

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
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FORM 4

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KELLY GARY C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO, P O BOX 36611
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO

DALLAS, TX 75235

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or Price (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2006 | | M | | 909 A \$ 4.4 | 126,816 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2006 | | M | | 8,564 A \$ 4.3 | 135,380 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2006 | | M | | 19,121 A \$ 4.3 | 154,501 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,900 | I as Trustee |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.4 | 05/18/2006 | | M | 909 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/01/2001 01/01/2007 | Common Stock 909 |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.3 | 05/18/2006 | | M | 8,564 ⁽²⁾ | 01/24/2000 01/24/2007 | Common Stock 8,564 |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.3 | 05/18/2006 | | M | 19,121 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/24/2000 01/24/2007 | Common Stock 19,121 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELLY GARY C C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO P O BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235 | X | | CEO | |

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Gary C. Kelly /s/ Deborah Ackerman

05/19/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Options granted from the 1991 NQ Plan.

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(2) Options granted from the 1991 ISO Plan.

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