

BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA
 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 *
BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA

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 AIR GROUP,
 INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL
 BLVD**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
09/11/2018

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
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(Street)
SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	09/11/2018		M	416 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	416	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/11/2018		F ⁽³⁾	102 ⁽⁴⁾ D \$ 68.97	314	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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$ 0	09/11/2018		M	416	09/11/2018 ⁽²⁾ 09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK

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			VP EXT RELATIONS	

Signatures

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

09/12/2018

__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 CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.
- (2) REMAINING RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS WILL VEST AS FOLLOWS: 417 ON 9/11/2019 AND 417 ON 9/11/2020.
- (3) SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF STOCK UNITS ON 9/11/2018.
- (4) PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.

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