

FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RIDLEY DAVIS S /TX</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. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/17/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr VP - Marketing</u> 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	64,000	D	
Common Stock	897	I	By ProfitSharing Plan
Common Stock	800	I	As Custodian for Son

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/01/2009	Common Stock	810	10.11	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/22/2009	Common Stock	12,933	11.72	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/01/2010	Common Stock	917	10.88	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/19/2010	Common Stock	8,631	10.35	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	02/15/2011	Common Stock	8,000	21.3	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/01/2012	Common Stock	1,725	18.73	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/18/2012	Common Stock	8,900	17.78	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/02/2013	Common Stock	4,573	14.03	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/23/2013	Common Stock	10,500	13.19	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/05/2014	Common Stock	4,186	15.91	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/23/2014	Common Stock	12,500	15.51	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	01/20/2015	Common Stock	16,878	14.25	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(I)	12/31/2015	Common Stock	24,298	16.43	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option is currently fully exercisable.

Remarks:

/s/ Davis S. Ridley

01/25/2008

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Laura Wright, Mark Shaw, and Marilyn Post, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an Officer and/or Director of Southwest Airlines Co. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company,

unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 18th day of January, 2008.

Signature /s/ Davis S. Ridley

Print Name Davis S. Ridley
