HIRST RICHARD B
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FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

ATLANTA,, GA 30320

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/03/2011		A		11,383 (1)	A	(1)	394,441	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2011		F		4,832 (2)	D	$ 11.53	389,609	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2011		A		62,880 (3)	A	(3)	452,489	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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	02/07/2011
**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) Settlement of performance awards granted under Delta's 2009 long-term incentive program which were earned effective February 3, 2011. The grant of the performance awards was approved by the Personnel & Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors (the "Committee") and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

(2) Shares withheld for payment of tax liability upon settlement of the performance awards earned under Delta's 2009 long-term incentive program. This withholding was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rules 16b-3(d)(1) and 16b-3(e).

(3) The Committee granted Mr. Hirst 62,880 shares of restricted common stock under Delta's 2011 long-term incentive program. Subject to the terms of the award, including Mr. Hirst's continued employment with Delta, the restrictions on the shares will lapse with respect to 50 percent of the shares on each of February 1, 2012 and February 1, 2013. Until the restrictions lapse, Mr. Hirst may not sell or transfer the shares, which will be subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances.

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