FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KELLY GARY C (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO P O BOX 36611			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]		onship of Reporting F all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2004		Ć	CEO
(Street) DALLAS (City)	TX (State)	75235 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	Form filed by One I	iling (Check Applicable Line) Reporting Person than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	cution Date, Transaction Code (Instr.			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(111501. 4)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Ir 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.95	10/14/2004		A		60,000		07/15/2004	07/15/2014	Common Stock	60,000	\$14.95	60,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.95	10/14/2004		A		60,000		07/15/2005	07/15/2014	Common Stock	60,000	\$14.95	120,000(1)	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.95	10/14/2004		A		60,000		07/15/2006	07/15/2014	Common Stock	60,000	\$14.95	180,000(1)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact

for Gary Kelly /s/ Deborah

10/15/2004

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** 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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^{1.} Options granted from the 1996 NQ Plan.

 $^{^{\}star}$ 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).