

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
Form 8-K
November 04, 2016

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 4, 2016

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| P.O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | | 75235-1611 (Zip Code) |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 792-4000 | | |

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 4, 2016, Southwest Airlines Co. (the Company) completed the public offering of \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company s 3.000% Notes Due 2026 (the Notes). The Notes were issued under an indenture, dated as of September 17, 2004 (the Base Indenture), between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, as supplemented by that certain officers certificate of the Company, dated November 4, 2016 (the Officers Certificate and, together with the Base Indenture, the Indenture). A form of the Base Indenture was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-203761) (the Registration Statement), filed with the Commission on April 30, 2015.

The form of the Notes (the Global Note) issued pursuant to the Indenture is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1, and the terms and conditions thereof are incorporated by reference herein. The Global Note is also filed with reference to, and is hereby incorporated by reference into, the Registration Statement.

The material terms of the Notes are described in the prospectus supplement, dated November 1, 2016, filed by the Company with the Commission on November 2, 2016, pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) of the Securities Act of 1933, which relates to the offer and sale of the Notes and supplements the prospectus, dated April 30, 2015, that constitutes a part of the Registration Statement. The Notes have been issued pursuant to the Registration Statement.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 4.1 | Form of Global Note representing all 3.000% Notes Due 2026. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto). |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

Date: November 4, 2016

By: /s/ Mark R. Shaw
Name: Mark R. Shaw
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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