Kolshak Joseph C Form 4 February 10, 2006

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kolshak Joseph C	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DALRQ.PK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2006	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)  Exec. VP & Chief of Operations		
(Street) ATLANTA, GA 30320	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curitie	es Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 136.017 (2)	(Instr. 4)	By Plan
Common Stock (1)	02/09/2006		<u>I(3)</u>	0.017 (3)	D	\$ 0.6	136 (3)	D (3)	
Common Stock (1)	02/09/2006		M(4)	767.767 (4)	A	<u>(4)</u>	903.767 (4)	D (4)	
Common Stock (1)	02/09/2006		<u>I<sup>(4)</sup></u>	0.767 (4)	D	\$ 0.6	903 (4)	D (4)	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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 Number Shares
Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(5)</u>					07/10/1989	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	<u>(5)</u>
Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2006		M <u>(7)</u>	447.247	07/10/1989	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	767.76

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Exec. VP & Chief of Operations

Kolshak Joseph C

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981

P.O. BOX 20574

ATLANTA, GA 30320

## **Signatures**

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Joseph C.

Kolshak

02/10/2006

\*\*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).
- For background information regarding all of the transactions reported on this Form 4, see the paragraph titled "BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM UNDER DELTA FAMILY-CARE SAVINGS PLAN" immediately following the footnotes. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in the footnotes are defined in the background paragraph.

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- (2) Reflects reporting person's proportionate interest in Common Stock held by the Plan as of the close of business on February 8, 2006.
- All of the whole shares of Common Stock were distributed to the reporting person's Fidelity IRA in connection with the Distribution, as described in the background paragraph, below, and therefore are now beneficially owned directly by the reporting person. In accordance with the terms of the Plan, the fractional share was paid out in cash by the Plan in connection with the Distribution of the whole shares into the reporting person's Fidelity IRA.
  - These shares of Common Stock were issued upon conversion of 447.247 shares of Preferred Stock in a transaction exempt under Rules 16b-3(c), 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b). Pursuant to its terms, the Preferred Stock is required to be converted into Common Stock upon its
- (4) removal from the Plan. The whole shares of Common Stock received as a result of the conversion were deposited into the reporting person's Fidelity IRA, and are now directly owned. Pursuant to the Plan terms, the fractional share was paid out in cash, and the resulting cash was also distributed to the reporting person's Fidelity IRA.
- (5) Preferred Stock held under the Plan. Each such share is convertible into 1.7155 shares of Common Stock, and has no expiration date.
- (6) Preferred Stock held in reporting person's ESOP Account as of the close of business on February 8, 2006.
- (7) In connection with the Distribution, these shares of Preferred Stock were converted into Common Stock at a rate of 1.7155 shares of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock.

#### **Remarks:**

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM UNDER DELTA FAMILY-CARE SAVING

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