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): January 19, 2012



	(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 tele	ephone number, including area code: (214	792-4000							
		Not Applicable								
	Former nai	me or former address, if changed since last	report							
	the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to subligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions	3 3								
[]	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Sect (17 CFR 230.425)	urities Act								
[]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchar CFR 240.14a-12)	nge Act (17								
[]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2 Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	(b) under the								

Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 19, 2012 the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2011. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

The information furnished in this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Registrant's Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2011 Earnings Release.

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.

January 19, 2012

By /s/ Laura Wright

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

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS AND 39TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF PROFITABILITY

DALLAS, TEXAS – January 19, 2012 – Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE:LUV) (the "Company") today reported its fourth quarter and full year 2011 results. Fourth quarter 2011 net income was \$152 million, or \$.20 per diluted share, which included \$86 million (net) of favorable special items. This compared to net income of \$131 million, or \$.18 per diluted share, for fourth quarter 2010, which included favorable special items totaling \$16 million (net). Excluding special items, fourth quarter 2011 net income was \$66 million, or \$.09 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$115 million, or \$.15 per diluted share, in fourth quarter 2010. This exceeded Thomson's First Call mean estimate of \$.08 per diluted share for fourth quarter 2011. Additional information regarding special items is included in this release and in the accompanying reconciliation tables.

For the full year 2011, net income was \$178 million, or \$.23 per diluted share, which included \$152 million (net) of unfavorable special items. This compared to \$459 million, or \$.61 per diluted share, for full year 2010, which included \$91 million (net) of unfavorable special items. Excluding special items, full year 2011 net income was \$330 million, or \$.43 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$550 million, or \$.74 per diluted share, for full year 2010.

Gary C. Kelly, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Excluding special items, fourth quarter 2011 net income was \$66 million, and full year 2011 net income was \$330 million. We had an outstanding revenue performance. Our fourth quarter operating revenues were a record \$4.1 billion. Fourth quarter passenger revenues were strong, driven by record yields and continued high load factors. Compared to the prior year, our fourth quarter passenger unit revenues increased 8.2 percent (on a combined basis, as defined below). Based on current traffic and booking trends, we expect another strong passenger revenue performance in first quarter of 2012.

"While it is always disappointing to report a year-over-year decline in profits (excluding special items), the fourth quarter and full year declines were primarily caused by significantly higher fuel prices. Our fourth quarter economic fuel costs per gallon increased 33.7 percent to \$3.29, compared to our combined fuel costs of \$2.46 per gallon in fourth quarter last year. Our full year 2011 combined economic fuel costs were \$3.18 per gallon, an increase of 34.7 percent, compared to our combined fuel costs of \$2.36 per gallon last year. Based on market prices as of January 13th, our first quarter 2012 economic fuel costs, including fuel taxes, are estimated to be approximately \$3.35 per gallon, compared to our combined economic fuel costs, including fuel taxes, of \$2.95 per gallon in first quarter last year. High energy prices demand continued focus on improving productivity and eliminating waste.

"Despite the decline in earnings, 2011 was a momentous year at Southwest Airlines. We celebrated our 40th year of providing legendary low fare, high quality, domestic air travel and delivered our 39th consecutive year of profits to our Shareholders. We launched service to Greenville-Spartanburg and Charleston, South Carolina and Newark, New Jersey within two weeks time, increasing Southwest's domestic footprint to 72 cities. In March, we launched our All-New Rapid Rewards® program. The completely revamped, industry-leading frequent flyer program continues to grow at a strong pace. Results, thus far, are well beyond our expectations.

"On May 2nd, we acquired AirTran Airways, increasing our fleet by 140 aircraft, and extending our combined network into key markets we didn't previously serve, such as Atlanta and Washington, D.C., via Ronald Reagan National Airport, as well as many smaller domestic cities and leisure markets in the Caribbean and Mexico. We also expanded our presence at New York LaGuardia, Boston, Milwaukee, and Baltimore/Washington.

"While it will take several years to fully integrate AirTran into Southwest Airlines, I am very proud of the tremendous progress in only eight months' time. We are on track to obtain our single operating certificate this quarter. The Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association and the Air Line Pilots Association took the lead on negotiating a seniority list integration (SLI) agreement that was ratified by both Pilot groups. The Flight Attendants', Mechanics', and Flight Instructors' unions have tentative SLI agreements, currently out for vote by the memberships. As a result of the superb efforts of our People, we are already producing over \$200 million of net annualized pre-tax synergies, which is 50 percent of our \$400 million target by 2013 (excluding acquisition and integration expenses). For 2011, we realized \$80 million in net pre-tax synergies, and the acquisition was modestly accretive to our 2011 results, excluding special items, as planned."

The Company incurred \$134 million in expenses (before taxes) associated with the acquisition and integration of AirTran during 2011, including \$37 million in fourth quarter 2011. The Company expects total acquisition and integration expenses will be approximately \$500 million.

Kelly continued, "In December, we unveiled our fleet modernization plans, including the launch of the B737-MAX aircraft beginning in 2017, representing our fourth time as Boeing's launch customer. Our agreements with Boeing afford us significant flexibility to replace our older, less efficient aircraft with new Boeing 737-700/800 aircraft and the B737-MAX aircraft. During 2012, we will take delivery of 33 737-800s, with the first delivery of the -800 model to Southwest scheduled for March. Earlier this week, we announced the final prong of our fleet modernization plans. Leveraging the new Boeing Sky Interior from the -800 model, we decided to retrofit our -700 fleet with an updated cabin interior. *Evolve: The New Southwest Experience* is a -700 cabin refresh intended to enhance Customer comfort, personal space, and the overall travel experience. It allows for the added benefit of six additional seats, along with more climate-friendly and cost-effective materials. Our fleet modernization plans have been designed to drive significant value in the near and long term.

"Operationally, we finished the year strong with our highest December ontime performance in 15 years. Our People continue to deliver outstanding levels of Customer Service, as recognized by Southwest Airlines being named the 2011 Customer Service Champion by J.D. Powers, and the Customer Satisfaction Leader in Consumer Reports' list of airline ratings.

