

Van de Ven Michael G
Form 4
January 04, 2006

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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)
12/31/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ 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)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 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
Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005	A		16,667		12/31/2005	12/31/2015	Common Stock	16,667
Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005	A		16,666		12/31/2006	12/31/2015	Common Stock	16,666
Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005	A		16,667		12/31/2007	12/31/2015	Common Stock	16,667
Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005	A		750		12/31/2005	12/31/2015	Common Stock	750

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. VandeVen /s/Deborah Ackerman 01/04/2006

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 1996 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan.

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