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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

SIMMONS L E

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/13/2009

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

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ [CAL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SCF PARTNERS 6600 CHASE **TOWER 600 TRAVIS**

(Street)

X Director Officer (give title below) (specify below)

10% Owner Other

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TXÂ 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(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)

Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

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

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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HOUSTON, TXÂ 77002

Signatures

Laurence E. Simmons by Sarah E. Hagy

11/18/2009

**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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Remarks:

Mr. Simmons did not own any securities of the company on the date of his election to the boa Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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