

Wright Laura
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

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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)
12/15/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

SR VP FINANCE & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	12/15/2009		M	6,000 A	\$ 10.35 36,945 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S	1,100 D	\$ 10.8 35,845	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S	3,399 D	\$ 10.804 32,446	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S	1,501 D	\$ 10.802 30,945	D	
Common Stock					8,859 ⁽²⁾	I	By ProfitSharing

Plan

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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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.35	12/15/2009		M	6,000	(3) 01/19/2010	Common Stock	6,000

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/ Marilyn Post on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Laura H.
Wright

12/16/2009

__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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Holdings include shares acquired since the Reporting Person's last Form 4 in exempt transactions pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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

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