## Edgar Filing: HIRST RICHARD B - Form 4

| Form 4  |  |  |  |             |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| November 02, 2  | 4 UNITE  | UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION<br>Washington, D.C. 20549   |  |             |   |  |  |  |  | OMB APPROVAL<br>OMB 3235-0287<br>Number: |  |
| Check this be<br>if no longer<br>subject to<br>Section 16.<br>Form 4 or<br>Form 5<br>obligations<br>may continue<br><i>See</i> Instruction<br>1(b). | <b>STATI</b><br>Filed p<br>e. Section 1                      | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF<br>SECURITIES<br>Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,<br>Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section |  |             |   |  |  |  | Expires:<br>Estimated a<br>burden hou<br>response<br>n               | •  |  |
| (Print or Type Resp   | oonses)  |  |  |             |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>HIRST RICHARD B   |  |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/<br>[DAL] |             |   |  | g  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                                      |  |  |  |
| (1  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>11/01/2011                          |             |   |  |  | Director       10% Owner        X Officer (give title       Other (specify below)         SVP & General Counsel    |  |  |  |
| ATLANTA,, G   | Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable L<br>_X_Form fi<br>Form fil |  |  |             |   | Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by C<br>Form filed by M | · Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>by One Reporting Person<br>y More than One Reporting |  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)  | (Zip)  | Tabl   | e I - Non-D | erivative S                                 | ecurit   | ties Acq   | Person<br>uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned                                 |  |
|   | Transaction D<br>Aonth/Day/Yea                               | ar) Executio<br>any  |  | 3.          | 4. Securit<br>on(A) or Dis<br>(Instr. 3, 4) | ies Ac   | quired<br>of (D)   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of                             |  |
| Common 1<br>Stock   | 1/01/2011  |  |  | F           | 24,621<br>(1)                               | D  | \$<br>8.33   | 255,785  | 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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>onNumber<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) |                     | ate                | Amou<br>Unde<br>Secur | le and<br>unt of<br>rlying<br>rities<br>. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Bene<br>Owna<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                 | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares             |   |  |

## **Reporting Owners**

| <b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>   | Relationships |            |                             |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner  | Officer                     | Other |  |  |  |
| HIRST RICHARD B<br>C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981<br>P.O. BOX 20574<br>ATLANTA,, GA 30320 |               |            | SVP &<br>General<br>Counsel |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures  |               |            |                             |       |  |  |  |
| /s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Richa<br>Hirst                                      | ard B.        | 11/02/2011 |                             |       |  |  |  |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   |               | Date       |                             |       |  |  |  |
| Explanation of Poenoneoe:   |               |            |                             |       |  |  |  |

## 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).

Shares withheld for payment of tax liability upon vesting of the remaining portion of a special, one-time restricted stock award granted in connection with Delta's merger with Northwest Airlines on October 29, 2008. This withholding was approved by the Personnel & (1) Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rules 16b-3(d)(1) and 16b-3(e).

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