

BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA (Last) (First) (Middle) ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC., Â 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD (Street) SEATTLE, Â WA Â 98188 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/12/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP EXT RELATIONS	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title Amount or Number of	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	09/11/2018 ⁽¹⁾	09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	2,980	\$ 75.59	D	Â
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	09/11/2018 ⁽²⁾	09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	1,250	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	Â	Â	Â VP EXT RELATIONS	Â

Signatures

/S/JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR DIANA BIRKETT RAKOW 09/21/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS AS FOLLOWS: 745 ON 9/11/18; 745 ON 9/11/19; 745 ON 9/11/20 AND 745 ON 9/11/21.
- (2) UNITS VEST AS FOLLOWS: 416 ON 9/11/18; 417 ON 9/11/19 AND 417 ON 9/11/20.

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