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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SIMMONS L E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC

(Check all applicable)

/DE/ [CAL]

06/09/2010

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

SCF PARTNERS 6600 CHASE **TOWER 600 TRAVIS**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > (Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price Code V Amount (D)

Common 06/09/2010 \$0 A 2,311 Α 7,311 D Stock (1)

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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3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	r) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Non-employee director stock	\$ 14.96	06/09/2010		A	7,500	06/09/2010	12/01/2019	Common Stock	7,5

4.

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amou

Reporting Owners

2.

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SIMMONS L E SCF PARTNERS 6600 CHASE TOWER 600 TRAVIS HOUSTON, TX 77002	X					

Signatures

1. Title of

option $\underline{^{(2)}}$

Sarah Hagy on behalf of L.E.
Simmons
06/11/2010

**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) Restricted stock award pursuant to the company's non-employee director compensation policy.
- Stock option award pursuant to the company's prior non-employee director compensation policy awarded upon Mr. Simmons' initial (2) election to the board on December 1, 2009 and subject to stockholder approval of the company's Incentive Plan 2010, which was obtained at the 2010 annual stockholder meeting on June 9, 2010.

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