SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KELLY GARY C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

(Check all applicable)

[LUV]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

COB, Pres., & CEO

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

05/18/2011

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) 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

DALLAS, TX 75235-1908

(City)

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securitie			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Manua Buji Teur)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or	Beneficial Ownership	
		(Wolldin Day Tear)	(Ilisti. 6)				Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/18/2011		A	150,000 (1)	A	\$0	453,203	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2011		F	17,512	D	\$ 12.4	435,691	D	

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
KELLY GARY C SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235-1908	X		COB, Pres., & CEO					

Signatures

/s/ Marilyn R. Post, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Gary C. 05/20/2011 Kelly

> **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).

Reflects the exempt acquisition of restricted stock units pursuant to the Southwest Airlines Co. Amended and Restated 2007 Equity (1) Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units will vest with respect to one-third of the shares covered thereby annually, beginning on May 18, 2012, and will entitle the reporting person to one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit that vests.

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