#### SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

Form 4 May 19, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KELLY GARY C			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)  C/O SOUTH CO, P O BO		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO		
	(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		
DALLAS, TX 75235				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(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)		
Common Stock	05/18/2006		Code V M	Amount 909	(D)	Price \$ 4.4	126,816	D		
Common Stock	05/18/2006		M	8,564	A	\$ 4.3	135,380	D		
Common Stock	05/18/2006		M	19,121	A	\$ 4.3	154,501	D		
Common Stock							1,900	Ι	as Trustee	

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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.4	05/18/2006		M	909 (1)	01/01/2001	01/01/2007	Common Stock	909
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.3	05/18/2006		M	8,564 (2)	01/24/2000	01/24/2007	Common Stock	8,564
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.3	05/18/2006		M	19,121 (1)	01/24/2000	01/24/2007	Common Stock	19,121

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting 6 wher runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KELLY GARY C						
C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO	X		CEO			
P O BOX 36611	Λ		CEO			
DALLAS, TX 75235						

# **Signatures**

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Gary C. Kelly /s/ Deborah Ackerman

05/19/2006

\*\*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) Options granted from the 1991 NQ Plan.

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(2) Options granted from the 1991 ISO Plan.

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