SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MONTFORD JOHN T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

[LUV]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO, 2702 LOVE FIELD DR PO

BOX 36611

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

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

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

(Zip)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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1. Title of	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. Number	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security
Derivative Security				Transaction Code	onof Derivative					
(Instr. 3)				(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	, ,		.,	(Instr. 5)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	05/17/2006		A	750	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	750	\$0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MONTFORD JOHN T C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO 2702 LOVE FIELD DR PO BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

X

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for John T. Montford /s/ Deborah Ackerman

05/17/2006

**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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Southwest's common stock, and may be settled only in cash.
- (2) Upon retirement from the Board of Directors.

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