"I commend each of our 45,000+ Warriors for their hard work and notable accomplishments. We accomplished everything we set out to do in 2011, with soaring fuel costs the only disappointment. As we prepare for our next 40 years, our target is fixed on a 15 percent pretax return on invested capital. Capital commitments for 2012 are approximately \$1.3 billion, our 2012 capacity is estimated to be flat with 2011, and we currently plan to end 2012 with 691 aircraft in our fleet. Future capital spending will be carefully monitored with a focus on generating free cash flow. We are committed to providing exceptional Customer Service at everyday low fares; focused on investing in the Customer Experience while preserving our low cost position; and engaged in our strategic initiatives to drive Shareholder value."

Financial Results and Outlook

AirTran Airways, Inc. became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company on May 2, 2011. Results discussed in this release and provided in the accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Comparative Consolidated Operating Statistics include the results of operations and cash flows for AirTran from May 2 through December 31, 2011, including the impact of purchase accounting. Periods presented prior to the acquisition date do not include AirTran's results. However, the Company believes the analysis of specified financial results on a "combined basis" provides more meaningful year-over-year comparability. Financial information presented on a "combined basis" is the sum of the historical financial results of the Company and AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date, but includes the impact of purchase accounting only as of May 2, 2011. Supplemental financial information presented on a "combined basis" and the accompanying reconciliations have been included in this release.

The Company's total operating revenues in fourth quarter 2011 increased 31.9 percent to \$4.1 billion, compared to \$3.1 billion in fourth quarter 2010, and increased 9.3 percent compared to \$3.8 billion for combined fourth quarter 2010 total operating revenues. Operating unit revenues increased 7.0 percent from fourth quarter 2010, on a combined basis.

Total fourth quarter 2011 operating expenses were \$4.0 billion, compared to \$2.9 billion in fourth quarter 2010, and compared to \$3.5 billion for combined fourth quarter 2010 total operating expenses. Excluding special items in both periods, fourth quarter 2011 unit costs increased 10.8 percent from fourth quarter 2010 combined unit costs, largely due to a 33.7 percent year-over-year increase in economic fuel costs per gallon. Fourth quarter 2011 economic fuel costs of \$3.29 per gallon included \$0.12 per gallon in unfavorable cash settlements for fuel derivative contracts; however, fuel derivative contract premiums are down significantly year-over-year, as described below in other income. Additional information regarding the Company's fuel derivative contracts is included in the accompanying tables.

Excluding fuel and special items in both periods, fourth quarter 2011 unit costs increased 0.5 percent from fourth quarter 2010's combined 7.72 cents. Based on current cost trends, the Company expects another year-over-year increase in its first quarter 2012 unit costs, compared to first quarter 2011's combined unit costs of 7.83 cents, excluding fuel and special items in both periods.

Operating income for fourth quarter 2011 was \$147 million, compared to \$216 million in fourth quarter 2010. Excluding special items in both periods, operating income was \$167 million for fourth quarter 2011, compared to \$263 million in fourth quarter 2010, and compared to \$278 million for combined fourth quarter 2010 operating income.

Other income for the fourth quarter was \$108 million compared to \$3 million of other expenses for fourth quarter 2010. This \$111 million swing primarily resulted from \$153 million in gains recognized in fourth quarter 2011, compared to \$31 million in gains recognized in fourth quarter 2010. In both periods, these gains primarily resulted from unrealized gains/losses associated with a portion of the Company's fuel hedging portfolio. Excluding these special items, other losses were primarily attributable to the premium costs associated with the Company's fuel derivative contracts. Fourth quarter 2011 premium costs were \$14 million, compared to \$44 million in fourth quarter 2010, on a combined basis. First quarter 2012 premium costs are currently estimated to be approximately \$6 million, compared to combined premium costs of \$36 million in first quarter 2011.

Total operating revenues for the year ended December 31, 2011, increased 29.4 percent to \$15.7 billion, while total operating expenses increased 34.6 percent to \$15.0 billion, resulting in operating income of \$693 million, compared to \$988 million for the year ended 2010. Excluding special items in both periods, operating income was \$839 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, compared to \$1.2 billion in 2010. On a combined basis, total operating revenues for 2011 increased 12.7 percent to \$16.6 billion, while total operating expenses increased 17.3 percent to \$15.9 billion, resulting in combined operating income for 2011 of \$662 million, compared to \$1.1 billion for 2010. Excluding special items in both periods, combined operating income for 2011 was \$834 million, compared to \$1.3 billion for 2010.

The Company's return on invested capital (before taxes and excluding special items) was approximately seven percent for the year ended December 31, 2011, including AirTran's results beginning May 2, 2011. Additional information regarding pretax return on invested capital is included in the accompanying reconciliation tables.

Liquidity

Net cash provided by operations for 2011 was \$1.4 billion, and capital expenditures were \$968 million. As a result, the Company generated over \$400 million in free cash flow* in 2011.

On August 5, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program to acquire up to \$500 million of the Company's common stock. During 2011, the Company purchased approximately 27.5 million shares of common stock for approximately \$225 million. The Company repaid \$638 million in debt during 2011, and is scheduled to repay approximately \$560 million debt in 2012, including \$430 million in first quarter 2012. After this planned first quarter debt payment, the Company will have reduced debt by approximately \$1 billion since acquiring AirTran in May 2011. As of January 18th, the Company had approximately \$3.5 billion in cash and short-term investments. In addition, the Company also had a fully available unsecured revolving credit line of \$800 million.

