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December 22, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event  
Reported: December 22, 2006

American Airlines, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware                      1-2691                      13-1502798  
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

4333 Amon Carter Blvd.              Fort Worth, Texas                      76155  
(Address of principal executive offices)                      (Zip Code)

(817) 963-1234  
(Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith an Eagle Eye communication to investors by its parent company, AMR Corporation. This document includes (a) actual unit cost, fuel price, capacity and traffic information for October and November and (b) forecasts of unit cost, revenue performance, fuel prices and fuel hedging, capacity and traffic estimates, liquidity expectations, other income/expense estimates and share count.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/Kenneth W. Wimberly  
Kenneth W. Wimberly  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: December 22, 2006

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December 22, 2006

Statements in this report contain various forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which represent the Company's expectations or beliefs concerning future events. When used in this document, the words "expects", "plans," "anticipates," "indicates," "believes," "forecast," "guidance," "outlook", "may," "will," "should" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the Company's expectations concerning operations and financial conditions, including changes in capacity, revenues and costs; future financing plans and needs; overall economic and industry conditions; plans and objectives for future operations; and the impact on the Company of its results of operations in recent years and the sufficiency of its financial resources to absorb that impact. Other forward-looking statements include statements which do not relate solely

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to historical facts, such as, without limitation, statements which discuss the possible future effects of current known trends or uncertainties, or which indicate that the future effects of known trends or uncertainties cannot be predicted, guaranteed or assured. All forward-looking statements in this report are based on information available to the Company on the date of this report. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. This document includes forecasts of unit cost and revenue performance, fuel prices and fuel hedging, capacity and traffic estimates, other income/expense estimates, share count, and statements regarding the Company's liquidity, each of which is a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations. The following factors, in addition to other possible factors not listed, could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements: the materially weakened financial condition of the Company, resulting from its significant losses in recent years; the ability of the Company to generate additional revenues and significantly reduce its costs; changes in economic and other conditions beyond the Company's control, and the volatile results of the Company's operations; the Company's substantial indebtedness and other obligations; the ability of the Company to satisfy existing financial or other covenants in certain of its credit agreements; continued high fuel prices and further increases in the price of fuel, and the availability of fuel; the fiercely competitive business environment faced by the Company, and historically low fare levels; competition with reorganized and reorganizing carriers; the Company's reduced pricing power; the Company's likely need to raise additional funds and its ability to do so on acceptable terms; changes in the Company's business strategy; government regulation of the Company's business; conflicts overseas or terrorist attacks; uncertainties with respect to the Company's international operations; outbreaks of a disease (such as SARS or avian flu) that affects travel behavior; uncertainties with respect to the Company's relationships with unionized and other employee work groups; increased insurance costs and potential reductions of available insurance coverage; the Company's ability to retain key management personnel; potential failures or disruptions of the Company's computer, communications or other technology systems; changes in the price of the Company's common stock; and the ability of the Company to reach acceptable agreements with third parties. Additional information concerning these and other factors is contained in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including but not limited to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

This Eagle Eye provides updated guidance for the fourth quarter and the full year 2006.

### Performance Update

Costs: Unit cost forecasts are attached.

Revenue: Fourth quarter mainline passenger unit revenue is expected to increase between 3.8% and 4.8% year over year. Fourth quarter consolidated passenger unit revenue is expected to

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increase between 3.6% and 4.6% year over year. In the Other Revenue category, year over year improvements are expected to continue to moderate as prior year comparables become more difficult.

Liquidity: We expect to end the fourth quarter with a cash and short-term investment balance over \$5 billion, including nearly \$500 million in restricted cash and short-term investments.

Kenji Hashimoto  
Managing Director, Investor Relations

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Fuel Forecast

Fuel Hedge Position:

4Q06: Hedged on 33% of consumption at an average cap of \$68/bbl WTI Crude

	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
Fuel Price (dollars/gal)	1.91	1.82	1.98	1.91	2.02
Fuel Consumption (MM gals)	263.4	247.5	268.0	778.9	3,184.6

Unit Cost Forecast (cents)

AMR Consolidated Cost per ASM

	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
AMR Cost per ASM 1/	11.37	11.84	11.34	11.51	11.48
AMR Cost per ASM (ex- fuel)2/	8.14	8.74	7.91	8.25	8.05

American Mainline Cost per ASM

	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
AA Cost per ASM 1/	10.80	11.31	10.85	10.98	10.92
AA Cost per ASM (ex-fuel) 2/	7.64	8.28	7.52	7.80	7.58

Note: The increase in ex-fuel CASM versus prior guidance is mostly attributable to reduced capacity associated with weather related cancellations in late November and early December, a rise in the Company's stock price since the third quarter and higher aircraft maintenance expense.

Capacity and Traffic Forecast  
(millions)

AA Mainline Operations

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	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
ASMs	14,345	13,438	14,368	42,152	174,035
Domestic	9,158	8,757	9,257	27,172	108,784
International	5,187	4,681	5,111	14,979	65,251
Traffic	11,128	10,714	11,326	33,168	139,423

### Regional Affiliate Operations

	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
ASMs	1,154	1,099	1,130	3,383	13,550
Traffic	850	806	786	2,442	9,964

### AMR EAGLE EYE

#### Below the Line Income/Expense

Total Other Income (Expense) is estimated at \$(170) million in the fourth quarter of 2006.

#### Share Count (millions)

	4Q2006	
	Basic	Diluted
Earnings		
Over \$62 million	219	278
\$45 - \$61 million	219	263
\$0 - \$44 million	219	246
Loss	219	219

	FY 2006	
	Basic	Diluted
Earnings		
Over \$229 million	205	263
\$172 - \$228 million	205	248
\$0 - \$171 million	205	231
Loss	205	205

1/ Data is as reported

2/ The Company believes that unit costs excluding fuel is a useful measurement to investors in monitoring the performance of the Company's costs excluding the volatility of fuel.

Reconciliation to GAAP follows:

	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
Cents					
AMR CASM	11.37	11.84	11.34	11.51	11.48
Less Fuel CASM	3.23	3.10	3.43	3.26	3.43
AMR CASM Excluding Fuel	8.14	8.74	7.91	8.25	8.05

	Actual			Forecast	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	4Q06	2006
Cents					

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AA CASM	10.80	11.31	10.85	10.98	10.92
Less Fuel CASM	3.16	3.03	3.33	3.18	3.34
AA CASM Excluding Fuel	7.64	8.28	7.52	7.80	7.58