CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ Form 8-K May 08, 2006

## **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): May 5, 2006

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

#### **DELAWARE**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10323 74-2099724

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas 77002

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 324-2950

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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# Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 5, 2006, we issued a press release announcing our receipt of notice from ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. ("ExpressJet") of its intention to retain all of the 69 regional jet aircraft that will be withdrawn from our capacity purchase agreement with ExpressJet and its parent, ExpressJet Holdings, Inc.

The press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release

**SIGNATURE** 

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

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

May 5, 2006

By /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Corporate Compliance Officer

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99.1 Press Release