SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

Form 4

February 05, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

RIDLEY DAVIS S/TX

Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2008

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE

(Street)

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

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) Sr VP - Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

or

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

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	3)	Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.18	02/01/2008		A		30,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/31/2018	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
RIDLEY DAVIS S /TX								
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.			Sr VP -					
2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE			Marketing					
DALLAS, TX 75235-1611								

Signatures

/s/ Davis S.
Ridley

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/05/2008

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) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2009, the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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