
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 2, 2015

Southwest[®]
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-7259
(Commission
File Number)

74-1563240
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

75235-1611
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 792-4000

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Southwest Airlines Co.’s Computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 and the five fiscal years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2014 is attached as Exhibit 12.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
12.1	Computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

Date: November 2, 2015

By: /s/ Tammy Romo

Name: Tammy Romo

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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12.1	Computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

	Nine months ended, September 30,		Year Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Earnings							
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$2,632	\$1,515	\$1,816	\$1,210	\$ 685	\$ 323	\$ 745
Add: Fixed charges	\$ 305	\$ 316	\$ 410	\$ 406	\$ 444	\$ 469	\$ 363
Less: Interest capitalized	\$ 23	\$ 18	\$ 23	\$ 24	\$ 21	\$ 12	\$ 19
Total	<u>\$2,914</u>	<u>\$1,813</u>	<u>\$2,203</u>	<u>\$1,592</u>	<u>\$1,109</u>	<u>\$ 780</u>	<u>\$1,089</u>
Fixed charges							
Interest expense (net)	\$ 69	\$ 80	\$ 107	\$ 107	\$ 126	\$ 182	\$ 148
Add: Interest capitalized	\$ 23	\$ 18	\$ 23	\$ 24	\$ 21	\$ 12	\$ 19
Gross interest expense	\$ 92	\$ 98	\$ 130	\$ 131	\$ 147	\$ 194	\$ 167
Add: Interest factor of operating lease expense	\$ 213	\$ 218	\$ 280	\$ 275	\$ 298	\$ 275	\$ 197
Total	<u>\$ 305</u>	<u>\$ 316</u>	<u>\$ 410</u>	<u>\$ 406</u>	<u>\$ 444</u>	<u>\$ 469</u>	<u>\$ 364</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	<u>9.55</u>	<u>5.74</u>	<u>5.37</u>	<u>3.92</u>	<u>2.49</u>	<u>1.66</u>	<u>2.99</u>