CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ Form 8-K October 21, 2009

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): October 15, 2009

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10323 74-2099724

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

> (713) 324-2950 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 15, 2009, Continental Airlines, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the webcast for its third quarter 2009 financial results conference call and detailing certain third quarter 2009 special charges. This press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On October 21, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of 2009. The press release contains certain non-GAAP financial information. The reconciliation of such non-GAAP financial information to GAAP financial measures is included in the press release and the schedules thereto. Further, the press release contains statements intended as "forward-looking statements," all of which are subject to the cautionary statement about forward-looking statements set forth therein. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8–K, the information contained in this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 21, 2009, we will provide an update for investors presenting information relating to our financial and operational results for the third quarter of 2009, our outlook for the fourth quarter and full year 2009, and other information. The update is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8–K, the information contained in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.3, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release dated October 15, 2009
- 99.2 Third Quarter Financial Results Press Release dated October 21, 2009
- 99.3 Investor Update

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SIGNATURE

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

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

October 21, 2009

By /s/ Lori A. Gobillot

Lori A. Gobillot Staff Vice President and Assistant General Counsel

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