

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wright Laura

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
[LUV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/25/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SR VP FINANCE & CFO

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES  
CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE  
  
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75235-1908

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/25/2011		S	1,511 D	\$ 11.9	86,789	D
Common Stock	05/25/2011		S	900 D	\$ 11.901	85,889	D
Common Stock	05/25/2011		S	5,400 D	\$ 11.902	80,489	D
Common Stock	05/25/2011		M	15,000 A	\$ 6.75	95,489	D
Common Stock	05/25/2011		S	14,000 D	\$ 11.9	81,489	D

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Common Stock	05/25/2011	S	900	D	\$ 11.901	80,589	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2011	S	100	D	\$ 11.902	80,489	D	
Common Stock						8,637 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By ProfitSharing Plan

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.75	05/25/2011		M	15,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/01/2019	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wright Laura SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235-1908			SR VP FINANCE & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Marilyn R. Post on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Laura H. Wright  
05/26/2011

\_\_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) Holdings reflect exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan.

(2) Of the remaining stock options, 31,667 are currently exercisable, and 23,333 will become exercisable on February 2, 2012.

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