

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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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>RICKS RON</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.</u> <u>2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>DALLAS TX 75235-1611</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>02/01/2008</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 X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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	02/04/2008		M		4,531	A	\$11.72	56,829	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2008		F		4,385	D	\$12.11	52,444	D	

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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.18	02/01/2008		A		80,000		(1)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	80,000	\$0	80,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.72	02/04/2008		M			4,531	(2)	01/22/2009	Common Stock	4,531	\$0	1,223	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2009, the first anniversary of the date of grant.
 2. The option vested in installments and was 100% vested at the time of exercise.

Remarks:

/s/ Laura Wright on behalf of and
 attorney-in-fact for Ron Ricks

02/05/2008

** 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).

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

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