

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* <u>PARKER JAMES F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO</u> <u>P O BOX 36611</u> (Street) <u>DALLAS TX 75235</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/17/2004</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <u>X</u> Other (specify below) <u>Former Officer and Director</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <u>X</u> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/17/2004		M		255	A	\$3.33	244,881	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2004		S		255	D	\$15.8	244,626	D	
Common Stock								3,321	I	Custodian for Daughter ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock								38,320	I	Profit Sharing Plan ⁽²⁾

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.33	12/17/2004		M		255	01/01/1995	01/01/2005	Common Stock	255	\$3.33	0 ⁽³⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares held by reporting person as custodian for child (daughter).
2. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated 12/31/03.
3. Options granted from the 1991 NQ Plan.

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact
for James F. Parker /s/ Deborah
Ackerman 12/17/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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