

Van de Ven Michael G
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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 *
 Van de Ven Michael G

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/17/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP - Aircraft Operations

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
 CO, PO BOX 36611

(Street)

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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DALLAS, TX 75235 1611

(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	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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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
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.53	03/17/2006	A		1,512		12/31/2008	03/17/2016	Common Stock	1,512 <u>(1)</u>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.53	03/17/2006	A		16,667		12/31/2006	03/17/2016	Common Stock	16,667 <u>(1)</u>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.53	03/17/2006	A		16,666		12/31/2007	03/17/2016	Common Stock	16,666 <u>(1)</u>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.53	03/17/2006	A		15,155		12/31/2008	03/17/2016	Common Stock	15,155 <u>(1)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van de Ven Michael G C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO PO BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235 1611			EVP - Aircraft Operations	

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Michael G. Van de Ven /s/ Deborah Ackerman 03/21/2006

**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 under the 1996 ISO Plan.

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