

Van de Ven Michael G
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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 *
 Van de Ven Michael G

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP - Aircraft Operations

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
 CO, PO BOX 36611

(Street)

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

DALLAS, TX 75235 1611

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.43 | 12/31/2005 | A | | 16,667 | | 12/31/2005 | 12/31/2015 | Common Stock | 16,667 |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.43 | 12/31/2005 | A | | 16,666 | | 12/31/2006 | 12/31/2015 | Common Stock | 16,666 |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.43 | 12/31/2005 | A | | 16,667 | | 12/31/2007 | 12/31/2015 | Common Stock | 16,667 |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.43 | 12/31/2005 | A | | 750 | | 12/31/2005 | 12/31/2015 | Common Stock | 750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Van de Ven Michael G C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO PO BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235 1611 | | | EVP - Aircraft Operations | |

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Michael G. VandeVen /s/Deborah Ackerman 01/04/2006

__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) Options granted under 1996 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan.

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