

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

Form 4

December 17, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Former Officer and Director

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

DALLAS, TX 75235

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(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 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						38,320	I Profit Sharing Plan ⁽²⁾

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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. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
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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