

TILDEN BRADLEY D  
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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 \*  
**TILDEN BRADLEY D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ALASKA AIRLINES INC, 19300  
 INTERNATIONAL BLVD**  
 (Street)

**SEATTLE, WA 98188**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/21/2010**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**PRESIDENT, ALASKA AIRLINES**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
COMMON STOCK	05/21/2010		M		3,590	A	\$ 27.85
COMMON STOCK	05/21/2010		M		5,001	A	\$ 18.76
COMMON STOCK	05/21/2010		M		3,462	A	\$ 26.1
COMMON STOCK	05/21/2010		F		6,407	D	\$ 44.35
COMMON STOCK <u>(1)</u>							34,744

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COMMON STOCK <sup>(2)</sup> 3,407 I ESOP TRUST

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.85	05/21/2010		M	3,590	05/31/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/31/2012	COMMON	3,590
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 18.76	05/21/2010		M	5,001	02/11/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/11/2014	COMMON	5,001
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 26.1	03/01/2004		M	3,462	03/01/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 03/01/2014	COMMON	3,462

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TILDEN BRADLEY D ALASKA AIRLINES INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD			PRESIDENT, ALASKA AIRLINES	

SEATTLE, WA 98188

## Signatures

JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRADLEY D.  
TILDEN

05/24/2010

\_\_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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009.
- (3) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; THE OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 5/31/2006.
- (4) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; THE OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 2/11/2007.
- (5) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; THE OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 3/1/2008.

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