

MINICUCCI BENITO

Form 4

February 14, 2018

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MINICUCCI BENITO

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)
PRES & COO

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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Person

(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 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)
COMMON STOCK <u>(3)</u>	02/13/2018		A ⁽⁴⁾	14,970 A \$ 0	91,499	D	
COMMON STOCK <u>(3)</u>	02/13/2018		A ⁽⁵⁾	1,032 A \$ 0	92,531	D	
COMMON STOCK <u>(3)</u>	02/13/2018		F ⁽⁶⁾	5,891 ⁽⁷⁾ D \$ 66.89	86,640	D	
COMMON STOCK <u>(3)</u>	02/13/2018		F ⁽⁶⁾	407 ⁽⁷⁾ D \$ 66.89	86,233	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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$ 0	02/13/2018		A		6,250		02/13/2021 ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 66.89	02/13/2018		A		24,230		02/13/2019 ⁽²⁾	02/13/2028	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MINICUCCI BENITO 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	PRES & COO

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BENITO
MINICUCCI

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).

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(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 5,000 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 2/9/2016 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; and 260 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 5/12/2016 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 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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