

Whitehurst James M  
Form 4  
December 23, 2005

**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 \*  
Whitehurst James M

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/  
[DALRQ.PK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT.  
981, P.O. BOX 20574

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Operating Officer

(Street)  
ATLANTA, GA 30320

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  
\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                         |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/23/2005                              |                                                             | D <sup>(1)</sup>                        |                                                                            | 3,787                                                                                                              | D                                                                    | \$ 0 11,844                             |

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)**

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| 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>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | 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 |
| Whitehurst James M<br>DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981<br>P.O. BOX 20574<br>ATLANTA, GA 30320 | Chief Operating Officer          |

## Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for James M.  
Whitehurst

12/23/2005

\_\_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) On December 22, 2005, the reporting person held 3,787 shares of restricted stock which were granted to him under the Delta 2000 Performance Compensation Plan on January 1, 2002, in connection with his joining Delta. Pursuant to the terms of the award, the restrictions on these shares would have lapsed on January 1, 2006, subject to the reporting person remaining employed by Delta on that date. On December 23, 2005, the reporting person voluntarily and irrevocably relinquished his right to all of these shares.

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