FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     WILLIAMS KAREN HASTIE      (To b)    (To b)    (ATAIL) |   |  |   |         |                               |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ [ CAI ] |        |   |       |  |                |   |                                      |        |  | o of Reporting Pe<br>licable)<br>tor<br>er (give title  |    | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov<br>Other (s<br>below)                            | vner   |  |
|--|---|--|---|---------|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|-------|--|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------|--|---|----|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW SUITE 1100                                   |   |  |   |         |                               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/29/2006 |   |        |   |       |  |                |   |                                      |        | below)   |   |    | Belowy   |  |  |
| (Street) WASHINGTON, D.C.  (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |  |   |         |                               | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |        |   |       |  |                |   |                                      |        | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |    |  |  |  |
|  |   | Tab  | le I - No                                   | n-Deriv | /ative                        | Sec   | urit  | ies Ac | quire   | d, D  | isp  | osed o         | of, or Bo   | enefic                               | cially | Owned  | I   |    |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D   |   |  |   |         | r) Ex                         | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | Cod    | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                           |       | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, |                |   | 4 and 5) Securit<br>Benefic<br>Owned |        | es<br>ally<br>Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   |    | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |  |
|  |   |  |   |         |                               |   |   |        |   | e V   | ,  | Amount         | (A) or (D)  |                                      | e      | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |   |    |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |   | 09/29   | /2006                         | 2006  |   |        | М   | T     | $\top$   | 2,000          | A   | \$2                                  | 2.375  | 75 3,000   |   |    | D  |  |  |
| Common Stock 09/29/  |   |  |   |         |                               |   |   |        | S   |       |  | 1,700          | D   | \$2                                  | 28.64  | 1,300  |   | D  |  |  |  |
| Common Stock 09/29/2   |   |  |   |         |                               | 2006  |   |        | S   | S     |  | 300 D          |   | \$2                                  | 28.66  | 6 1,000  |   | D  |  |  |  |
|  |   | Т  | able II -                                   |         |                               |   |   |        |   |       |  |                | , or Ber<br>ble sec   |                                      |        | Owned  |   |    |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date, | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (I<br>8) |   |   |        | 6. Date Exercis.<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea |       |  |                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                      | E      | . Price of<br>perivative<br>security<br>nstr. 5)   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |   |         | Code                          | V   | (A)   | (D)    | Date<br>Exerci  | sable | Ex <sub>I</sub>  | piration<br>te | Title   | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar       | ber    |  |   |    |  |  |  |
| Outside<br>Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                                      | \$22.375  | 09/29/2006                                 |   |         | М                             |   |   | 2,000  | 09/30/  | 1996  | 09/  | /30/2006       | Common<br>Stock   | 2,0                                  | 00     | \$0  | 0   |    | D  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

by Sarah E. Hagy on behalf of Karen Hastie Williams

10/02/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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