

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):

March 26, 2009



Southwest Airlines Co.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-7259

(Commission
File Number)

74-1563240

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

P. O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75235-1611

(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.

Attached as Exhibit 100 to this Current Report on Form 8-K are the following materials from Southwest Airlines Co.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2009, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheet, (ii) Consolidated Statement of Income, (iii) Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and (iv) Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity. Users of this data are advised pursuant to Rule 401 of Regulation S-T that the financial information contained in the XBRL documents is unaudited and these are not the official publicly filed financial statements of Southwest Airlines Co. The purpose of submitting these XBRL formatted documents is to test the related format and technology and, as a result, investors should continue to rely on the official filed version of the furnished documents and not rely on the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 100, in making investment decisions.

In accordance with Rule 402 of Regulation S-T, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 100, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

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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.

Date: March 26, 2009

By /s/ Laura Wright

Laura Wright
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
EX-100.INS	XBRL Instance Document
EX-100.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
EX-100.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document
EX-100.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document
EX-100.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document
EX-100.REF	XBRL Taxonomy Reference Linkbase Document
EX-100.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document