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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lamb Jeff			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]		tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) below) Other (specify below)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2011		SVP Admin & Chief People Off.				
(Street) DALLAS TX 75235 (City) (State) (Zip)			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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities A Disposed Of (I				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	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/05/2011		M		25,000	A	\$6.75	62,313(1)	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2011		S		6,294	D	\$11.75	56,019(1)	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2011		S		18,006	D	\$11.76	38,013(1)	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2011		S		700	D	\$11.761	37,313(1)	D	

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		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)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.75	05/05/2011		М			25,000	(2)	02/01/2019	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Holdings include shares previously acquired through exempt transactions pursuant to the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan. Holdings also include 35,000 restricted stock units, none of which have vested.
- $2. \ The \ option \ will \ vest \ with \ respect \ to \ the \ remaining \ 25,000 \ shares \ on \ February \ 2,2012.$

Remarks:

/s/Marilyn R. Post, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Jeff

05/09/2011

<u>Lamb</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).
- ** 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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