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**Form 10-K**

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number: 1-2691

**American Airlines, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**13-1502798**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**4333 Amon Carter Blvd.**

**Fort Worth, Texas 76155**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(817) 963-1234**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class

NONE

Name of Exchange on Which Registered

NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.  o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).  Yes  No

American Airlines, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AMR Corporation, and there is no market for the registrant's common stock. As of February 9, 2010, 1,000 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

The registrant meets the conditions set forth in, and is therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format prescribed by, General Instructions I(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-K.

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

American Airlines, Inc. (American, or the Company), the principal subsidiary of AMR Corporation (AMR), was founded in 1934. All of American's common stock is owned by AMR. At the end of 2009, American provided scheduled jet service to approximately 160 destinations throughout North America, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

In addition, American has capacity purchase agreements with two wholly-owned subsidiaries of AMR, American Eagle Airlines, Inc. and Executive Airlines, Inc. (collectively, AMR Eagle or the AMR Eagle carriers), and an independently owned regional airline, which does business as "AmericanConnection" (the AmericanConnection® carrier). The AMR Eagle and AmericanConnection® carriers provide connecting service from eight of American's high-traffic cities to smaller markets throughout the United States (U.S.), Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The AMR Eagle fleet is operated to feed passenger traffic to American pursuant to a capacity purchase agreement between American and AMR Eagle under which American receives all passenger revenue from flights and pays AMR Eagle a fee for each flight. The capacity purchase agreement reflects what the Company believes are current market rates received by other regional carriers for similar flying. Amounts paid to AMR Eagle under the capacity purchase agreement are available to pay for various operating expenses of AMR Eagle, such as crew expenses, maintenance and aircraft ownership. As of December 31, 2009, AMR Eagle operated over 1,500 daily departures, offering scheduled passenger service to over 150 destinations in North America, Mexico and the Caribbean. On a separate company basis, AMR Eagle reported \$2.1 billion in revenue in 2009. However, this historical financial information is not indicative of what AMR Eagle's future revenues might be if AMR Eagle were a stand-alone entity.

American, AMR Eagle, and the AmericanConnection® airline serve 250 cities in 40 countries with, on average, more than 3,400 daily flights. The combined network fleet numbers approximately 900 aircraft. American Airlines is also a founding member of oneworld® Alliance, which enables member airlines to offer their customers more services and benefits than any member airline can provide individually. These services include a broader route network, opportunities to earn and redeem frequent flyer miles across the combined oneworld network and more airport lounges. Together, oneworld members serve nearly 700 destinations in approximately 150 countries, with 8,000 daily departures. American is also one of the largest scheduled air freight carriers in the world, providing a wide range of freight and mail services to shippers throughout its system onboard American's passenger fleet.

**Recent Events**

The Company recorded a net loss of \$1.5 billion in 2009 compared to a net loss of \$2.5 billion in 2008. The Company's 2009 net loss is primarily attributable to a significant decrease in passenger revenue due to lower traffic and passenger yield (passenger revenue per passenger mile). In 2009, the Company experienced very weak demand for air travel driven by the continuing severe downturn in the global economy. In addition, as a result of reduced demand, substantial fare discounting occurred across the industry, which resulted in decreased passenger yield. Mainline passenger revenue decreased by \$3.2 billion to \$15.0 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008. Mainline passenger unit revenues decreased 11.1 percent in 2009 due to an 11.2 percent decrease in passenger yield compared to 2008, partially offset by a load factor increase of approximately 0.1 points. Passenger yield has decreased significantly from the Company's peak yield set in 2000, despite cumulative inflation of approximately 26 percent over the same time frame.

The Company initially implemented capacity reductions in 2008 and again in the first half of 2009 in response to record high fuel prices in 2008 and a rapidly deteriorating economy. These capacity reductions somewhat mitigated the weakening of demand. American reduced mainline seating capacity by approximately 7.2 percent for 2009 versus 2008.

The Company's results were positively affected by the year-over-year decrease in fuel prices from an average of \$3.03 per gallon in 2008 to an average of \$2.01 per gallon in 2009. Although fuel prices have abated considerably from the record high prices recorded in July 2008, they have steadily increased since the first quarter of 2009 and remain high and extremely volatile by historical standards. Fuel price volatility, additional increases in the price of fuel, and/or disruptions in the supply of fuel may adversely affect the Company's financial condition and its results of operations.

