

SCHAEFER JOHN F JR  
 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 \*  
 SCHAEFER JOHN F JR

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)  
 C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP  
 INC, 19300 INTERNATIONAL  
 BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/31/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 STAFF VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| COMMON STOCK <u>(1)</u>         | 01/31/2007                           |  | A                              | V Amount (D) Price<br>450 A \$ 0 3,750                            |   | D  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK <u>(2)</u>         |                                      |  |                                |   | 67  | I  | ESOP TRUST                        |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)       | \$ 42.85   | 01/31/2007                           |  | A <sup>(3)</sup>               | 2,060   | 01/31/2008 01/31/2017                                    | COMMON 2,   |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| SCHAEFER JOHN F JR<br>C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP INC<br>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD<br>SEATTLE, WA 98188 |               |           | STAFF VP/FINANCE AND TREASURER |       |

**Signatures**

SHANNON K. ALBERTS FOR JOHN F. SCHAEFER , JR.,  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

02/02/2007

\*\*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 AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) SHARES HELD IN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006.
- (3) GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY PLAN. THIS GRANT WILL VEST 25% EACH YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 31, 2007.

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