SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

Form 4

January 04, 2006

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

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

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).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

KELLEHER HERBERT D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

[LUV]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2005

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO, P O BOX 36611

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

DALLAS, TX 75235

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported (A)

or

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of Derivative Conversion

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

(9-02)

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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | S (I |
|---------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|---------|
| | | | | Code V | (Α) (Γ | D) Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Option (right to buy) (1) | \$ 16.43 | 12/31/2005 | | A | 8,570 | 12/31/2005 | 12/31/2015 | Common Stock | 8,570 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KELLEHER HERBERT D C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO P O BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235

X

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Herbert D. Kelleher /s/Deborah Ackerman

01/04/2006

**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) Options granted under 1996 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan.

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