

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
CO, 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE PO
BOX 36611

 (Street)
DALLAS, TX 75235

 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
VP-People & Leadership Develop

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V Amount		
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S	D	\$ 15.97	71,200	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004		G	D	\$ 0	70,000	D
Common Stock						17,237	I ProfitSharing Plan

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(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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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. Ridley /s/Deborah Ackerman
 12/15/2004
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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