# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 17, 2008

## **UAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-06033 (Commission File Number) 36-2675207 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL (Address of principal executive offices)

60601 (Zip Code)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} (312) \ 997-8000 \\ Registrant's \ telephone \ number, \ including \ area \ code \end{tabular}$ 

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

ck 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 isions:
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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))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 17, 2008, UAL Corporation, the holding company whose primary subsidiary is United Air Lines, Inc., provided an investor update related to its financial and operational outlook for the third quarter of 2008. A copy of the investor update is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description 99.1 UAL Investigation

UAL Investor Update dated September 17, 2008

#### **SIGNATURES**

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.

### **UAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Paul R. Lovejoy

Name: Paul R. Lovejoy

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: September 17, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. 99.1\*

Description
UAL Investor Update dated September 17, 2008

\* Furnished herewith electronically.



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**UAL Investor Update:** September 17, 2008

	3Q 2008 Estimated Growth				
Traffic and Capacity	Percent Higher/ (L	Percent Higher/ (Lower) Than 3Q 2007			
	Capacity	Traffic			
	(Available Seat Miles)	(Revenue Passenger Miles)			
Mainline	(4.0)%	(6.0) - (5.5)%			
Express	0.1%	(2.5) - (2.0)%			
Consolidated	(3.6)%	(5.75) - (5.25)%			

#### **Revenue Update**

Excluding the \$45 million special non-cash revenue credit recorded last year, third quarter 2008 mainline passenger unit revenue ("PRASM") is expected to increase between 4.5 percent and 5.5 percent year-over-year. Third quarter consolidated PRASM, excluding special items, is expected to increase between 4.0 percent and 5.0 percent year-over-year.

The company expects that deferred revenue accounting for the Mileage Plus program will reduce consolidated passenger revenue by approximately \$20 million in the third quarter of 2008 versus the company's best estimate using previous incremental cost method. Using the same comparison, deferred revenue accounting decreased consolidated passenger revenue by approximately \$35 million in the third quarter of 2007.

Accounting for the change in expiration policy from 36 to 18 months for inactive Mileage Plus accounts, which was announced in January 2007 and became effective on December 31 2007, added approximately \$50 million of non-cash revenue to the company's consolidated passenger revenue for the third quarter of 2007. There was no comparable impact in the 2008 quarter.

In total, year over year Mileage Plus accounting impacts are expected to have a 70 basis point negative impact on consolidated PRASM growth, excluding special items, in the third quarter.

The company estimates that cargo, mail and other revenue will be between \$445 million and \$455 million for the quarter, including UAFC sales of approximately \$5 million.





#### **Revenue Outlook**

The company expects year-over-year PRASM growth to accelerate in the fourth quarter of 2008, driven by strong yield improvements from previously announced capacity reductions.

#### **Unit Costs**

The company estimates that mainline operating cost per available seat mile ("CASM"), excluding fuel and the impact of certain primarily non-cash accounting charges incurred in the third quarter as described below, will be up 1.0 percent to 1.5 percent for the third quarter of 2008 from the same period in 2007.

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Third quarter total estimated mainline fuel consumption is 563 million gallons.

	Thre	ee Months
	Endir	ng Sept 30,
Estimated Mainline Fuel Price		2008
	Price	Per Gallon
Mainline Fuel price including taxes and excluding impact of hedges	\$	3.87
Mainline Fuel price including taxes and cash net gains on settled hedges*	\$	3.81
Mainline Fuel price including taxes and impact of mark to market net losses on settled and unsettled hedges*	\$	4.44

<sup>\*</sup> Includes only the hedge gains/losses that are accounted for in the fuel expense line

Fuel Hedge Position	Thi	Third Quarter Hedge Positions as of September 15, 2008			
	•	Average Price			
	% of Expected Mainline	where Payment Obligations	Average Price where Protection	Average Price where Protection	
Hedging Instrument	Consumption	Begin	Begins	is Capped	
Collars	10%	\$ 100bbl	\$ 111bbl	N/A	
3-Way Collars	36%	\$ 107bbl	\$ 112bbl	\$ 128bbl	
Total	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	





Three Months Ending Sent 30, 2008

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Estimated Fuel Hedge Gains/Losses_			(in millions)		
			Includ	led in Non-	
	Inc	luded In Fuel	Op	perating	
		Expense	E	xpense	Total
Unrealized mark to market gains/(losses)	\$	(282)	\$	(190)	\$(472)
Realized mark to market gains/(losses)	\$	(37)	\$	(35)	\$ (72)
Total mark to market gains/(losses)	\$	(319)	\$	(225)	\$(544)
Cash gains/(losses) on settled contracts	\$	36	\$	(28)	\$ 8

All open hedge positions at the end of the third quarter are estimated to have a total market value of (\$294) million based on the forward fuel curve as of September 15<sup>th</sup>. The actual value will be determined based on market prices prevailing at the end of the quarter.

#### Non-Operating Income / Expense

The company estimates that non-operating expense will be between \$90 million to \$100 million for the quarter, excluding the impact of any fuel hedging gains or losses that may be recorded in the non-operating income / expense line. The company estimates that a \$225 million fuel hedging loss will be recorded in non-operating income / expense at the end of the quarter based on September 15th forward curve prices. The actual gain or loss will be determined based on market prices prevailing at the end of the quarter.

### **Impairment, Severance and Other Similar Charges**

The company anticipates that it will record non-cash accounting adjustments in the third quarter including adjustments to the intangible asset impairment estimates that were recorded in the second quarter. The company also expects to record additional accounting adjustments associated with its previously announced capacity reductions.





