Watterson Andrew M Form 4 February 02, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Watterson Andrew M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

[LUV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE

(State)

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

EVP & Chief Revenue Officer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

DALLAS, TX 75235

(City)

1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or			\r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Tear)	Execution Date, if	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
(Illsu. 3)		any		* '			•	` '	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
							Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
					or		` '		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/31/2018		A	3,726 (1)	A	\$0	13,033	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2018		A	7,204 (2)	A	\$0	20,237	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Nur of	Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Watterson Andrew M SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235

EVP & Chief Revenue Officer

Signatures

/s/ Tim Whisler, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Andrew M. Watterson

02/02/2018

**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).
- Reflects the exempt acquisition of restricted stock units upon the satisfaction of performance criteria underlying an award of performance-based restricted stock units pursuant to the Southwest Airlines Co. Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units will vest on February 21, 2018, and will entitle the reporting person to one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit that vests.
- 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 February 21, 2019, and will entitle the reporting person to one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit that vests.

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