

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 *
 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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/18/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

DALLAS, TX 75235-1908

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/18/2011		A		35,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 109,000 D
Common Stock	05/19/2011		F		3,086	D	\$ 12.4 105,914 D
Common Stock							800 I As Custodian for Son
Common Stock							266 (2) I By ProfitSharing Plan

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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 75235-1908			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Marilyn R. Post, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Davis S. Ridley
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

05/20/2011

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 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.
- (2) Share amount reflects exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan.

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