

PEDERSEN BRANDON  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PEDERSEN BRANDON**

2. Issuer Name and 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 BLVD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/20/2011**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP/FINANCE & CFO**

**SEATTLE, WA 98188**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (1)					13,305	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/20/2011		M	700 A	\$ 27.49 5,215	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/20/2011		S	700 D	\$ 70 4,515	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.49	05/20/2011		M	700	02/08/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2018	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PEDERSEN BRANDON 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			VP/FINANCE & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeanne Gammon Attorney-in-Fact for Brandon S. Pedersen  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 05/23/2011  
 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 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) OPTIONS VEST IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS. OPTIONS VESTED IN 25% INCREMENTS ON 2/8/09, 2/8/10 AND 2/8/11; 25% OF THE OPTIONS GRANTED WILL VEST ON 2/8/12.

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