2011 Awards and Recognitions

- · Named the fourth most admired Company in the world in FORTUNE magazine's 2011 survey of corporate reputations
- · Voted best low-cost carrier in North America by Business Traveler Magazine subscribers
- · Named the 2011 Customer Service Champion by J.D. Powers based on customer feedback regarding service excellence
- Named Brand of the Year in Harris Poll EquiTrend's airline category based on equity, customer connection, commitment, brand behavior, brand advocacy, and trust
- · Ranked third in the Top 10 Business Thought Leaders by TLG Communications
- · Received first place for Best Overall Customer Experience in the Keynote Competitive Research Industry Study examining U.S. Air Travel Websites
- · Named Airline of the Year by Express Delivery and Logistics Association, the tenth consecutive year for Southwest Airlines Cargo to receive the recognition; also recognized for Excellence in Web Site and Technology for the second year in a row
- · Southwest Cargo was also named Domestic Carrier of the Year for 2011 by the Airforwarders Association for the second consecutive year and was recently recognized for excellence in *Air Cargo World's* annual Air Cargo Excellence (ACE) Survey
- · Recognized by PR News with several awards including the 2011 PR News Corporate Responsibility Awards for Diversity Communications, the Corporate Social Responsibility Award for Best Report, and honorable mention for the Social Corporate Responsibility Award for Corporate/Nonprofit Partnership
- · Named the Greenest Airline by ClimateCounts.org
- · Voted the Customer Satisfaction Leader in Consumer Reports' list of airline ratings receiving the highest rankings in check-in ease, cabin crew service, cabin cleanliness, baggage handling, and seating comfort
- · Ranked sixth in the 2011 Customer Service Hall of Fame by MSN Money, the only airline to make the top ten
- · Named one of the 100 Top Military Friendly Employers by GI Jobs magazine
- · Recognized for Best Practices in Supplier Diversity by the Dallas Fort Worth Minority Business Council
- · Named the Stevie Award Winner for the Company of the Year-Transportation by The International Business Awards for outstanding performance and Customer Service
- · Received the 2011 Quest for Quality Award for Excellence in Air Cargo from Logistics Management Magazine; ranked first in ontime performance, value, and Customer Service
- · Recognized as one of the top ten safest airlines in the Holistic Safety Rating 2011 by the Air Transport Rating Agency
- · Recognized as one of the 50 best places to work by the Glassdoors.com Employees' Choice Awards

Southwest will discuss its fourth quarter and full year 2011 results on a conference call at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time today. A live broadcast of the conference call will also be available at **southwest.investorroom.com**.

*See Note Regarding use of Non-GAAP financial measures.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Specific forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements related to (i) the Company's financial targets, outlook, and projected results of operations; (ii) the Company's plans and expectations relating to its acquisition of AirTran, including without limitation anticipated integration timeframes and expected costs, synergies, and other financial results associated with the acquisition; (iii) the Company's fleet modernization plans and related expectations; and (iv) the Company's capacity plans. These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current intent, expectations, and projections and are not guarantees of future performance. These statements involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors that are difficult to predict and that could cause actual results to vary materially from those expressed in or indicated by them. Factors include, among others, (i) changes in fuel prices, the impact of hedge accounting, and any changes to the Company's fuel hedging strategies and positions; (ii) the Company's ability to successfully integrate AirTran and realize the expected synergies and other benefits from the acquisition; (iii) the impact of the economy on demand for air travel and the impact of fuel prices, economic conditions, and actions of competitors on the Company's business decisions, plans, and strategies; (iv) the Company's dependence on third parties with respect to certain of its initiatives; (v) the Company's ability to timely and effectively implement, transition, and maintain the necessary information technology systems and infrastructure to support its operations and initiatives; and (vi) other factors, as described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the detailed factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in t

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (1)

(in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

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	4,108		3,114	31.9		15,058		12,104	29.4
	1,145		955	19.9		4,371		3,704	18.0
	1,494		940	58.9		5,644		3,620	55.9
S	239		195	22.6		955		751	27.2
	93		45	106.7		308		180	71.1
	254		201	26.4		959		807	18.8
	192		160	20.0		715		628	13.9
	37			n.a.		134		8	n.a.
	507		395	28.4		1,879		1,418	32.5
	3,961		2,898	36.7		14,965		11,116	34.6
	147		216	(31.9)		693		988	(29.9)
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	255		213	19.7		323		745	(56.6)
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⁽¹⁾ Includes May through December 2011 financial results for AirTran, and the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Supplemental Combined Statement I for selected financial information on a combined basis, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date.

⁽²⁾ The Company made a fourth quarter 2011 correction to change the allocation of revenues between Passenger and Other from its sale of frequent flyer points associated with its co-branded Chase Visa card. As part of this correction, the Company has reclassified \$46 million in revenues for the period from January 2011 through September 2011 from Other revenue to Passenger revenue to conform to the current presentation. Periods prior to 2011 were not adjusted due to immateriality.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RECONCILIATION OF REPORTED AMOUNTS TO NON-GAAP ITEMS (1) (SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES)

(in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

(unaudited)		Three mor Decem			_	Year ended December 31,				
		2011		2010	Percent Change		2011	_	2010	Percent Change
Fuel and oil expense, unhedged	\$	1,455	\$	886		\$	5,580	\$	3,296	
Add: Fuel hedge losses included in Fuel and oil expense		39		54			64		324	
Fuel and oil expense, as reported	\$	1,494	\$	940		\$	5,644	\$	3,620	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)		17		(40)					(172)	
Fuel and oil expense, economic	\$	1,511	\$	900	67.9	\$	5,644	\$	3,448	63.7
Total operating expenses, as reported	\$	3,961	\$	2,898		\$	14,965	\$	11,116	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)		17		(40)			_		(172)	
Total operating expenses, economic	\$	3,978	\$	2,858		\$	14,965	\$	10,944	
(Deduct): Charge for Asset impairment, net (3)		-		-			(12)		-	
(Deduct): Charge for Acquisition and integration costs,										
net (4)		(37)		(7)			(134)		(7)	
Total operating expenses, non-GAAP	\$	3,941	\$	2,851	38.2	\$	14,819	\$	10,937	35.5
Operating income, as reported	\$	147	\$	216		\$	693	\$	988	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	_	(17)	_	40		_		_	172	
Operating income, economic	\$	130	\$	256		\$	693	\$	1,160	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (3)		-		-			12		-	
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (4)		37		7			134		7	
Operating income, non-GAAP	\$	167	\$	263	(36.5)	\$	839	\$	1,167	(28.1)
Operating income, non-GAAr	D	107	Ф	203	(30.3)	Ф	639	Φ	1,107	(20.1)
Other (gains) losses, net, as reported	\$	(153)	\$	(31)		\$	198	\$	106	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)		168		71			(89)		33	
Other losses, net, non-GAAP	\$	15	\$	40	(62.5)	\$	109	\$	139	(21.6)
Income before income taxes, as reported	\$	255	\$	213		\$	323	\$	745	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	•	(185)	•	(31)			89	•	139	
	\$	70	\$	182		\$	412	\$	884	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (3)		-		-			12		-	
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net										
(4)		37		7			134		7	
Income before income taxes, non-GAAP	\$	107	\$	189	(43.4)	\$	558	\$	891	(37.4)
Net income as reported	\$	152	\$	131		\$	178	\$	459	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	Φ	(185)	Ф	(31)		J)	89	ф	139	
Income tax impact of fuel contracts		78		12			(31)		(52)	
•	\$	45	\$	112		\$	236	\$	546	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (5)		-		-			8	•	-	
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net										
(5)		21		3			86		4	
Net income, non-GAAP	\$	66	\$	115	(42.6)	\$	330	\$	550	(40.0)
Net income per share, diluted, as reported	\$	0.20	\$	0.18		\$	0.23	\$	0.61	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts		(0.10)		(0.03)			0.07		0.12	
	\$	0.10	\$	0.15		\$	0.30	\$	0.73	
Add: Impact of special items, net (5)		(0.01)	_	-			0.13		0.01	
Net income per share, diluted, non-GAAP	\$	0.09	\$	0.15	(40.0)	\$	0.43	\$	0.74	(41.9)
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⁽¹⁾ Includes May through December 2011 financial results for AirTran, and the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Supplemental Combined Statement II for a reconciliation of selected combined amounts to non-GAAP items, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date.

