#### DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/

Form 3

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

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \*

 **SLATER RODNEY E** 

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/29/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,

DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_X\_ Director Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

ATLANTA, GAÂ 30320

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

**Expiration Title** Date

Amount or Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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(Instr. 5)

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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# **Signatures**

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Rodney E. Slater 10/31/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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