

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
 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 \*  
 PARKER JAMES F

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)  
 12/17/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Former Officer and Director

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/17/2004		M		255	A	\$ 3.33	244,881	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2004		S		255	D	\$ 15.8	244,626	D	
Common Stock								3,321	I	Custodian for Daughter <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								38,320	I	Profit Sharing Plan <sup>(2)</sup>

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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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.33	12/17/2004		M	255	01/01/1995 01/01/2005	Common Stock	255 \$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARKER JAMES F C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO P O BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235			Former Officer and Director	

## Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for James F. Parker /s/ Deborah Ackerman 12/17/2004

\_\_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).
- (1) These shares held by reporting person as custodian for child (daughter).
- (2) The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated 12/31/03.
- (3) Options granted from the 1991 NQ Plan.

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