

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2011

**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas  
(State or other Jurisdiction)

1-7259  
(Commission)

74-1563240  
(IRS Employer)

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(State of Incorporation)

(File Number)

(Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**75235-1611**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 792-4000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.****Summary Consolidated Financial Data of Southwest**

The following statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Southwest Airlines Co. ( Southwest ) for such years.

The statement of operations data for the year ended December 31, 2010 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2010 is preliminary. This information is unaudited, but, in the opinion of Southwest s management, contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly Southwest s financial position and results of operations for the period indicated.

You should read this selected historical financial data together with the audited financial statements, their accompanying notes and management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations of Southwest contained in its Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the years presented, including Southwest s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 once it is filed.

**Statement of Operations Data of Southwest**

(In millions, except per share amounts)

|                            | Year Ended December 31, |           |           |          |          |          |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                            | 2010<br>(Unaudited)     | 2009      | 2008      | 2007     | 2006     | 2005     |
| Operating revenue          | \$ 12,104               | \$ 10,350 | \$ 11,023 | \$ 9,861 | \$ 9,086 | \$ 7,584 |
| Operating expenses         | 11,116                  | 10,088    | 10,574    | 9,070    | 8,152    | 6,859    |
| Earnings from operations   | 988                     | 262       | 449       | 791      | 934      | 725      |
| Income before income taxes | 745                     | 164       | 278       | 1,058    | 790      | 779      |
| Income taxes               | 286                     | 65        | 100       | 413      | 291      | 295      |
| Net income (1)             | 459                     | 99        | 178       | 645      | 499      | 484      |
| Earnings per share:        |                         |           |           |          |          |          |
| Basic                      | .62                     | .13       | .24       | .85      | .63      | .61      |
| Diluted                    | .61                     | .13       | .24       | .84      | .61      | .60      |

(1) Includes the following special income (expense) items:

|                                  |      |      |       |      |      |    |
|----------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|----|
| Impact of fuel contracts, net    | (87) | (9)  | (128) | 197  | (88) | 59 |
| AirTran integration costs        | (4)  |      |       |      |      |    |
| Impact of early retirement offer |      | (35) |       | (12) |      |    |
| Other, net                       |      |      | 12    | (11) | 9    |    |

**Balance Sheet Data of Southwest**

(In millions)

|   | As of December 31,  |          |          |          |          |          |
|---|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   | 2010<br>(Unaudited) | 2009     | 2008     | 2007     | 2006     | 2005     |
| Unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments          | \$ 3,538            | \$ 2,593 | \$ 1,803 | \$ 2,779 | \$ 1,759 | \$ 2,531 |
| Total assets  | 15,463              | 14,269   | 14,068   | 16,772   | 13,460   | 14,003   |
| Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, excluding current portion | 2,875               | 3,325    | 3,498    | 2,050    | 1,567    | 1,394    |
| Stockholders equity   | 6,237               | 5,454    | 4,953    | 6,941    | 6,449    | 6,675    |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.**

Date: February 1, 2011

By: /s/ Laura H. Wright

Name: Laura H. Wright

Title: Senior Vice President Finance & Chief Financial Officer

*(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)*