

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
Form 8-K  
November 15, 2004

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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):

November 15, 2004

Southwest Airlines Co.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas

1-7259

74-1563240

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

P. O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas

75235-1611

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(214) 792-4000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.04. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

The Southwest Airlines Co. ProfitSharing Plan ("Plan") is changing service providers, effective January 1, 2005. The new service provider for the Plan will be JPMorgan Retirement Plan Services. As a result of this change, participants in the Plan will be temporarily unable to change, direct or diversify investments in their individual accounts, including the Common Stock of Southwest Airlines Co., effective December 29, 2004. December 15, 2004 will be the last day the retiring record keeper will process withdrawal or distribution paperwork.

The blackout is expected to end during the week of January 2, 2005. During the blackout period, and for a period of two years after the ending date of the blackout period, a security holder or other interested person may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and ending dates of the blackout period by writing Southwest Airlines Co., Attn. Vice President - General Counsel, P.O. Box 36611, Dallas, TX 75235, telephone 214/904-4000.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

*November 15, 2004*

By: */s/ Deborah Ackerman*

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*Name: Deborah Ackerman*

*Title: Vice President - General Counsel*