DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANDERSON RICHARD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Issuer

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/

[DAL]

(Check all applicable)

Chief Executive Officer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/01/2007

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

10% Owner

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT.

(Street)

(State)

981, P.O. BOX 20574

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30320

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Amount

341,900

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

354,013

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

Code V

 $A^{(1)}$

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

(1)

Common

Stock, par value 09/01/2007

Α

D

\$0.0001 per share

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 orDerivative 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 of Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.88	09/01/2007		A	264,300	(2)	08/31/2017	common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	264,300

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

ANDERSON RICHARD H DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA, GA 30320

X

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Richard H. Anderson

09/05/2007

**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).

In connection with the Reporting Person's election as Chief Executive Officer of Delta, and in recognition of the substantial compensation awards that he forfeited by leaving his former employer, the Board of Directors granted the Reporting Person 341,900 shares of restricted (1) common stock. Subject to the terms of the award, including the Reporting Person's continued employment with Delta, the restrictions on the shares will generally lapse with respect to 113,967 of the shares on each of March 1, 2008 and 2009 and with respect to 113,966 of the

shares on March 1, 2010.

In connection with the Reporting Person's election as Chief Executive Officer of Delta, and in recognition of the substantial compensation awards that he forfeited by leaving his former employer, the Board of Directors granted the Reporting Person stock options covering 264,300 shares of Delta common stock. Subject to the terms of the award, including the Reporting Person's continued employment with Delta, the stock options generally become exercisable with respect to 88,100 shares on each of September 1, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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