



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

December 22, 2020

Brandon S. Pederson
Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial Officer
ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
19300 International Boulevard
Seattle, WA 98188

Re: ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019
Filed February 12, 2020
File No. 001-08957

Dear Mr. Pederson:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Annual Report on Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019

General

1. We note that your forum selection provision identifies the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware as the exclusive forum for certain litigation, including any “derivative action.” Please disclose whether this provision applies to actions arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act. In that regard, we note that Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, and Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. If the provision applies to Securities Act claims, please also revise your disclosure to state that there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provision and that stockholders cannot waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. In addition, please provide corresponding risk

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factor disclosure regarding the impact of your exclusive forum provision on stockholders, including that they may be subject to increased costs to bring a claim and that the provision could discourage claims or limit their ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that they find favorable. Further, if this provision does not apply to actions arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, please tell us how you will inform stockholders in future filings that the provision does not apply to any actions arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Mark Wojciechowski, Staff Accountant, at 202-551-3759 or Karl Hiller, Accounting Branch Chief, at 202-551-3763 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Irene Barberena-Meissner, Staff Attorney, at 202-551-6548 or Karina Dorin, Staff Attorney, at 202-551-3763 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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Office of Energy & Transportation