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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wright Laura			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]					
(Last) 2702 LOVE F	ast) (First) (Middle) 702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE, P.O. BOX 36611			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director		10% Owner Other (specify	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) DALLAS (City)	TX (State)	75235-1611 (Zip)			Chief Financi	al Officer		ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check cable Line) 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)	Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,949.949	I	Profit Sharing Plan ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	781.985	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)		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amoun or Numbe of Shar		Price of Derivative Security	Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/19/2001	01/19/2010	Common Stock	3,999(2)	10.35	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/19/2001	01/19/2010	Common Stock	2,001(3)	10.35	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	12/31/2001	12/31/2010	Common Stock	969(3)	22.8	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	02/15/2002	02/15/2011	Common Stock	831(3)	21.3	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	02/15/2002	02/15/2011	Common Stock	3,569(2)	21.3	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2002	06/19/2011	Common Stock	500(3)	17.11	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2002 ⁽⁴⁾	06/19/2011	Common Stock	6,000(2)	17.11	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2003	01/01/2012	Common Stock	719(3)	18.73	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2003	01/18/2012	Common Stock	3,237(3)	17.78	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2003	01/18/2012	Common Stock	1,823(2)	17.78	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/02/2004	01/02/2013	Common Stock	553(3)	14.03	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2004 ⁽⁵⁾	01/23/2013	Common Stock	4,724(3)	13.19	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2004 ⁽⁶⁾	01/23/2013	Common Stock	2,776(2)	13.19	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/05/2004	01/05/2014	Common Stock	1,114(3)	15.91	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2004 ⁽⁷⁾	01/23/2014	Common Stock	9,868(3)	15.51	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2006	01/23/2014	Common Stock	2,132(2)	15.51	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2000	01/01/2010	Common Stock	20(3)	10.88	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2001	01/01/2010	Common Stock	630(2)	10.88	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/22/2000	01/22/2009	Common Stock	4,500(2)	11.72	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2000	01/01/2009	Common Stock	170(2)	10.11	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2003 ⁽⁸⁾	09/01/2008	Common Stock	43,605(2)	8.2	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2004	01/23/2008	Common Stock	6,458(2)	7.87	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2004	01/01/2008	Common Stock	437(2)	7.27	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/26/2004	01/26/2006	Common Stock	9,356(2)	4.98	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/26/2004 ⁽⁹⁾	01/26/2006	Common Stock	9,038(2)	4.98	D	
Explanation of Responses:		1	1		1		1

- 2. Options granted from the 1996 ISO Plan.
- 3. Options granted from the 1996 NQ Plan.
- 4. Remaining shares are exercisable in increments of 100 beginning with 600 shares on 6/19/2005 and an additional 100 shares each 6/19 thereafter until 6/19/2010.
- 5. 4,438 shares are currently exercisable, the remaining 286 shares become exercisable on 1/23/2005.
- $6.\,562\ shares\ are\ currently\ exercisable\ with\ the\ remaining\ 2,214\ shares\ becoming\ exercisable\ on\ 1/23/2005.$
- $7.\,4,000\,shares\,are\,currently\,exercisable.\,An\,additional\,4,000\,shares\,are\,exercisable\,on\,1/23/2005\,and\,the\,remaining\,1,868\,shares\,are\,exercisable\,as\,of\,1/23/2006.$
- 8. 18,113 shares are exercisable with 5,367 shares exercisable on 9/1/2004 and 6,036, 6,709 and 7,380 becoming exercisable each year thereafter until 9/1/2007.
- $9.\,6,\!810$ shares are exercisable with the remaining $2,\!228$ shares becoming exercisable on 1/26/2005.

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Laura Wright /s/ Mark R. Shaw

07/23/2004

** 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 Gary Kelly, Deborah Ackerman, and Mark Shaw, 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 15th day of July, 2004.

Signature /s/ Laura Wright
----Print Name Laura Wright
