

# ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP INC

Reported by  
**BUTCHER LAURIE**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address     | 600 TELEPHONE AVENUE                                   |
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|             | ANCHORAGE, AK 99503                                    |
| Telephone   | 9072973000   |
| CIK         | 0001089511   |
| Symbol      | ALSK   |
| SIC Code    | 4813 - Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone |
| Industry    | Integrated Telecommunications Services                 |
| Sector      | Telecommunication Services                             |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31  |

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *              |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                      |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)   |  |
| <b>Butcher Laurie</b>                                  |  | <b>ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS<br/>SYSTEMS GROUP INC [ ALSK ]</b>      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Senior Vice President, Finance</b> |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>600 TELEPHONE AVENUE</b> |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)<br><b>3/17/2017</b> |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br><b>ANCHORAGE, AK 99503</b>                 |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)                |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                   |  |  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |                   | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
|                                    |                |   | Code                         | V | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             |   |   |   |
| Common stock, par value \$.01      | 3/17/2017      |   | A                            |   | 34221   | A             | \$0.00 <u>(1)</u> | 150095  | D   |   |
| Common stock, par value \$.01      | 3/17/2017      |   | F                            |   | 10014   | D             | \$1.81            | 140081  | D   |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|--|-------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |                   |   | Code                         | V |  | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date |   |  |   |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

( Performance stock unit award granted under the Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan and vested upon achievement of  
1) previously established performance criteria.

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                               | Other |
| <b>Butcher Laurie</b><br><b>600 TELEPHONE AVENUE</b><br><b>ANCHORAGE, AK 99503</b> |               |           | <b>Senior Vice President, Finance</b> |       |

### Signatures

/s/ **Diedre Williams for Laurie Butcher**

**3/20/2017**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of the Company's Corporate Secretary, Assistant Corporate Secretary, Senior Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Human Resource, and Director of Accounting, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 14th day of Sept, 2016.

*/s/ Laurie Butcher*  
*Signature*

*Laurie Butcher*  
*Print Name*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Sept, 2016, at Anch AK.

Tiffany L. Dunn  
Notary Public for the State of Alaska

My Commission Expires: 11/3/18