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

October 20, 2005

(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 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98188 (Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040

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(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 2.02.

Results of Operations And Financial Condition
Alaska Air Group, Inc. today issued a press release reporting financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2005. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.
ITEM 9.01.
Financial Statements and Exhibits
(c) Exhibits.
99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2005

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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: October 20, 2005

/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