

Wright Laura
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Wright Laura

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
[LUV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice Pres. Finance & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE, P.O.
BOX 36611

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/20/2005

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005	A		<u>980</u> ⁽¹⁾		01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	980
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005	A		<u>1,567</u> ⁽²⁾		01/20/2007	01/20/2015	Common Stock	1,567
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005	A		<u>4,600</u> ⁽²⁾		01/20/2005	01/20/2005	Common Stock	4,600
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005	A		<u>4,600</u> ⁽²⁾		01/20/2006	01/20/2015	Common Stock	4,600
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.25	01/20/2005	A		<u>3,033</u> ⁽²⁾		01/20/2007	01/20/2015	Common Stock	3,033

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wright Laura 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE P.O. BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235-1611			Sr. Vice Pres. Finance & CFO	

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Laura Wright /s/ Deborah Ackerman 01/24/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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