

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
 CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE**

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
 [LUV]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
07/30/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
COB, Pres., & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/30/2008		M		6,687 A \$ 10.88	147,432	D
Common Stock	07/30/2008		M		21,001 A \$ 10.35	168,433	D
Common Stock	07/30/2008		F		20,314 D \$ 15.665	148,119	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.88	07/30/2008		M	6,687	01/01/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 01/01/2010	Common Stock	6,687
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.35	07/30/2008		M	21,001	⁽¹⁾ 01/19/2010	Common Stock	21,001

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLY GARY C SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235-1611	X		COB, Pres., & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Laura H. Wright on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Gary C. Kelly
 Date: 08/01/2008

__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) The option vested in installments and was 100% vested at the time of exercise.

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