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10% Owner

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wright Laura

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

(Check all applicable)

[LUV]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE, P.O.

(Street)

BOX 36611

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Other (specify below)

12/31/2005

Sr. VP Finance & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of	(Month/Day/Y	ear)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005		A	1,416		12/31/2005	12/31/2015	Common Stock	1,416
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005		A	13,334		12/31/2005	12/31/2015	Common Stock	13,334
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005		A	13,333		12/31/2006	12/31/2015	Common Stock	13,333
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 16.43	12/31/2005		A	13,333		12/31/2007	12/31/2015	Common Stock	13,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wright Laura 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE P.O. BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

Sr. VP Finance & CFO

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Laura Wright /s/Deborah

Ackerman 01/04/2006

**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) Options granted under 1996 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan.

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