

HIRST RICHARD B  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HIRST RICHARD B**

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)  
**07/01/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP & General Counsel**

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/01/2009		J <sup>(1)</sup>	63 A 11	395,617	D	
Common Stock	10/06/2010		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V 140 A 11	395,757	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)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIRST RICHARD B C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA, GA 30320			SVP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Richard B. Hirst 10/07/2010

\_\_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).
- These shares of Delta common stock were distributed by Delta in accordance with the First Amended Joint and Consolidated Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Plan of Reorganization") for Northwest Airlines Corporation ("Northwest") and certain of its affiliated entities (collectively, the "Debtors") with respect to a pre-petition unsecured claim held by Mr. Hirst.
- (1) Hirst. Northwest became a subsidiary of Delta on October 29, 2008. Pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization, Mr. Hirst has in the past received shares of Northwest common stock. These shares were converted to Delta common stock upon consummation of the merger of Northwest and Delta. Mr. Hirst may in the future receive additional shares of Delta common stock with respect to this same claim as all unsecured claims held by creditors of the Debtors continue to be reconciled.

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