

SARETSKY GREGG A
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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 *
SARETSKY GREGG A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ALASKA AIRLINES INC, 19300
INTERNATIONAL BLVD
(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___X___ Other (specify below)
FRMR EXEC VP/FLIGHT & MRKTG

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	02/09/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		5,202	A	\$ 18.76
COMMON STOCK	02/09/2009		S		5,202	D	\$ 29
COMMON STOCK					7,624	D	
COMMON STOCK ⁽²⁾					1,051	I	
COMMON STOCK ⁽³⁾					9,412	D	

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 18.76	02/09/2009		M ⁽¹⁾	5,202	02/11/2004 02/11/2012	COMMON

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SARETSKY GREGG A ALASKA AIRLINES INC 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188				FRMR EXEC VP/FLIGHT & MRKTG

Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR GREGG A. SARETSKY

02/10/2009

__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) SAME-DAY EXERCISE AND SALE OF OPTIONS COVERED BY S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT.
- (2) SHARES HELD IN AN ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008.
- (3) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN, UNISSUED; NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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