

Sear Steven M
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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 *
 Sear Steven M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., P.O. BOX 20574, DEPT. 981
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Pres. Int'l & EVP Global Sales

ATLANTA, GA 30320

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/08/2018		A	(1)	18,133	A	(1) 63,778 D
Common Stock	02/08/2018		F	(2)	8,487	D	\$ 51.23 55,291 D
Common Stock	02/08/2018		A	(3)	14,450	A	(3) 69,741 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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.33	02/08/2018		A	31,290	02/08/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	02/08/2027	Common Stock	31,290		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sear Steven M C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC. P.O. BOX 20574, DEPT. 981 ATLANTA, GA 30320			Pres. Int'l & EVP Global Sales	

Signatures

/s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Steven M. Sear
Date: 02/09/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Settlement of performance awards granted under Delta's 2015 long-term incentive program which were earned effective February 8, 2018. The grant of the performance awards was approved by the Personnel & Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors (the "Committee") and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

(2) Shares withheld for payment of tax liability upon settlement of the performance awards earned under Delta's 2015 long-term incentive program. This withholding was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rules 16b-3(d)(1) and 16b-3(e).

(3) The Committee granted Mr. Sear 14,450 shares of restricted common stock under Delta's 2018 long-term incentive program. The shares will vest pursuant to the terms of the award agreement. This grant was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

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On February 9, 2017, the Committee granted Mr. Sear an option to purchase 31,290 shares of common stock. The option vests based on Delta's satisfaction of certain performance criteria. Because the performance criteria were met, the option as to 10,430 shares vested, and (4) the option for the remaining 20,860 shares will vest in equal installments on February 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020. The performance criteria was certified by the Committee on February 8, 2018. This grant was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

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