) The acquisition price is the average closing price on the NYSE for the 30 trading days immediately preceding the stock purchase date.

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