

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
Form 8-K  
August 08, 2006

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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):

August 7, 2006

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

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On August 7, 2006, Southwest Airlines Co. announced that Mike Van de Ven, currently Executive Vice President of Aircraft Operations, will become the Company's new Executive Vice President and Chief of Operations, effective Sept. 1, 2006. As Executive Vice President and Chief of Operations, Van de Ven, 44, will oversee all operating departments at Southwest Airlines, including Ground Operations; Inflight and Provisioning; Flight Operations; Maintenance and Engineering; Flight Dispatch; and Safety, FAA Airport Security, and Environmental Services. Mr. Van de Ven has worked for Southwest Airlines Co. for more than the past five years.

The press release issued in connection with this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 - Press Release issued by Southwest Airlines Co. on August 7, 2006

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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.

*August 7, 2006*

*By: Deborah Ackerman*

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*Name: Deborah Ackerman*

*Title: Vice President-General Counsel*

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| 99.1               | Press Released issued by Southwest Airlines Co. on August 7, 2006 |