

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

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
Whitehurst James M

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)

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

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

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT.  
981, P.O. BOX 20574

06/04/2007

Chief Operating Officer

(Street)

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

ATLANTA, GA 30320

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18.84 <u>(1)</u>	06/04/2007	A		142,900		<u>(2)</u>	04/29/2017	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	142,900

**Reporting Owners**

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

Whitehurst James M  
DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981  
P.O. BOX 20574  
ATLANTA, GA 30320

Chief Operating Officer

**Signatures**

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for James M. Whitehurst

06/05/2007

         \*\*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) On March 13, 2007, the Personnel & Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors ("P&C Committee") approved the terms of the grant of stock options to Delta officers, including the Reporting Person, to be made following Delta's emergence from bankruptcy. Delta described this program in a Bankruptcy Court filing on March 20, 2007, and in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 22, 2007. The P&C Committee determined that the grant date for these stock option awards would be the first trading day for Delta common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock"), on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") that is 30 calendar days after the first day the Common Stock is traded regular-way on the NYSE. Consistent with that determination, the stock option grant was made to the Reporting Person on June 4, 2007 in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). The exercise price of the stock option is the closing price of the Common Stock on the NYSE on June 4, 2007.

(2) Subject to the terms of the award, including the Reporting Person's continued employment with Delta, the stock option reported in this Form 4 becomes exercisable on the following dates with respect to the specified number of shares of Common Stock: April 30, 2008 -- 47,634 shares; April 30, 2009 -- 47,633 shares; April 30, 2010 -- 47,633 shares. Delta emerged from bankruptcy on April 30, 2007.

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