

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 \*  
 Wright Laura

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES  
 CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
 [LUV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/18/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SR VP FINANCE & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	08/18/2008		M		28,605	A	\$ 8.2 55,942	D
Common Stock	08/18/2008		S		500	D	\$ 15.47 55,442	D
Common Stock	08/18/2008		S		17,700	D	\$ 15.48 37,742	D
Common Stock	08/18/2008		S		6,800	D	\$ 15.49 30,942	D
Common Stock							9,193 <sup>(1)</sup>	I
								By Profit Sharing

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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.2	08/18/2008		M	28,605	<u>(2)</u> 09/01/2008	Common Stock	28,605

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wright Laura SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235-1611			SR VP FINANCE & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Laura H. Wright 08/19/2008

\*\*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) Holdings reflect shares previously acquired in exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan. The information reported herein is based on the most recently available plan statement.

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(2) The option vested in installments and was 100% vested at the time of exercise.

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