SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

LOEFFLER NANCY B

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., PO BOX 36611

(Street)

(State)

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]

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

05/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Conversion

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities Derivati

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (I	rities nired or osed 0) r. 3, 4,	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
				Code \	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	05/17/2006		A	750)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	750	\$0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LOEFFLER NANCY B C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PO BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

X

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Nancy B. Loeffler /s/ Deborah Ackerman

05/17/2006

**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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Southwest's common stock, and may be settled only in cash.
- (2) Upon retirement from the Board of Directors.

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