

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 11, 2011

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

February 9, 2011  
(Date of earliest event reported)

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8957  
(Commission File Number)

91-1292054  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98188  
(Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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))



ITEM 5.02. Departure of Director

On February 9, 2011, the Alaska Air Group board of directors formally accepted the resignation of board member Mark R. Hamilton and reduced the number of board seats from eleven to ten. After ten years of service on the board, Mr. Hamilton tendered his resignation in connection with his retirement as president of the University of Alaska.

Signatures

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: February 11, 2011

/s/ Keith Loveless

Keith Loveless

Vice President/Legal & Corporate Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary