FORM 4

#### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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	s of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [ LUV ]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
CONOVER DONNA D					Director	10% Owner		
(l cot)	(Firet)	(Middle)		X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO 2702 LOVE FIELD DR PO BOX 36611		,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2004		Executive V.P C	Customers		
(Street) DALLAS	TX	75235-1611	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		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	3 and 4)		(111301. 4)

# 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. Transac Code (li 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	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)	\$15.91	01/05/2004		A	v	151		01/05/2004	01/05/2014	Common Stock	151	\$15.91	151 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Options granted from 1996 NQ Plan.

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Donna D. Conover /s/ Deborah 01/07/2004

<u>Ackerman</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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