⁽²⁾ See Reconciliation of Impact from Fuel Contracts.

⁽³⁾ Net of profitsharing impact.

⁽⁴⁾ Amounts net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.

⁽⁵⁾ Amounts net of tax and profitsharing impact (see footnote (4) above).

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RECONCILIATION OF IMPACT FROM FUEL CONTRACTS (1) (SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES)

	Three months ended December 31,					Year ended December 31,			
	2	2011		2010		2011		2010	
Fuel and Oil Expense									
Reclassification between Fuel and Oil and Other (gains)									
losses, net, associated with current period settled contracts	\$	41	\$	(14)	\$	35	\$	(1)	
Contracts settling in the current period, but for which gains									
and/or (losses) have been recognized in a prior period *		(24)		(26)		(35)		(171)	
Impact from fuel contracts to Fuel and oil expense	\$	17	\$	(40)	\$	-	\$	(172)	
Operating Income									
Reclassification between Fuel and Oil and Other (gains)									
losses, net, associated with current period settled contracts	\$	(41)	\$	14	\$	(35)	\$	1	
Contracts settling in the current period, but for which gains		` ′				`			
and/or (losses) have been recognized in a prior period *		24		26		35		171	
Impact from fuel contracts to Operating Income	\$	(17)	\$	40	\$	-	\$	172	
					_		_		
Other (gains) losses, net									
Mark-to-market impact from fuel contracts									
settling in future periods	\$	127	\$	24	\$	(21)	\$	21	
Ineffectiveness from fuel hedges settling in future periods		82		33		(33)		11	
Reclassification between Fuel and oil and Other (gains)									
losses, net, associated with current period settled contracts		(41)		14		(35)		1	
Impact from fuel contracts to Other (gains) losses, net	\$	168	\$	71	\$	(89)	\$	33	
Net Income									
Mark-to-market impact from fuel contracts									
settling in future periods	\$	(127)	\$	(24)	\$	21	\$	(21)	
Ineffectiveness from fuel hedges settling in future periods		(82)		(33)		33		(11)	
Other net impact of fuel contracts settling in the									
current or a prior period (excluding reclassifications)		24		26		35		171	
Impact from fuel contracts to Net Income **	\$	(185)	\$	(31)	\$	89	\$	139	

⁽¹⁾ Includes May through December 2011 financial results for AirTran.

* As a result of prior hedge ineffectiveness and/or contracts marked-to-market through the income statement.

^{**} Excludes income tax impact of unrealized items.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATISTICS (1) (unaudited)

	Three months ended				Year ended						
		De	ecember 31,		December 31,						
	2011		2010	Change	2011		2010	Change			
Revenue passengers carried	27,536,128		22,451,968	22.6%	103,973,759		88,191,322	17.9%			
Enplaned passengers	33,510,920		27,163,960	23.4%	127,551,012		106,227,521	20.1%			
Revenue passenger miles (RPMs) (000s)	25,180,506		20,005,943	25.9%	97,582,530		78,046,967	25.0%			
Available seat miles (ASMs) (000s)	31,297,561		24,788,095	26.3%	120,578,736		98,437,092	22.5%			
Load factor	80.5 %		80.7%	(0.2)pts	80.9	%	79.3%	1.6pts			
Average length of passenger haul (miles)	914		891	2.6%	939		885	6.1%			
Average aircraft stage length (miles)	679		653	4.0%	679		648	4.8%			
Trips flown	343,756		278,137	23.6%	1,317,977		1,114,451	18.3%			
Average passenger fare	\$ 140.18	\$	131.17	6.9%	\$ 141.72	\$	130.27	8.8%			
Passenger revenue yield per RPM (cents)	15.33		14.72	4.1%	15.10		14.72	2.6%			
RASM (cents)	13.13		12.56	4.5%	12.99		12.30	5.6%			
PRASM (cents)	12.33		11.88	3.8%	12.22		11.67	4.7%			
CASM (cents)	12.66		11.69	8.3%	12.41		11.29	9.9%			
CASM, excluding fuel (cents)	7.89		7.90	(0.1)%	7.73		7.61	1.6%			
CASM, excluding special items (cents)	12.59		11.51	9.4%	12.29		11.11	10.6%			
CASM, excluding fuel and special items (cents)	7.76		7.88	(1.5)%	7.61		7.61	-%			
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax (unhedged)	\$ 3.17	\$	2.44	29.9%	\$ 3.16	\$	2.29	38.0%			
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax	\$ 3.25	\$	2.59	25.5%	\$ 3.19	\$	2.51	27.1%			
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax (economic)	\$ 3.29	\$	2.48	32.7%	\$ 3.19	\$	2.39	33.5%			
Fuel consumed, in gallons (millions)	458		361	26.9%	1,764		1,437	22.8%			
Active fulltime equivalent Employees	45,392		34,901	30.1%	45,392		34,901	30.1%			
Aircraft in service at period-end	698		548	27.4%	698		548	27.4%			

