FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address Wright Laura	of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [ LUV ]		ionship of Reporting Person(s all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE P.O. BOX 36611		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2005		Sr. VP Finance &	c CFO
(Street) DALLAS (City)	TX (State)	75235-1611 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Ch Form filed by One Reportin Form filed by More than On	g Person

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (li 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(11150.4)
Common Stock	12/07/2005		M		9,356	A	\$4.98	26,594	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2005		M		9,038	A	\$4.98	35,632	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2005		S		9,038	D	\$16.47	26,594	D	
Common Stock								9,477	I	ProfitSharing Plan

## 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 (Ir 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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	\$4.98	12/07/2005		M			9,356	01/26/2005	01/26/2006	Common Stock	9,356	\$4.98	0	D	
Common Stock	\$4.98	12/07/2005		M			9,038	01/26/2005	01/26/2006	Common Stock	9,038	\$4.98	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

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

12/08/2005

\*\* 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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