

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Halter Hank</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,<br/>DEPT. 981,Â P.O. BOX 20574</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30320</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/29/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)<br/>Senior Vice President &amp; CFO</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| common stock                       | 63,566   | D   | Â  |

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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |              | Amount or Number of Shares |          | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1)            | 04/29/2017      | common stock | 63,000                     | \$ 18.84 | D                          | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2)            | 04/02/2018      | common stock | 7,900                      | \$ 8.81  | D                          | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Halter Hank<br>DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981<br>P.O. BOX 20574<br>ATLANTA, GA 30320 | Â             | Â         | Â Senior Vice President & CFO | Â     |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Hank Halter | 10/31/2008          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>         | <small>Date</small> |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 stock option reported in this Form 3 become exercisable with respect to 21, 000 shares on each of April 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (2) The stock option reported in this Form 3 become exercisable with respect to 2,634 shares on April 3, 2009 and 2,633 shares on each of April 3, 2010 and 2011.

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