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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Romo Tammy

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/20/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., Â 2702 LOVE FIELD

DRIVE

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

(give title below) (specify below)

SR VP Finance & CFO

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

DALLAS. TXÂ 75235

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: Direct (D) (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock

 $63,777 \stackrel{(1)}{=}$

Â D

Common Stock

3,310 (2)

Ι By ProfitSharing Plan

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**

5. Conversion

Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	10/08/2012	Common Stock	1,300	\$ 12.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/02/2013	Common Stock	543	\$ 14.03	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/23/2013	Common Stock	1,913	\$ 13.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/05/2014	Common Stock	574	\$ 15.91	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/23/2014	Common Stock	1,913	\$ 15.51	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	09/01/2014	Common Stock	26,000	\$ 14.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/20/2015	Common Stock	3,574	\$ 14.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/31/2015	Common Stock	11,037	\$ 16.43	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	03/17/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 17.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 12.18	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/01/2019	Common Stock	33,000	\$ 6.75	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Romo Tammy SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235	Â	Â	SR VP Finance & CFO	Â		

Signatures

Marilyn R. Post, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Tammy
Romo

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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).
- Holdings include 50,310 restricted stock units previously granted pursuant to the Southwest Airlines Co. Amended and Restated 2007
- (1) Equity Incentive Plan, which will entitle the reporting person to one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit that vests. The restricted stock units will vest as follows: 12,993 on May 16, 2013; 4,000 on May 18, 2013; 3,333 on May 19, 2013; 12,992 on May 16, 2014; 4,000 on May 18, 2014; and 12,992 on May 16, 2015.
- (2) Holdings reflect exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan.
- (3) The option is currently fully exercisable.
- (4) The option is currently exercisable with respect to 21,600 shares and will become exercisable with respect to the remaining 4,400 shares on September 1, 2013.

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