PRASM (Passenger unit revenue) - Passenger revenue yield per ASM RASM (unit revenue) - Operating revenue yield per ASM CASM (unit costs) - Operating expenses per ASM

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⁽¹⁾ Includes May through December 2011 operating statistics for AirTran, and the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Supplemental Combined Statement V for consolidated operating statistics on a combined basis, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION DETAIL OF AIRLINE FOURTH QUARTER 2011 RESULTS AND PURCHASE ACCOUNTING IMPACT (in millions) (unaudited)

		Three months ended December 31, 2011									
OPERATING REVENUES:	South (1	AirTran (2)		Purchase Accounting (3)		nsolidated					
Passenger	\$	3,239	\$ 61	9 \$	2	\$	3,860				
Freight		36		-	-		36				
Other		126	8	6	-		212				
Total operating revenues		3,401	70	5	2		4,108				
OPERATING EXPENSES:											
Salaries, wages, and benefits		1,003	14	2	-		1,145				
Fuel and oil		1,213	28	1	-		1,494				
Maintenance materials and repairs		175	6	4	-		239				
Aircraft rentals		44	5	9	(10)		93				
Landing fees and other rentals		210	4	4	-		254				
Depreciation and amortization		167	1	5	10		192				
Acquisition and integration		35		2	-		37				
Other operating expenses		420	8	7	-		507				
Total operating expenses		3,267	69	4	-		3,961				
OPERATING INCOME	\$	134	\$ 1	1 \$	2	\$	147				

- (1) Results presented for Southwest exclude AirTran results and the impact of purchase accounting.
- (2) Results presented for AirTran exclude Southwest results and the impact of purchase accounting.
- (3) Represents the impact of purchase accounting.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.
RECONCILIATION OF SELECTED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO NON-GAAP ITEMS (1)
(SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES)
(in millions)
(unaudited)

		\$ 1,213 \$ 2 17				
	So	uthwest	Ai	rTran		
Fuel and oil expense, standalone unhedged	\$	1,169	\$	286		
Add/(Deduct): Fuel hedge (gains) losses included in Fuel and oil expense		44		(5)		
Fuel and oil expense, standalone (2)	\$	1,213	\$	281		
Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts (3)		17		<u>-</u>		
Fuel and oil expense, standalone economic	\$	1,230	\$	281		
Total operating expenses, standalone (2)	\$	3,267	\$	694		
Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts (3)		17		<u>-</u>		
Total operating expenses, standalone economic	\$	3,284	\$	694		
Deduct: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs (4)		(35)		(2)		
Total operating expenses, standalone non-GAAP	\$	3,249	\$	692		
Operating income, standalone (2)	\$	136	\$	11		
Add: Net impact from fuel contracts (3)		(17)				
Operating income, standalone economic	\$	119	\$	11		
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs (4)		35		2		
Operating income, standalone non-GAAP	\$	154	\$	13		

⁽¹⁾ Selected amounts presented in this schedule are standalone non-GAAP financial results for each of Southwest and AirTran. These standalone results exclude the results of the other airline, and the impact of purchase accounting.

⁽²⁾ See Selected Consolidating Financial Information - Detail of Airline Fourth Quarter 2011 Results and Purchase Accounting Impact for the detail of standalone airline results and the purchase accounting impact.

⁽³⁾ See Reconciliation of Impact from Fuel Contracts.

⁽⁴⁾ No profitsharing impact. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL (1)

	Decei	Year Ended December 31, 2011		ember 31, 2010
Operating Income, as reported	\$	693	\$	988
Add: Net impact from fuel contracts		-		172
Add: Acquisition and integration costs, net (2)		146		7
Operating Income, non-GAAP	\$	839	\$	1,167
Net adjustment for aircraft leases (3)		131		84
Adjustment for fuel hedge accounting		(107)		(134)
Adjusted Operating Income, non-GAAP	\$	863	\$	1,117
Average Invested Capital (4)	\$	12,372	\$	10,431
Equity adjustment for fuel hedge accounting		203		434
Adjusted Average Invested Capital	\$	12,575	\$	10,865
ROIC, pretax		7%	o o	10%

- (1) Calculation includes the impact of the AirTran acquisition as of May 2, 2011.(2) Net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.

 (3) Net adjustment related to presumption that all aircraft in fleet are owned.
- (4) Average invested capital represents a five quarter average of debt, net present value of aircraft leases, and equity.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	December 31,		
	2011		2010
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 829	\$	1,261
Short-term investments	2,315		2,277
Accounts and other receivables	299		195
Inventories of parts and supplies, at cost	401		243
Deferred income taxes	263		214
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	238		89
Total current assets	4,345		4,279
Property and equipment, at cost:			
Flight equipment	15,542		13,991
Ground property and equipment	2,423		2,122
Deposits on flight equipment purchase contracts	456		230
	18,421		16,343
Less allowance for depreciation and amortization	6,294		5,765
	12,127		10,578
Goodwill	970		10,570
Other assets	626		606
	\$ 18,068	\$	15,463
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,057	\$	739
Accrued liabilities	996		863
Air traffic liability	1,836		1,198
Current maturities of long-term debt	 644		505
Total current liabilities	4,533		3,305
Long-term debt less current maturities	3,107		2,875
Deferred income taxes	2,566		2,493
Deferred gains from sale and leaseback of aircraft	75		88
Other noncurrent liabilities	910		465
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock	808		808
Capital in excess of par value	1,222		1,183
Retained earnings	5,395		5,399
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(224)		(262)
Treasury stock, at cost	 (324)		(891)
Total stockholders' equity	6,877		6,237
	\$ 18,068	\$	15,463

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (1)

