SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RIDLEY DAVIS S/TX

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

(Check all applicable)

VP-People & Leadership Develop

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01/20/2005

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO, 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE PO

(Street)

(State)

BOX 36611

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75235

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number or 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)		8. D Se (I
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005		A	3,498 (1)		01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	3,498	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005		A	2,482 (2)		01/20/2006	01/20/2015	Common Stock	2,482	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005		A	4,460 (2)		01/20/2007	01/20/2015	Common Stock	4,460	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005		A	4,460 (2)		01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	4,460	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005		A	1,978 (2)		01/20/2006	01/20/2015	Common Stock	1,978	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RIDLEY DAVIS S /TX C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE PO BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235			VP-People & Leadership Develop				
Signatures							
On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Davis S. Ric Ackerman		01/24/2005					

Explanation of Responses:

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

**Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

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- (1) Options granted under 1996 NQ Plan.
- (2) Options granted under 1996 ISO.

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