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In addition, the Company's 2009 operating results were negatively impacted by a net amount of \$107 million in special items, restructuring charges and a non-cash tax item. Special items of \$184 million include the impairment of certain route and slot authorities, primarily in Latin America, and losses on certain sale leaseback transactions. Restructuring charges for 2009 were \$171 million and related to announced capacity reductions, including the grounding of the Airbus A300 fleet and the impairment of certain Embraer RJ-135 aircraft, which are operated by AMR Eagle. See Note 2 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements for detail of pass through of AMR Eagle expenses. Also included in 2009 results is a \$248 million non-cash tax benefit resulting from the allocation of the tax expense to other comprehensive income items recognized during 2009. Impacting comparative results, the Company incurred restructuring charges of \$1.2 billion in 2008 mostly related to impairment charges on certain aircraft fleets associated with 2008 capacity reductions.

In reaction to the challenges of very weak demand and high and volatile fuel prices, the Company initiated a series of actions intended to better position it to meet the industry's economic challenges while continuing to build on its strategy for long term success, including execution of its fleet renewal and replacement plan, initiatives to improve dependability and on-time performance, and a continued emphasis on a range of service charges introduced in 2008 to generate additional revenue.

In 2009, the Company raised a total of \$3.4 billion in cash through financing transactions, secured financing commitments covering all aircraft on firm order scheduled to be delivered to the Company in 2010 and 2011, announced plans to focus its network by reallocating capacity to primary markets in Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago, Miami, New York and Los Angeles, and announced plans to enhance its fleet to better serve customers.

See Notes 4, 5 and 6 to the consolidated financial statements for a detailed description of these financing transactions and other committed financing of future aircraft deliveries.

In February 2010, American and JAL announced the decision to strengthen their relationship. The carriers, both members of the **oneworld** alliance, jointly applied to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for antitrust immunity (ATI) on certain routes, and jointly notified the Ministry of Land Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT) of the proposed cooperation. The Company believes this application will meet DOT's pro-consumer and pro-competition criteria for granting ATI. As a part of the application, American and JAL entered into a joint business agreement which will enhance their scope of cooperation on routes between North America and Asia, through adjustments to their respective networks, flight schedules, and other business activities. This, in turn, will allow both carriers to better complement each other's operations and to develop and offer competitive products and quality service to their customers. The joint business agreement is subject to ATI approval and certain other conditions. See Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for additional information on the JAL joint business application.

Implementation of the joint business agreement is subject to U.S. and foreign regulatory authorization, successful negotiation of certain detailed financial and commercial arrangements, and other approvals. No assurances can be given as to any arrangements that may ultimately be implemented or any benefits that the Company may derive from such arrangements.

The Company's ability to become profitable and its ability to continue to fund its obligations on an ongoing basis will depend on a number of factors, many of which are largely beyond the Company's control. Certain risk factors that affect the Company's business and financial results are discussed in the Risk Factors listed in Item 1A. In order to remain competitive and to improve its financial condition, the Company must continue to take steps to generate additional revenues and to reduce its costs. It has become increasingly difficult to identify and implement significant revenue enhancement and cost savings initiatives. The adequacy and ultimate success of the Company's initiatives to generate additional revenues and reduce costs cannot be assured. Moreover, whether the Company's initiatives will be adequate or successful depends in large measure on factors beyond its control, notably the overall industry environment, including passenger demand, yield and industry capacity growth, and fuel prices. It will be very difficult for the Company to continue to fund its obligations on an ongoing basis and to return to profitability if the overall industry revenue environment does not improve substantially or if fuel prices were to increase and persist for an extended period at high levels.

## **Competition**

**Domestic Air Transportation** The domestic airline industry is fiercely competitive. Currently, any U.S. air carrier deemed fit by DOT is free to operate scheduled passenger service between any two points within the U.S. and its possessions. Most major air carriers have developed hub-and-spoke systems and schedule patterns in an effort to maximize the revenue potential of their service. American operates in five primary markets: Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW), Chicago O'Hare, Miami, New York City and Los Angeles.

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The American Eagle® carriers increase the number of markets the Company serves by providing connections at American's primary markets, and Boston and Raleigh/Durham. The AmericanConnection® carrier currently provides connecting service to American through St. Louis. In 2010, this service is expected to be repositioned to provide connecting service to American through Chicago O'Hare to support American's previously announced network restructuring. American's competitors also own or have marketing agreements with regional carriers which provide similar services at their major hubs and other locations.

