FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RIDLEY DAVIS S /TX			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]		tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner		
	(First) ST AIRLINES CO LD DRIVE PO BOX	(Middle) 36611	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2004	X	Officer (give title below) VP-People & Leaders	Other (specify below) Ship Develop	
(Street) DALLAS (City)	TX (State)	75235 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	dual or Joint/Group Filing (C Form filed by One Reporti Form filed by More than C	ing Person	

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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities A Disposed Of (D			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	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	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(mau. 4)
Common Stock	12/02/2004		S		5,000	D	\$16.3824	72,450	D	
Common Stock								17,237	I	ProfitSharing Plan

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)		Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		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)			

Explanation of Responses:

on behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Davis S. Ridley /s/ Deborah

Ackerman ** Signature of Reporting Person

12/06/2004

Date

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

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