

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):

September 20, 2001

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-09781

74-2099724

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(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)

Item 5. Other Events.

Continental Airlines, Inc. (the "Company") announced today that it will pay tomorrow that portion of its scheduled payments relating to certain outstanding Enhanced Equipment Trust Certificate ("EETC") aircraft financings that was due on September 17, 2001 and had a five business day grace period, which would have expired on September 24, 2001. The remainder of the payments due on September 17, 2001 have a ten business day grace period running from September 17, 2001.

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.

By: /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Vice President and

General Counsel

September 20, 2001