FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address RIDLEY DAV			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]	(Check	ionship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable) Director Officer (give title	to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify		
(Last) C/O SOUTHWES' 2702 LOVE FIELD	(First) T AIRLINES CO D DRIVE PO BOX	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2005	X	VP-People & Leadership	below)		
(Street) DALLAS TX 75235 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More 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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Dis		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)		(1134. 4)
Common Stock	01/19/2005		M		37,400	A	\$3.72	107,400	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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (li	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)	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)	\$3.72	01/19/2005		M			37,400	01/26/2004	01/26/2005	Common Stock	37,400	\$3.72	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

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** Signature of Reporting Person Da

01/20/2005

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

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