

YOUNG TAMARA S
Form 4
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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 *
YOUNG TAMARA 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)
ALASKA AIRLINES, INC., 19300
INTERNATIONAL BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/17/2012

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP/HUMAN RESOURCES

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (1) | 09/17/2012 | | A | 2,400 | A \$ 0 2,400 | 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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY) | \$ 34.42 | 09/17/2012 | | A | 3,980 | 09/17/2013 ⁽²⁾ 09/17/2022 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| YOUNG TAMARA S ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188 | | | VP/HUMAN RESOURCES | |

Signatures

JEANNE E GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR TAMARA S YOUNG 09/19/2012

**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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP 2008 PERFORMANC INCENTIVE PLAN ON 9/17/12. UNITS ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE UNTIL CLIFF VESTING ON 9/17/15.
- (2) OPTIONS GRANTED WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS BEGINNING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANT DATE; 25% ON 9/17/13, 25% ON 9/17/14, 25% ON 9/17/15 AND 25% ON 9/17/16.

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