#### SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* KELLEHER HERBERT D

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

[LUV]

(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2005

Symbol

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

(Street)

(State)

(First)

CO, P O BOX 36611

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DALLAS, TX 75235

(City)

(City)	(State)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ	<b>)</b> )	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	12/15/2005		M	948,830 (1)	A	\$ 4.64	, ,	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		F	511,304	D	\$ 16.425	4,286,424	D	
Common Stock							304,380	I	by Family LLC (2)

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

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.64	12/15/2005		M		948,830	01/01/2004	01/01/2006	Common Stock	948,830

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KELLEHER HERBERT D C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO P O BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235

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## Signatures

On behalf of and attorney in fact for Herbert D. Kelleher /s/ Deborah Ackerman

12/19/2005

\*\*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) Options granted under the 1996 Employment Agreement.
- Reporting person holds these shares for the benefit of other individuals. The reporting person's spouse is a principal. The reporting person (2) disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and the filing of this report is not an admission that reporting person is a beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

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