

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2004

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

December 16, 2004  
(Date of earliest event reported)

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8957

91-1292054

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington

98188

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01. Other Events**

On December 16, 2004, Alaska Airlines, Inc. issued the attached release (exhibit 99.1) concerning the status of pilot contract negotiations on its internal website.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Other Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Internal release updating the status of pilot contract negotiations.

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Registrant

Date: December 16, 2004

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen

Brandon S. Pedersen  
Staff Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden

Bradley D. Tilden  
Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial Officer