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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| (Street) HOUSTON TX 77002 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2004 | | | | | | | | | Line) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. This form filed solely to include Exhibit 24-Confirming Statement.

/s/ Deborah L. McCoy by Kristin Becnel 04/22/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly.$

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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Confirming Statement

I hereby confirm that I have authorized and designated each of Jennifer L. Vogel, Kristin Becnel and Sarah E. Hagy to execute and file on my behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that I may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of my position with, or my ownership of or transactions in securities of, Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Continental"). The authority of such individuals under this Statement shall continue until I am no longer required to file Forms 4 or 5 with regard to Continental, unless earlier revoked in writing. I hereby acknowledge that such individuals are not assuming, nor is Continental assuming, any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

| | /s/ Deborah L. McCov |
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Print Name: <u>Deborah L. McCoy</u>

Dated: April 16, 2004