

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 17, 2006

Southwest Airlines Co.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas

1-7259

74-1563240

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

P. O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas

75235-1611

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(214) 792-4000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 17, 2006, Southwest Airlines Co.'s Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$.0045 per share to Shareholders of record at the close of business on June 8, 2006, on all shares then issued and outstanding. The dividend will be paid on June 29, 2006. The Board of Directors also authorized the repurchase of up to \$300 million of the Company's common stock. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is the text of a press release announcing the dividend and the stock repurchase program.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Southwest Airlines Co.

*May 19, 2006*

*By: Deborah Ackerman*

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*Name: Deborah Ackerman*

*Title: Vice President-General Counsel*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release