	Three months ended December 31,			Year o Decem			
	2	011	2010	_	2011		2010
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		150	Φ 10		450	Φ.	450
Net income	\$	152	\$ 13	1	\$ 178	\$	459
Adjustments to reconcile net income to							
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		400					(20
Depreciation and amortization		192	16	-	715		628
Unrealized (gain) loss on fuel derivative instruments		(185)	,	1)	90		139
Deferred income taxes		90	3	8	123		133
Amortization of deferred gains on sale and		(2)			(10)		(1.4)
leaseback of aircraft		(3)	(3)	(13)		(14)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:							(2.5)
Accounts and other receivables		70		9	(26)		(26)
Other current assets		(16)		(2)	(196)		(8)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(13)		3	253		193
Air traffic liability		(222)	(22	(6)	262		153
Cash collateral received from (provided to)				_			
derivative counterparties		234	11		(195)		265
Other, net		102		.5	194	_	(361)
Net cash provided by operating activities		401	26	9	1,385		1,561
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:							
Payment to acquire AirTran, net of AirTran cash on hand		_		_	(35)		_
Payments for purchase of property and equipment, net		(420)	(9	4)	(968)		(493)
Purchases of short-term investments		(574)	(1,29	,	(5,362)		(5,624)
Proceeds from sales of short-term investments		900	1,36		5,314		4,852
Net cash used in investing activities		(94)		.0)	(1,051)	_	(1,265)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:							
Proceeds from Employee stock plans		4	1	0	39		55
Proceeds from termination of interest rate							
derivative instrument		-		-	76		-
Payments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(447)	(3	1)	(557)		(155)
Payments of convertible debt		-		-	(81)		(44)
Payments of cash dividends		1		-	(14)		(13)
Repurchase of common stock		(50)		-	(225)		8
Other, net		-		1	(4)		-
Net cash used in financing activities		(492)	(2	(0)	(766)		(149)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(105)	22	0	(422)		147
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(185)	22	.9	(432)		14/
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF							
PERIOD		1,016	1,03	1	1,261		1,114
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$	831	\$ 1,26	0	\$ 829	\$	1,261
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH TRANSACT	IONS:						
Fair value of equity consideration given to acquire AirTran	\$	-	\$	_	\$ 523	\$	-
Fair value of common stock issued for conversion of debt	\$	-	\$		\$ 78	\$	-

⁽¹⁾ Includes the impact of the AirTran acquisition as of May 2, 2011.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. FUEL DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS AS OF JANUARY 13, 2012

	Percent of estimated fuel of	consumption covered by fuel of	lerivative contracts		
Average WTI Crude Oil price per barrel	First Ha	df 2012	Second Half 2012		
\$80 to \$100			10-20% range		
\$100 to \$125			approx. 50%		
\$125 to \$150	(1		approx. 20%		
Above \$150	(-	,	less than 5%		
		nce in economic jet fuel price nhedged market prices, includ			
Average WTI Crude Oil	•	<u> </u>			
price per barrel	1Q 2012	2Q 2012	Second Half 201		
\$75	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.15		
\$90	\$0.12	\$0.09	\$0.11		
\$99 (2)	\$0.12	\$0.06	\$0.06		
\$115	\$0.12	\$0.06	(\$0.11)		
\$130	\$0.11	\$0.06	(\$0.28)		
	Percent of estimated				
	covered by fuel deri				
Period	varying WTI crude-e	quivalent price levels	_		
2013	over:	500/			
2013	over :				
2014	over 4				
2015	over	10/0			

- (1) For first half 2012, the Company's current estimated fuel consumption covered by fuel derivative contracts is minimal, with various fuel derivative contracts at WTI crude-equivalent intervals between \$80 and \$150 per barrel.
- (2) Based on the first quarter 2012 average WTI forward curve and market prices as of January 13, 2012, and current estimated fuel consumption covered by fuel derivative contracts, first quarter 2012 economic fuel price per gallon, including taxes, is estimated to be approximately \$3.35 per gallon, or \$.12 above market prices.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 737 FUTURE DELIVERY SCHEDULE **AS OF JANUARY 18, 2012**

	The I	Boeing Compar	ny		The Boeing Company 737 MAX		
	-700 Firm Orders	-800 Firm Orders	Options	Additional -800s	Firm Orders	Options	Total
2012		28		5			33
2013		41					41
2014	35	4	15				54
2015	36		12				48
2016	31		12				43
2017	15		25		4		44
2018	10		28		15		53
2019					33		33
2020					34		34
2021					34	18	52
2022					30	19	49
2023						23	23
2024						23	23
Through 2027						67	67
	127(a)	73	92	5(b)	150(c)	150	597

- (a) The Company has flexibility to substitute 737-800s in lieu of 737-700 firm orders (b) New delivery leased aircraft (c) The Company has flexibility to accept MAX 7 or MAX 8 deliveries

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT I SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (1) (in millions) (unaudited)

	Three months ended December 31,					Year Decen				
		2011		2010	Percent Change		2011		2010	Percent Change
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Passenger	\$	3,860	\$	3,492	10.5	\$	15,547	(2) \$	13,729	13.2
Freight		36		32	12.5		139		125	11.2
Other		212		236	(10.2)		910	(2)	869	4.7
Total operating revenues		4,108		3,760	9.3		16,596		14,723	12.7
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Salaries, wages, and benefits		1,145		1,091	4.9		4,564		4,232	7.8
Fuel and oil		1,494		1,156	29.2		6,005		4,447	35.0
Maintenance materials and repairs		239		251	(4.8)		1,043		981	6.3
Aircraft rentals		93		106	(12.3)		389		422	(7.8)
Landing fees and other rentals		254		240	5.8		1,013		970	4.4
Depreciation and amortization		192		175	9.7		735		687	7.0
Acquisition and integration		37		16	131.3		160		17	n.a.
Other operating expenses		507		501	1.2	_	2,025	_	1,827	10.8
Total operating expenses		3,961		3,536	12.0		15,934		13,583	17.3
OPERATING INCOME	\$	147	\$	224	(34.4)	\$	662	\$	1,140	(41.9)

