

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/

Form 4

May 04, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COMPTON JAMES E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC
/DE/ [jzoo6m\$n]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1600 SMITH STREET, HQSEO
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/03/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		36,258	A	\$ 15.78	40,465 D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		36,258	D	\$ 27.2165	4,207 D
Common Stock	05/04/2006		S		695	D	\$ 28.7	0 I

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(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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.78	05/03/2006		M	36,258	<u>(1)</u> 06/28/2007	Common Stock	36,258

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COMPTON JAMES E 1600 SMITH STREET HQSEO HOUSTON, TX 77002			Exec VP	

Signatures

by Sarah E. Hagy on behalf of James Compton 05/04/2006

**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).

(1) The option vested as follows: 31,563 shares on June 28, 2002; 17,187 shares on April 17, 2003; 10,000 shares on April 17, 2004; and 10,000 shares on April 17, 2005.

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