

PEDERSEN BRANDON  
Form 4  
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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)  
02/13/2018

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

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK (3)	02/13/2018		A(4)	11,085 A \$ 0	32,793	D	
COMMON STOCK (3)	02/13/2018		A(5)	1,292 A \$ 0	34,085	D	
COMMON STOCK (3)	02/13/2018		F(6)	3,988 (7) D \$ 66.89	30,097	D	
COMMON STOCK (3)	02/13/2018		F(6)	509 (7) D \$ 66.89	29,588	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$ 0	02/13/2018		A	4,560	02/13/2021 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 66.89	02/13/2018		A	17,660	02/13/2019 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BRANDON S. PEDERSEN  
02/14/2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CLIFF VEST 3 YEARS FROM GRANT AND CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.
- (2) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/13/2019, 02/13/2020, 02/13/2021 and 02/13/2022).
- (3)

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TOTAL HELD IN COLUMN 5 INCLUDES 3,050 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 2/9/2016 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN.

- (4) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/10/2015 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018.
- (5) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 3/7/2017 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/13/2018
- (6) SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/13/2018.
- (7) PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.

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