

Bastian Edward H
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Bastian Edward H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,
 DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2018

ATLANTA,, GA 30320

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2018 | | A | | 72,532 (1) | A | (1) 286,940 D |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2018 | | F | | 34,077 (2) | D | \$ 51.23 252,863 D |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2018 | | A | | 74,080 (3) | A | (3) 326,943 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 49.33 | 02/08/2018 | | A | 206,510 | 02/08/2018 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/08/2027 | Common Stock 206 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bastian Edward H C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA,, GA 30320 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Edward H. Bastian
Date: 02/09/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Settlement of performance awards granted under Delta's 2015 long-term incentive program which were earned effective February 8, 2018. The grant of the performance awards was approved by the Personnel & Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors (the "Committee") and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

(2) Shares withheld for payment of tax liability upon settlement of the performance awards earned under Delta's 2015 long-term incentive program. This withholding was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rules 16b-3(d)(1) and 16b-3(e).

(3) The Committee granted Mr. Bastian 74,080 shares of restricted common stock under Delta's 2018 long-term incentive program. The shares will vest pursuant to the terms of the award agreement. This grant was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

(4) On February 9, 2017, the Committee granted Mr. Bastian an option to purchase 206,510 shares of common stock. The option vests based on Delta's satisfaction of certain performance criteria. Because the performance criteria were met, the option as to 68,837 shares vested,

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and the option for the remaining 137,673 shares will vest in equal installments on February 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020. The performance criteria was certified by the Committee on February 8, 2018. This grant was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

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