⁽¹⁾ Selected financial information for the three months ended December 31, 2011, is presented on a consolidated basis. All other selected financial information presented in this schedule on a combined basis includes financial results for Southwest and AirTran for all periods presented, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date. These combined results include the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. AirTran's historical financial information included in the combined presentation has been conformed to Southwest's financial statement classification where appropriate. See Note Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

⁽²⁾ The Company made a fourth quarter 2011 correction to change the allocation of revenues between Passenger and Other from its sale of frequent flyer points associated with its co-branded Chase Visa card. As part of this correction, the Company has reclassified \$46 million in revenues for the period from January 2011 through September 2011 from Other revenue to Passenger revenue to conform to the current presentation. Prior periods were immaterial.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT II

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

RECONCILIATION OF SELECTED COMBINED AMOUNTS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT I TO NON-**GAAP ITEMS (1)**

(SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES)

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,						
		2011	2010	Percent Change	_	2011	_	2010	Percent Change
Fuel and oil expense, combined unhedged	\$	1,455	\$ 1,109		\$	5,959	\$	4,146	
Add: Fuel hedge losses included in Fuel and oil expense		39	47			46		301	
Fuel and oil expense, as presented on Supplemental Combined Statement I	\$	1,494	\$ 1,156		\$	6,005	\$	4,447	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts		17	(40)			_		(172)	
Fuel and oil expense, combined economic	\$	1,511	\$ 1,116	35.4	\$	6,005	\$	4,275	40.5
Total operating expenses, as presented on Supplemental Combined Statement I	\$	3,961	\$ 3,536		\$	15,934	\$	13,583	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts		17	(40)					(172)	
Total operating expenses, combined economic	\$	3,978	\$ 3,496		\$	15,934	\$	13,411	
Deduct: Charge for Asset impairment, net (2)		-	-			(12)		-	
Deduct: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (3)		(37)	 (14)			(160)		(16)	
Total operating expenses, combined non-GAAP	\$	3,941	\$ 3,482	13.2	\$	15,762	\$	13,395	17.7
Operating income, as presented on Supplemental									
Combined Statement I	\$	147	\$ 224		\$	662	\$	1,140	
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts		(17)	40					172	
Operating income, combined economic	\$	130	\$ 264		\$	662	\$	1,312	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (2)		-	-			12		-	
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (3)		37	14			160		16	
Operating income, combined non-GAAP	\$	167	\$ 278	(39.9)	\$	834	\$	1,328	(37.2)

⁽¹⁾ Selected financial information for the three months ended December 31, 2011, is presented on a consolidated basis. All other selected financial information presented in this schedule on a combined basis includes financial results for Southwest and AirTran for all periods presented, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date. These combined results include the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. AirTran's historical financial information included in the combined presentation has been conformed to Southwest's financial statement classification where appropriate.

⁽²⁾ Net of profitsharing impact.

⁽³⁾ Amounts net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT III SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED CONSOLIDATING COMBINED 2011 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (1) (in millions)

(unaudited)

	Year er	Year ended December 31, 2011				
	Southwest Airlines Co. (as reported)	AirTran (2)	Combined			
OPERATING REVENUES:						
Passenger	\$ 14,735	\$ 812	\$ 15,547			
Freight	139	-	139			
Other	784	126	910			
Total operating revenues	15,658	938	16,596			
OPERATING EXPENSES:						
Salaries, wages, and benefits	4,371	193	4,564			
Fuel and oil	5,644	361	6,005			
Maintenance materials and repairs	955	88	1,043			
Aircraft rentals	308	81	389			
Landing fees and other rentals	959	54	1,013			
Depreciation and amortization	715	20	735			
Acquisition and integration	134	26	160			
Other operating expenses	1,879	146	2,025			
Total operating expenses	14,965	969	15,934			
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 693	\$ (31)	\$ 662			

⁽¹⁾ Selected financial information presented in this schedule on a combined basis includes financial results for Southwest and AirTran for all periods presented, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date. These combined results include the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Note Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

(2) Results presented for AirTran, on a standalone basis, include periods prior to the acquisition date, conformed to Southwest's financial statement classification where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT IV SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED CONSOLIDATING COMBINED 2010 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (1) (in millions) (unaudited)

Three months ended December 31, 2010 Year ended December 31, 2010 (as reported) (as reported) Southwest AirTran Southwest AirTran (as (as Airlines Co. conformed) Combined Airlines Co. conformed) Combined **OPERATING REVENUES:** 2,945 547 3,492 11,489 2,240 13,729 Passenger 32 32 Freight 125 125 Other 137 869 99 236 490 379 3,114 646 3,760 12,104 2,619 14,723 Total operating revenues **OPERATING EXPENSES:** Salaries, wages, and benefits 136 1,091 4,232 955 3,704 528 Fuel and oil 940 216 1,156 3,620 827 4,447 195 251 751 230 981 Maintenance materials and repairs 56 Aircraft rentals 45 61 106 180 242 422 Landing fees and other rentals 201 39 240 807 163 970 Depreciation and amortization 160 15 175 628 59 687 9 9 Acquisition and integration 16 8 17 Other operating expenses 395 106 501 1,418 409 1,827 Total operating expenses 2,898 638 3,536 11,116 2,467 13,583 OPERATING INCOME 224 988 216 8 152 1,140

⁽¹⁾ Selected financial information presented in this schedule on a combined basis includes financial results for Southwest and AirTran for all periods presented, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date. Results presented for Southwest and AirTran, on a standalone basis, represent previously reported results. AirTran's historical financial information has been conformed to Southwest's financial statement classification where appropriate. See Note Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT V SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. COMBINED OPERATING STATISTICS (1) (unaudited)

