

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
KELLEHER HERBERT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
 CO, P O 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M		900,000 A \$ 4.64	4,829,033	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004		F		168,972 D \$ 15.99	4,660,061	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004		F		261,163 D \$ 15.99	4,398,898	D
Common Stock						304,380	I

By
 Family
 LLC (1)

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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 Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.64	12/14/2004		M		900,000 (2)		01/01/1999	01/01/2006	Common Stock	900,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLEHER HERBERT D C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO P O BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235	X			

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Herbert D. Kelleher /s/ Deborah Ackerman

12/14/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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

Reporting person holds these shares for the benefit of other individuals. The reporting person's spouse is a principal. The reporting person

(1) disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and the filing of this report is not an admission that reporting person is a beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

(2) Options granted from the 1996 Non-Qualified Plan.

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