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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BIEGLER DAVID W		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006		uer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol JTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PO BOX 36611			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)		to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
(Street) DALLAS (City)	TX (State)	75235-1611 (Zip)					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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock	9,707	D		

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		Conversion or Exercise	Form: Direct (D) or	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Indirect (I) Derivative Security		

Explanation of Responses:

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for David W. Biegler /s/ Deborah 05/17/2006

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** 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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