#### TILDEN BRADLEY D

Form 4

March 13, 2012

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TILDEN BRADLEY D |   |                                | Symbol  | Symbol  |   |   |   |       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                       |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|--|---|---|--|--|
|  |   | ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]     |   |   |   |   | (Check all applicable)  |       |  |   |   |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD           |   |                                |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2012 |   |   |   |       | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) PRESIDENT/ALASKA AIRLINES |   |   |  |  |
|  | 4. If Amendme   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original |   |   |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |       |  |   |   |  |  |
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|  | Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficiciany Owned |                                |   |   |   |   |   |       |  |   |   |  |  |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)                             | an  |                                | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr.                             |   | 4. Securities iionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported           | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |   |                                |   | Code  | V | Amount  | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  | (Instr. 4)                                    |   |  |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK 401(K)                                     | )   |                                |   |   |   |   |   |       | 3,694  | I   | ESOP<br>TRUST   |  |  |
| RESTRICTED<br>STOCK UNIT                                   |   |                                |   |   |   |   |   |       | 19,600   | D   |   |  |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK  | 02/22/20  | 12                             |   | G   | V | 1,170   | D   | \$ 0  | 39,081   | 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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.                | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc   | cisable and     | 7. Title a         | and    | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber |            | Expiration Date |                 | Amount             | of     | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code              | of         | (Month/Day/     | Year)           | Underly            | ing    | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)        | Derivative | e               |                 | Securitie          | es     | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |                   | Securities |                 |                 | (Instr. 3          | and 4) |             | Owne   |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |                   | Acquired   |                 |                 |                    |        |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   | (A) or     |                 |                 |                    |        |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   | Disposed   |                 |                 |                    |        |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   | of (D)     |                 |                 |                    |        |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   | (Instr. 3, |                 |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   | 4, and 5)  |                 |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   |            |                 |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   |            |                 |                 |                    | mount  |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   |            | Date            | Expiration Date | or<br>Title Number |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |                   |            | Exercisable     |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | C 1 W             | (A) (D)    |                 |                 | of                 |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V            | (A) (D)    |                 |                 | S                  | hares  |             |        |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TILDEN BRADLEY D 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

PRESIDENT/ALASKA AIRLINES

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jeanne Gammon Attorney-in-Fact for Bradley D. Tilden

03/13/2012

\*\*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) SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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