On most of its domestic non-stop routes, the Company faces competing service from at least one, and sometimes more than one, domestic airline including: AirTran Airways (Air Tran), Alaska Airlines (Alaska), Continental Airlines (Continental), Delta Air Lines (including Northwest Airlines) (Delta), Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways (JetBlue), Hawaiian Airlines, Southwest Airlines (Southwest), Spirit Airlines, United, US Airways, Virgin America Airlines and their affiliated regional carriers. Competition is even greater between cities that require a connection, where the major airlines compete via their respective hubs. In addition, the Company faces competition on some of its connecting routes from carriers operating point-to-point service on such routes. The Company also competes with all-cargo and charter carriers and, particularly on shorter segments, ground and rail transportation. On all of its routes, pricing decisions are affected, in large part, by the need to meet competition from other airlines.

Most of the Company's largest domestic competitors and several smaller carriers have reorganized under the protection of Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (Chapter 11) in recent years. It is possible that one or more of the Company's competitors may seek to reorganize in or out of Chapter 11. Successful reorganizations present the Company with competitors with significantly lower operating costs derived from renegotiated labor, supply and financing contracts.

**International Air Transportation** In addition to its extensive domestic service, the Company provides international service to the Caribbean, Canada, Latin America, Europe and Asia. The Company's operating revenues from foreign operations (flights serving international destinations) were approximately 40 percent of the Company's total operating revenues in 2009, and 40 percent and 37 percent of the Company's total operating revenues in 2008 and 2007, respectively. Additional information about the Company's foreign operations is included in Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.

In providing international air transportation, the Company competes with foreign investor-owned carriers, foreign state-owned carriers and U.S. airlines that have been granted authority to provide scheduled passenger and cargo service between the U.S. and various overseas locations. In general, carriers that have the greatest ability to seamlessly connect passengers to and from markets beyond the nonstop city pair have a competitive advantage. In some cases, however, foreign governments limit U.S. air carriers' rights to carry passengers beyond designated gateway cities in foreign countries. To improve access to each other's markets, various U.S. and foreign air carriers – including American – have established marketing relationships with other airlines and rail companies. American currently has marketing relationships with Air Pacific, Air Tahiti Nui, Alaska Airlines, British Airways, Brussels Airlines, Cathay Pacific, China Eastern Airlines, Dragonair, Deutsche Bahn German Rail, EL AL, Etihad Airways, EVA Air, Finnair, GOL, Gulf Air, Hawaiian Airlines, Iberia, JAL, Jet Airways, LAN (includes LAN Airlines, LAN Argentina, LAN Ecuador and LAN Peru), Malév Hungarian Airlines, Mexicana, Qantas Airways, Royal Jordanian, SNCF French Rail and Vietnam Airlines.

American is also a founding member of the **oneworld** alliance, which includes British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, LAN Airlines, Iberia, Qantas, JAL, Malév Hungarian, Mexicana, and Royal Jordanian. The **oneworld** alliance links the networks of the member carriers to enhance customer service and smooth connections to the destinations served by the alliance, including linking the carriers' frequent flyer programs and access to the carriers' airport lounge facilities. Several of American's major competitors are members of marketing/operational alliances that enjoy ATI. American and British Airways, the largest members of the **oneworld** alliance, are restricted in their relationship because they currently lack ATI for commercial cooperation. They are, therefore, at a competitive disadvantage vis-à-vis other alliances that have ATI for such cooperation.

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In 2008, American entered into a joint business agreement and related marketing arrangements with British Airways and Iberia, providing for commercial cooperation on flights between North America and most countries in Europe, pooling and sharing of certain revenues and costs, expanded codesharing, enhanced frequent flyer program reciprocity, and cooperation in other areas. In connection with the joint business agreement, American, British Airways and Iberia, along with Finnair and Royal Jordanian, applied to DOT for ATI for their planned cooperation, and in February of 2010, the DOT tentatively granted the parties' application for ATI subject to certain conditions including requirements that American and British Airways lease a total of four takeoff and landing slots at London Heathrow (two slot pairs) to other carriers beginning in 2011, that specified provisions of the joint business agreement be amended, and that the carriers submit reports regarding progress towards the alliance's stated goals and the realization of public benefits. DOT also established a procedure that allows any interested party to submit comments on its tentative findings within the next 45 days. American is reviewing the order granting tentative approval with the other applicant carriers, and expects to respond to DOT within the required 45 day comment period. A final decision on the application is expected after DOT's review of responses received from American and other interested parties during the comment period.

