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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

À SCHAEFER JOHN F JR

C/O ALASKA AIR GROUP

INTERNATIONAL BLVD

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/09/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

Director

10% Owner

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) STAFF VP/FINANCE AND **TREASURER**

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SEATTLE. WAÂ 98188

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

INC, 19300

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

COMMON STOCK (1)

1,000

D

COMMON STOCK (2)

118

Ι **ESOP TRUST**

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	05/13/1999(3)	05/13/2008	COMMON STOCK	500	\$ 47	D	Â
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	01/30/2002(3)	01/30/2011	COMMON STOCK	1,000	\$ 31.8	D	Â
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	11/12/2002(3)	11/12/2011	COMMON STOCK	250	\$ 25.2	D	Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

03/13/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) SHARES HELD IN CONNECTION WITH RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS
- (2) SHARES HELD IN TRUST IN CONNECTION WITH 401(K) PLAN
- (3) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, AND ARE NOW FULLY VESTED.

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