

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 09, 2009

**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**

**January 9, 2009**

(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)

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**ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

Pursuant to 17 CFR Part 243 ( Regulation FD ), the Company is submitting information relating to its financial and operational outlook in the Investor Update as attached in Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Other Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Investor Update

**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: January 9, 2009

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen  
Brandon S. Pedersen  
Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Glenn S. Johnson  
Glenn S. Johnson

Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial  
Officer