

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SLATER RODNEY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/  
[DAL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,  
DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/29/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

ATLANTA, GA 30320

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

(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)
common stock	10/29/2008		A	(A) or (D)	13,718 (1)	D	

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)**

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.81 (2)	10/29/2008		A	9,146 (2)	10/29/2008 06/27/2017	common stock	9,146

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SLATER RODNEY E C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA, GA 30320	X			

## Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Rodney E. Slater  
 10/31/2008  
 \_\_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) Represents shares of Delta common stock acquired upon conversion of shares of Northwest Airlines Corporation ("Northwest") common stock and Northwest restricted stock units as a result of the merger between Nautilus Merger Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta, and Northwest (the "Merger"). This acquisition was approved by Delta's Board of Directors and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Represents acquisition of stock options covering shares of Delta common stock upon conversion of stock options covering shares of Northwest common stock as a result of the Merger. This acquisition was approved by Delta's Board of Directors and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

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