FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Wright Laura			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]		onship of Reporting Person(s) t all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	o Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Last) 2702 LOVE FIELI P.O. BOX 36611	22 LOVE FIELD DRIVE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2005		Sr. Vice Pres. Finance	& CFO		
(Street) DALLAS (City)	ALLAS TX 75235-1611		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,		on Date, Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(111041.4)

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 Transaction(s)	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		(Instr. 4)		
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.25	01/20/2005		A		980 ⁽¹⁾		01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	980	\$14.25	980	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.25	01/20/2005		A		1,567 ⁽²⁾		01/20/2007	01/20/2015	Common Stock	1,567	\$14.25	1,567	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.25	01/20/2005		A		4,600 ⁽²⁾		01/20/2005	01/20/2005	Common Stock	4,600	\$14.25	4,600	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.25	01/20/2005		A		4,600 ⁽²⁾		01/20/2006	01/20/2015	Common Stock	4,600	\$14.25	9,200	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.25	01/20/2005		A		3,033 ⁽²⁾		01/20/2007	01/20/2015	Common Stock	3,033	\$14.25	12,233	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Laura Wright /s/ Deborah

01/24/2005

<u>Ackerman</u>

** 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 4 (b)(v).
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