

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICKS RON (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE (Street) DALLAS, TX 75235 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr.VP Law/Airports..	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	50,000	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2000	01/23/2008	Common Stock	3,869 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7.87	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/19/2002	01/19/2010	Common Stock	6,825 ⁽²⁾	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/19/2001	01/19/2010	Common Stock	9,101 ⁽³⁾	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	12/31/2000	12/31/2010	Common Stock	3,915 ⁽³⁾	\$ 22.8	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/15/2003	02/15/2011	Common Stock	8,428 ⁽³⁾	\$ 21.3	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/15/2003	02/15/2011	Common Stock	6,072 ⁽²⁾	\$ 21.3	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/01/2002	01/01/2012	Common Stock	3,916 ⁽³⁾	\$ 18.73	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/18/2004	01/18/2012	Common Stock	5,317 ⁽²⁾	\$ 17.78	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/18/2003	01/18/2012	Common Stock	10,633 ⁽³⁾	\$ 17.78	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	3,916 ⁽³⁾	\$ 14.33	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2004	01/23/2013	Common Stock	11,281 ⁽³⁾	\$ 13.19	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2005	01/23/2013	Common Stock	6,264 ⁽²⁾	\$ 13.19	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/05/2004	01/05/2014	Common Stock	3,084 ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.91	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2006	01/23/2014	Common Stock	12,079 ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.51	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/23/2004	01/23/2014	Common Stock	7,921 ⁽²⁾	\$ 15.51	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	09/01/2004	09/01/2014	Common Stock	415 ^{(3) (4)}	\$ 14.75	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	09/01/2007	09/01/2014	Common Stock	2,585 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 14.75	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	3,065 ⁽³⁾	\$ 14.25	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	01/20/2005	01/20/2015	Common Stock	15,222 ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 14.25	D	Â

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Options (right to buy)	01/20/2007	01/20/2015	Common Stock	6,778 ⁽²⁾	\$ 14.25	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	12/31/2005	12/31/2015	Common Stock	40,000 ⁽³⁾ <u>(7)</u>	\$ 16.43	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	12/31/2005	12/31/2015	Common Stock	2,719 ⁽³⁾	\$ 16.43	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	12/31/2008	03/17/2016	Common Stock	5,471 ⁽²⁾	\$ 17.53	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	03/31/2006	03/17/2016	Common Stock	34,529 ⁽³⁾ <u>(8)</u>	\$ 17.53	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/22/2001	01/22/2009	Common Stock	1,223 ⁽³⁾	\$ 11.72	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	01/22/2001	01/22/2009	Common Stock	8,531 ⁽²⁾	\$ 11.72	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICKS RON C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235	Â	Â	Â Sr.VP Law/Airports..	Â

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Ron Ricks /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 5(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 1991 ISO Plan.
- (2) Options granted from 1996 ISO Plan.
- (3) Options granted from 1996 NQ Plan.
- (4) Options are exercisable as follows: 230 currently exercisable; and 185 on 9/1/2006.
- (5) Options are exercisable as follows: 231 on 9/1/2007; 277 on 9/1/2008; 323 on 9/1/2009; 369 on 9/1/2010; 415 on 9/1/2011; 462 on 9/1/2012 ; and 508 on 9/1/2013.
- (6) Options are exercisable as follows: 14,667 currently exercisable; and 555 on 1/20/2007.
- (7) Options are exercisable as follows: 13,334 currently exercisable; 13,333 on 12/31/2006; and 13,333 on 1/31/2007.
- (8) Options are exercisable as follows: 13,334 on 12/31/2006; 13,333 on 12/31/2007; and 7,862 on 12/31/2008.

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