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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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WIMBERLY			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]		ionship of Reporting Person all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) C/O SOUTHWE P O BOX 36611	(First) ST AIRLINES CO	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/23/2004		EVP - Chief of O	perations
(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 Report 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)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Following Reported	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 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)		Derivative		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	Ownership	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) ⁽¹⁾	\$15.51	01/23/2004		A		6,667		01/23/2004	01/23/2014	Common Stock	6,667	\$15.51	6,667	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$15.51	01/23/2004		Α		5,364		01/23/2005	01/23/2014	Common Stock	5,364	\$15.51	5,364	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$15.51	01/23/2004		A		220		01/23/2006	01/23/2014	Common Stock	220	\$15.51	220	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$15.51	01/23/2004		A		1,302		01/23/2005	01/23/2014	Common Stock	1,302	\$15.51	1,302	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$15.51	01/23/2004		A		6,447		01/23/2006	01/23/2014	Common Stock	6,447	\$15.51	6,447	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Options granted from 1996 NQ Plan.
- 2. Options granted from 1996 ISO Plan.

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Jim Wimberly /s/ Deborah

Ackerman

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

01/27/2004

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

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