SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO Form 8-K October 18, 2012

Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 18, 2012

	Southwest Airlines Co.	
(1	Exact name of registrant	as specified in its charter)
Texas	1-7259	74-1563240
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
P. O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas		75235-1611
(Address of principal executive	(Address of principal executive offices)	
Form		plicabless, if changed since last report
	the Form 8-K filing is i	ntended to simultaneously satisfy the
[] Written communications (17 CFR 230.425)	pursuant to Rule 425 un	der the Securities Act
[] Soliciting material pursua	ant to Rule 14a-12 under	the Exchange Act (17
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 18, 2012 the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter 2012. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

The information furnished in this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits:
- 99.1 Registrant's Third Quarter 2012 Earnings Release.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

October 18, 2012 By /s/ Tammy Romo

Tammy Romo Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

	Exhibit Index
Exhibit No.	Description
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