ALASKA AIR GROUP INC Form 8-K December 01, 2004

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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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**

December 1, 2004 (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)

19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

91-1292054

98188

(Zip Code)

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On December 1, 2004, Alaska Air Group elected Patricia M. Bedient to its Board of Directors. At this time the Company has not yet determined on which committees Ms. Bedient will serve. The Company will file an amended Form 8-K when this information, as well as the information required by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K, becomes available.

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Signature

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: December 1, 2004

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen

Brandon S. Pedersen Staff Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden

Bradley D. Tilden Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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