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March 11, 2010

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): March 11, 2010

UAL CORPORATION
UNITED AIR LINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-06033
001-11355
(Commission
File Number)

36-2675207
36-2675206
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL
(Address of principal executive offices)

(312) 997-8000

60601
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 1.01 Entry Into A Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously disclosed in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 9, 2009, United Air Lines, Inc. (the Company) announced its intention to place a widebody aircraft order for 25 Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft and 25 Airbus A350 XWB aircraft, with future purchase rights for an additional 50 planes of each aircraft type, subject to the availability of such aircraft at the time of exercise of the future purchase rights. As previously disclosed in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 25, 2010, on February 19, 2010, the Company entered into a purchase agreement with The Boeing Company for the 25 Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft. On March 5, 2010, the Company entered into a purchase agreement with Airbus SAS for the 25 Airbus A350 XWB aircraft. The Airbus A350 XWB aircraft will be powered by Rolls-Royce Trent XWB engines.

The 25 Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft and 25 Airbus A350 XWB aircraft are expected to be delivered between 2016 and 2019. In the event that the future purchase rights are exercised, delivery of the additional Boeing and Airbus aircraft is expected to occur between 2018 and 2026. The Company has certain aircraft substitution and delivery flexibility rights with respect to the new aircraft. After giving effect to these orders, the Company has total capital commitments, both aircraft and non-aircraft related, of approximately \$8.0 billion, of which approximately \$0.2 billion, \$0.2 billion, \$0.1 billion, \$0.1 billion, \$0.1 billion and \$7.3 billion are due in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and thereafter, respectively. Any incremental firm aircraft orders will increase the Company's total future capital commitments.

The Boeing and Airbus aircraft order is part of the Company's international fleet replacement program which provides for retirement of its international Boeing 747s and 767s between 2016 and 2019. The Company estimates that it will reduce its fuel costs and carbon emissions from the 25 Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft and 25 Airbus A350 XWB aircraft combined by approximately 33% compared with the aircraft they will replace. Additionally, the Company expects average lifetime maintenance costs for the 25 Boeing aircraft and 25 Airbus aircraft combined to be approximately 40% lower per available seat mile compared with the aircraft they will replace. The new aircraft will also enable service to a broader range of international destinations while providing customers with state-of-the-art cabin comfort.

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.

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UNITED AIR LINES, INC.

By: /s/ Kathryn A. Mikells

Name: Kathryn A. Mikells

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 11, 2010