3Q 2008

(Estimated)

Diluted Share Count

(in millions)

151.9

155.3

Interest Add-back

(in millions)

\$

\$

20.6

25.4

#### Liquidity

The company expects to end the quarter with unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$2.9 billion and \$0.6 billion of restricted cash. These estimated amounts include the impact of previously disclosed financing transactions, including the impacts of our recently announced agreement-in-principle with Chase. These amounts also include an estimated \$0.4 billion transferred from unrestricted cash to restricted cash associated with deposits made to fuel hedge counterparties. The fuel hedge deposit estimates are based on September 15<sup>th</sup> forward curve prices.

#### Tax Rate

The company expects to have an effective income tax rate of zero for the third quarter of 2008 and therefore will not record a tax benefit for the quarter.

#### **Share Count**

Net Income

\$122 million - \$190 million

Greater than \$191 million

Shown below, for illustrative purposes only, are estimated basic and dilutive share counts for the third quarter of 2008 and full year 2008. The calculation of share counts is based on a number of assumptions including, but not limited to, an assumed market stock price, number of shares outstanding and a statutory tax rate of 37%. Actual share counts may be different from those shown below.

Basic Share Count

(in millions)

125.6

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Less than or equal to \$0	127.1	127.1	\$	
\$1 million - \$30 million	127.1	127.2	\$	_
\$31 million - \$47 million	127.1	151.7	\$	5.2
Greater than \$48 million	127.1	155.1	\$	6.3
		Full Year 2008		
Net Income	Basic Share Count (in millions)	(Estimated) Diluted Share Count (in millions)		Add-back illions)
Net Income  Less than or equal to \$3 million		Diluted Share Count		
	(in millions)	Diluted Share Count (in millions)		illions)
Less than or equal to \$3 million	(in millions) 125.6	Diluted Share Count (in millions) 125.6	<u>(in m</u>	illions)



Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain statements included in this investor update are forward-looking and thus reflect the company's current expectations and beliefs with respect to certain current and future events and financial performance. Such forward-looking statements are and will be subject to many risks and uncertainties relating to the operations and business environment of the company that may cause actual results to differ materially from any future results expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could significantly affect net earnings, revenues, expenses, costs, load factor and capacity include, without limitation, the following: the company's ability to comply with the terms of its credit facility; the costs and availability of financing; the company's ability to execute its business plan; the company's ability to realize benefits from its resource optimization efforts and cost reduction initiatives; the company's ability to use its net operating losses; the company's ability to attract, motivate and/or retain key employees; the company's ability to attract and retain customers; demand for transportation in the markets in which the company operates; general economic conditions (including interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, crude oil prices and energy refining capacity in relevant markets); the effects of any hostilities or act of war or any terrorist attack; the ability of other air carriers with whom the company has alliances or partnerships to provide the services contemplated by the respective arrangements with such carriers; the costs and availability of aircraft insurance; the costs of jet fuel; our ability to cost-effectively hedge against increases in the price of jet fuel; the costs associated with security measures and practices; labor costs; industry consolidation; competitive pressures on pricing and on demand; capacity decisions of United and/or our competitors; U.S. or foreign governmental legislation, regulation and other actions, including open skies agreements; the ability of the company to maintain satisfactory labor relations and our ability to avoid any disruptions to operations due to any potential actions by our labor groups; weather conditions; and other risks and uncertainties set forth from time to time in UAL's reports to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Consequently, the forward-looking statements should not be regarded as representations or warranties by the company that such matters will be realized. The company disclaims any intent or obligation to update or revise any of the forward-looking statements, whether in response to new information, unforeseen events, changed circumstances or otherwise.

### **Non-GAAP To GAAP Reconciliations**

Pursuant to SEC Regulation G, the Company has included the following reconciliation of reported non-GAAP financial measures to comparable financial measures reported on a GAAP basis. The Company believes that excluding fuel costs from certain measures is useful to investors because it provides an additional measure of management's performance excluding the effects of a significant cost item over which management has limited influence.

	Three Months Ending Sept 30,				
Operating expense per ASM - CASM (cents)	2008 E	stimate	2007	Year-over % Cha	
	Low	High	<u>Actual</u>	Low	High
Mainline operating expense	14.92	14.96	11.28	32.3%	32.6%
Less: fuel expense & cost of third party sales – UAFC	(7.13)	(7.13)	(3.63)	96.4%	96.4%
Mainline excluding fuel & UAFC	7.79	7.83	7.65	1.8%	2.3%
Add: income from special items			0.06	(100)%	(100)%
Mainline excluding fuel, UAFC and special items	7.79	7.83	7.71	1.0%	1.5%

	Three Months Ending Sept 30,				
Mainline Passenger Revenue per ASM - PRASM (cents)	2008 E	stimate	Year-over-Year nate 2007 % Change		
	Low	High	<u>Actual</u>	Low	<u>High</u>
Mainline passenger revenue	12.08	12.20	11.67	3.5%	4.5%
Less: special operating credit			(0.10)	(100)%	(100)%
Mainline passenger revenue excluding special items	12.08	12.20	11.57	4.5%	5.5%
Less: Mileage Plus Impacts	0.05	0.05	(0.04)	— %	— %
Mainline passenger revenue excluding special items and Mileage Plus	12.13	12.25	11.53	5.2%	6.2%





over-Year Change
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