

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
HIGGINS PATRICIA

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)

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. NO. 981, P.O. BOX 20574

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/15/2005

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

(Street)

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
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/15/2005		A	(A) V Amount 3,896.104 (1)	\$ 3.85 3,896.104	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	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	07/15/2005		A	1,573.597	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,573.597 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HIGGINS PATRICIA
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 ATLANTA,, GA 30320

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Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Patricia L. Higgins

07/18/2005

__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) Shares acquired under Delta's Non-employee Directors' Stock Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
 Phantom Stock Units were accrued under Delta's Non-employee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). They are convertible into Delta common stock on a 1-for-1 basis. The deferred amounts will be paid, in cash, to the reporting person after she completes her service as a member of Delta's Board of Directors.
- (2) Rule 16b-3(d). They are convertible into Delta common stock on a 1-for-1 basis. The deferred amounts will be paid, in cash, to the reporting person after she completes her service as a member of Delta's Board of Directors.

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