

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

Form 4

December 15, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RIDLEY DAVIS S /TX

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)
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SVP

(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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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)
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Common Stock	12/11/2009		M	8,631	A	\$ 10.35	47,631	D
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Common Stock	12/11/2009		S	3,031	D	\$ 10.9	44,600	D
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Common Stock	12/11/2009		S	5,600	D	\$ 10.91	39,000	D
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Common Stock						26,099 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ProfitSharing Plan
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Common
Stock

As Custodian
for Son

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.35	12/11/2009		M	8,631	<u>(2)</u> 01/19/2010	Common Stock	8,631

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
RIDLEY DAVIS S /TX SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235-1611	SVP

Signatures

/s/ Davis S.
Ridley 12/15/2009

**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) Holdings reflect shares previously acquired in exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan. The information reported herein is based on the most recently available plan statement.
- (2) The option vested in installments and was 100% vested at the time of exercise.

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