DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

 HIGGINS PATRICIA

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

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

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/15/2005

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., P.O. BOX 20574

(Street)

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 30302

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

(I) (Instr. 5)

(Check all applicable)

Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

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)

(Instr. 4)

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

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

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

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HIGGINS PATRICIA

DELTA AIR LINES, INC.
P.O. BOX 20574

ATLANTA, GAÂ 30302

Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Patricia L. Higgins

07/18/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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