

HIRST RICHARD B

Form 4

March 01, 2011

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HIRST RICHARD B**

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.,  
DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/28/2011**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP & General Counsel**

(Street)  
**ATLANTA,, GA 30320**

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

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

(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  | (A) or (D) Price                                                                              |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2011                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 117,000 | D \$ 11.038 (1)                                                                               | 325,693                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2011                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 88,400  | D \$ 11.27 (2)                                                                                | 237,293                                                  | D                                                     |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                  | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| HIRST RICHARD B<br>C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981<br>P.O. BOX 20574<br>ATLANTA,, GA 30320 | SVP &<br>General<br>Counsel      |

## Signatures

/s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Richard B.  
Hirst 03/01/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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The reported shares were sold in open market transactions through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$11.01 to \$11.11 per share. The  
(1) Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request, details regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Delta Air Lines, Inc., or a security holder of Delta Air Lines, Inc.

The reported shares were sold in open market transactions through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$11.26 to \$11.2816 per share.  
(2) The Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request, details regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Delta Air Lines, Inc., or a security holder of Delta Air Lines, Inc.

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