#### JOHNSON GLENN S

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Form 4

September 12, 2012

#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

JOHNSON GLENN S			Symbol	Issuer			
			ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD		L BLVD	09/10/2012	below) below) PRESIDENT/HORIZON AIR			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SEATTLE, WA 98188				Form filed by More than One Reporting			

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - 1	Non-Deriv	ative Secu	ırities	Acquired, I	Disposed of, or B	eneficially O	wned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
COMMON STOCK 401(K) (1)							2,278	I	ESOP TRUST
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (2)							23,600	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/10/2012		S(3)	3,395 (4)	D	\$ 35.0673	17,685	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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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 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivati	ve Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		er Expiration Date		Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	) Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	;		(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									mount		
						Date	Expiration	or			
						Exercisable	Date	Title N	lumber		
								0			
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON GLENN S 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

PRESIDENT/HORIZON AIR

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jeanne Gammon Attorney-in-Fact for Glenn S. Johnson

09/12/2012

\*\*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) SHARES HELD IN THE ALASKA AIR GROUP INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011.
- (2) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; NOT VESTED BUT NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (3) SALE OF COMMON SHARES EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY MR. JOHNSON ON  $\frac{7}{31}$ .

THE PRICE REPORTED IN COLUMN 4 IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE. THESE SHARES SOLD IN MULTIPLE TRANSACTIONS AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$35.00 TO \$35.20, INCLUSIVE. THE REPORTING PERSON UNDERTAKES TO

(4) PROVIDE TO ALASKA AIR GROUP, ANY SECURITY HOLDER OF ALASKA AIR GROUP, OR THE STAFF OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT EACH SEPARATE PRICE WITHIN THE RANGES SET FORTH IN THIS FOOTNOTE

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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