FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BROOKS DOUGLAS H		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2010		r Name and Ticker or Trading S ΓΗWEST AIRLINES			
(Last) (First) (Middle) SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DR.				onship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
(Street) DALLAS (City)	TX (State)	75235-1908 (Zip)					Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

	Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
No securities beneficially owned	0	D		

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		Conversion or Exercise	Form: Direct (D) or	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security Indirect (I)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Marilyn R. Post, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Douglas 02/17/2010 H. Brooks

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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^{**} Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Laura Wright, Marilyn Post, and Mark Shaw, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawfu (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an Officer and/or Director of Southwest Airlines Co. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or leg

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of February, 2010.

Signature: /s/Douglas H. Brooks

Print Name: Douglas H. Brooks