SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and CONOVE	2. Issuer I turne und Trener of Trading				s	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) C/O SOUT CO, 2702 I BOX 3661	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2006					Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Customer Operations					
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			A	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
DALLAS, TX 75235-1611							– P	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (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	07/24/2006			M	11,000	A	\$ 8.11	20,999	D		
Common Stock	07/24/2006			F	11,000	D	\$ 17.4545	9,999	D		
Common Stock								38,525	I	Profit Sharing Plan (1)	

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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		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 or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.11	07/24/2006		M		11,000	05/01/2006	05/01/2008	Common Stock	22,608 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		ionships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	

CONOVER DONNA D C/O SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO 2702 LOVE FIELD DR PO BOX 36611 DALLAS, TX 75235-1611 EVP -Customer Operations

Signatures

On behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Donna D. Conover /s/ Deborah Ackerman

07/24/2006

Other

**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) The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2005.
- (2) Options granted from the 1996 ISO Plan.

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