

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICKS RON (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE (Street) DALLAS, TX 75235 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr.VP Law/Airports..	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	50,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2000	01/23/2008	Common Stock	3,869 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7.87	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/19/2002	01/19/2010	Common Stock	6,825 ⁽²⁾	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/19/2001	01/19/2010	Common Stock	9,101 ⁽³⁾	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	12/31/2000	12/31/2010	Common Stock	3,915 ⁽³⁾	\$ 22.8	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/15/2003	02/15/2011	Common Stock	8,428 ⁽³⁾	\$ 21.3	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/15/2003	02/15/2011	Common Stock	6,072 ⁽²⁾	\$ 21.3	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/01/2002	01/01/2012	Common Stock	3,916 ⁽³⁾	\$ 18.73	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/18/2004	01/18/2012	Common Stock	5,317 ⁽²⁾	\$ 17.78	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/18/2003	01/18/2012	Common Stock	10,633 ⁽³⁾	\$ 17.78	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	3,916 ⁽³⁾	\$ 14.33	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2004	01/23/2013	Common Stock	11,281 ⁽³⁾	\$ 13.19	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2005	01/23/2013	Common Stock	6,264 ⁽²⁾	\$ 13.19	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/05/2004	01/05/2014	Common Stock	3,084 ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.91	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2006	01/23/2014	Common Stock	12,079 ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.51	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2004	01/23/2014	Common Stock	7,921 ⁽²⁾	\$ 15.51	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	09/01/2004	09/01/2014	Common Stock	415 ^{(3) (4)}	\$ 14.75	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	09/01/2007	09/01/2014	Common Stock	2,585 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 14.75	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	3,065 ⁽³⁾	\$ 14.25	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	15,222 ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 14.25	D	Â

