

AYER WILLIAM S  
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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 \*  
AYER WILLIAM S

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)  
03/04/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE CHAIR

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>					206	I	ESOP TRUST
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT <sup>(2)</sup>					15,645	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/04/2013		M <sup>(3)</sup>	25,000 A	\$ 18.98 153,780	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/04/2013		S <sup>(3)</sup>	25,000 D	\$ 53 128,780	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/05/2013		S <sup>(4)</sup>	12,400 <sup>(5)</sup> D	\$ 55.6714 116,380	D	



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(3) SAME-DAY EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SALE EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. AYER ON 02/02/2013.

(4) SALE OF COMMON STOCK EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. AYER ON 02/02/2013.

(5) THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$55.00 TO \$55.99, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE TO ALASKA AIR GROUP, ANY SECURITY HOLDER OF ALASKA AIR GROUP, OR THE STAFF OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT EACH SEPARATE PRICE WITHIN THE RANGES SET FORTH IN THIS FOOTNOTE.

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