Three months ended Year ended December 31, December 31, 2011 2010 Change 2011 2010 Change 27,330,796 0.8% 110,151,572 107,605,957 2.4% Revenue passengers carried 27,536,128 Enplaned passengers 33,510,920 33,276,264 0.7% 135,274,464 130,921,515 3.3% Revenue passenger miles (RPMs) (000s) 25,180,506 24,713,320 1.9% 103,864,488 97,597,121 6.4% 31,297,561 Available seat miles (ASMs) (000s) 30,626,416 2.2% 128,518,201 122,460,579 4.9% 79.7% Load factor 80.5% 80.7% (0.2)pts 80.8% 1.1pts Average length of passenger haul (miles) 914 904 1.1% 943 907 4.0% Average aircraft stage length (miles) 679 670 1.3% 684 668 2.4% 343,756 340,597 0.9% 1,366,826 2.4% Trips flown 1,399,644 Average passenger fare 140.18 127.76 9.7% \$ 141.14 127.59 10.6% 14.97 Passenger revenue yield per RPM (cents) 15.33 14.13 8.5% 14.07 6.4% RASM (cents) 13.13 12.27 7.0% 12.91 12.02 7.4% PRASM (cents) 12.33 11.40 8.2% 12.10 11.21 7.9% CASM (cents) 12.66 11.54 9.7% 12.40 11.09 11.8% CASM, excluding fuel (cents) 7.89 7.77 1.5% 7.46 3.6% 7.73 12.59 11.36 10.8% 12.26 10.94 12.1% CASM, excluding special items (cents) CASM, excluding fuel and special items 7.76 7.72 0.5% 7.59 7.45 1.9% Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax (unhedged) 3.17 \$ 2.45 29.4% \$ 3.15 \$ 2.28 38.2% Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax \$ 3.25 \$ 2.55 27.5% \$ 3.18 \$ 2.45 29.8%

PRASM (Passenger unit revenue) - Passenger revenue yield per ASM RASM (unit revenue) - Operating revenue yield per ASM CASM (unit costs) - Operating expenses per ASM

\$

3.29

458

Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax

Fuel consumed, in gallons (millions)

(1) Selected operating statistics for the three months ended December 31, 2011, are presented on a consolidated basis. All other selected operating statistics presented in this schedule on a combined basis include operations for Southwest and AirTran for all periods presented, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date. These combined results include the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. AirTran's historical operating statistics included in the combined presentation have been conformed to Southwest's presentation where appropriate.

2.46

451

33.7% \$

1.4%

3.18

1,887

2.36

1,810

34.7%

4.3%

/more

NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). These GAAP financial statements include (i) unrealized non-cash adjustments and reclassifications, which can be significant, as a result of accounting requirements and elections made under accounting pronouncements relating to derivative instruments and hedging and (ii) other charges the Company believes are not indicative of its ongoing operational performance.

As a result, the Company also provides financial information in this release that was not prepared in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to the information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company provides supplemental non-GAAP financial information, including results that it refers to as "economic," which the Company's management utilizes to evaluate its ongoing financial performance and the Company believes provides greater transparency to investors as supplemental information to its GAAP results. The Company's economic financial results differ from GAAP results in that they only include the actual cash settlements from fuel hedge contracts--all reflected within Fuel and oil expense in the period of settlement. Thus, Fuel and oil expense on an economic basis reflects the Company's actual net cash outlays for fuel during the applicable period, inclusive of settled fuel derivative contracts. Any net premium costs paid related to option contracts are reflected as a component of Other (gains) losses, net, for both GAAP and non-GAAP (including economic) purposes in the period of contract settlement. These economic results provide a better measure of the impact of the Company's fuel hedges on its operating performance and liquidity since they exclude the unrealized, non-cash adjustments and reclassifications that are recorded in GAAP results in accordance with accounting guidance relating to derivative instruments, and they reflect all cash settlements related to fuel derivative contracts within Fuel and oil expense. This enables the Company's management, as well as investors, to consistently assess the Company's operating performance on a year-over-year or quarter-over-quarter basis after considering all efforts in place to manage fuel expense. However, because these measures are not determined in accordance with GAAP, such measures are susceptible to varying calculations and not all companies calculate the measures in the same manner. As a result, the aforementioned measures,

Further information on (i) the Company's fuel hedging program, (ii) the requirements and accounting associated with accounting for derivative instruments, and (iii) the causes of hedge ineffectiveness and/or mark-to-market gains or losses from derivative instruments is included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, as well as subsequent quarterly filings.

In addition to its "economic" financial measures, as defined above, the Company has also provided other non-GAAP financial measures as a result of items that the Company believes are not indicative of its ongoing operations. These include charges for the three months and year ended December 31, 2011 of \$37 million and \$134 million, respectively (before the impact of profitsharing and/or taxes) related to expenses associated with the Company's acquisition and integration of AirTran. These also include a 2011 charge of \$17 million (before the impact of profitsharing and/or taxes) for an asset impairment related to the Company's recent decision not to equip its Classic (737-300/500) aircraft with Required Navigation Performance (RNP) capabilities. The Company believes that evaluation of its financial performance can be enhanced by a presentation of results that exclude the impact of these items in order to evaluate the results on a comparative basis with results in prior periods that do not include such items and as a basis for evaluating operating results in future periods. As a result of the Company's acquisition of AirTran, which closed on May 2, 2011, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur substantial charges associated with integration of the two companies. While the Company cannot predict the exact timing or amounts of such charges, it does expect to treat the charges as special items in its future presentation of non-GAAP results.

The Company has also provided other supplemental non-GAAP financial information on a "combined basis." This supplemental non-GAAP financial information on a "combined basis" includes specified combined financial results of the Company and AirTran for periods prior to May 2, 2011, as if the acquisition had occurred prior to the beginning of the applicable reporting period, but excludes any impact of purchase accounting prior to May 2, 2011. AirTran's historical financial information included in the combined presentation has been conformed to the Company's financial statement classification where appropriate. The Company believes that evaluation of its financial performance can be enhanced by a presentation of combined results in order to evaluate its prior, current or future period results on a more meaningful, consistent year-over-year basis.

The Company has also provided free cash flow, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The Company believes free cash flow is a meaningful measure because it demonstrates the Company's ability to service its debt, pay dividends and make investments to enhance shareholder value. Although free cash flow is a commonly used as measure of liquidity, definitions of free cash flow may differ; therefore, the Company is providing an explanation of its calculation for free cash flow. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company generated over \$400 million in free cash flow, calculated as operating cash flows of \$1.4 billion less capital expenditures of \$968 million.