In September of 2009, the European Union (EU) issued a Statement of Objection (SO) related to the proposed joint business agreement. The SO asserts, among other things, that without remedies, the joint business agreement would infringe certain aspects of EU competition law. The carriers have responded to the SO and have sought to demonstrate the consumer benefits of the joint business agreement. The SO process is an anticipated part of the process of obtaining clearance from EU competition authorities. The parties have been in discussions and have offered a set of commitments, including offering to lease slots to competitors to serve certain routes, to address the EU's remaining competition concerns.

Implementation of the joint business agreement and the related arrangements is subject to conditions, including final approval from DOT and clearance from EU competition authorities as referred to above, various other U.S. and foreign regulatory approvals, successful negotiation of certain detailed financial and commercial arrangements, and other approvals. Following satisfaction of those conditions, American expects to begin implementing the joint business agreement. No assurances can be given as to any arrangements that may ultimately be implemented or any benefits the Company may derive from such arrangements.

**Price Competition** The airline industry is characterized by substantial and intense price competition. Fare discounting by competitors has historically had a negative effect on the Company's financial results because the Company is generally required to match competitors' fares, as failing to match would provide even less revenue due to customers' price sensitivity. In 2009, significant fare discounting occurred throughout the industry, reducing the Company's passenger yield.

In recent years, a number of low-cost carriers (LCCs) have entered the domestic market. Several major airlines, including the Company, have implemented efforts to lower their costs since lower cost structures enable airlines to offer lower fares. In addition, several air carriers have reorganized in recent years under Chapter 11, including United, Delta and US Airways. These cost reduction efforts and bankruptcy reorganizations have allowed carriers to decrease operating costs. In the past, lower cost structures have generally resulted in fare reductions. If fare reductions are not offset by increases in passenger traffic, changes in the mix of traffic that improve yields and/or cost reductions, the Company's operating results will be negatively impacted.

## **Regulation**

**General** The Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, as amended, eliminated most domestic economic regulation of passenger and freight transportation. However, DOT and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) still exercise certain regulatory authority over air carriers. DOT maintains jurisdiction over the approval of international codeshare agreements, international route authorities and certain consumer protection and competition matters, such as advertising, denied boarding compensation and baggage liability.

The FAA regulates flying operations generally, including establishing standards for personnel, aircraft and certain security measures. As part of that oversight, the FAA has implemented a number of requirements that the Company has incorporated and is incorporating into its maintenance programs. The Company is progressing toward the completion of over 200 airworthiness directives, a number of which require the Company to perform significant work and to incur additional expenses. Based on its current implementation schedule, the Company expects to be in compliance with the applicable requirements within the required time periods.

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DOT and DOJ have jurisdiction over airline antitrust matters. The U.S. Postal Service has jurisdiction over certain aspects of the transportation of mail and related services. Labor relations in the air transportation industry are regulated under the Railway Labor Act, which vests in the National Mediation Board (NMB) certain functions with respect to disputes between airlines and labor unions relating to union representation and collective bargaining agreements.

**International** International air transportation is subject to extensive government regulation. The Company's operating authority in international markets is subject to aviation agreements between the U.S. and the respective countries or governmental authorities (such as the European Union), and in some cases, fares and schedules require the approval of DOT and/or the relevant foreign governments. Moreover, alliances with international carriers may be subject to the jurisdiction and regulations of various foreign agencies. Bilateral agreements between the U.S. and various foreign governments of countries served by the Company are periodically subject to renegotiation. Changes in U.S. or foreign government aviation policies could result in the alteration or termination of such agreements, diminish the value of route authorities, or otherwise adversely affect the Company's international operations. In addition, at some foreign airports, an air carrier needs slots (landing and take-off authorizations) before the air carrier can introduce new service or increase existing service. The availability of such slots is not assured and the inability of the Company to obtain and retain needed slots could therefore inhibit its efforts to compete in certain international markets.

In April 2007, the U.S. and the EU approved an open skies air services agreement that provides airlines from the U.S. and EU member states open access to each other's markets, with freedom of pricing and unlimited rights to fly beyond the U.S. and any airport in the EU including London's Heathrow Airport. The provisions of the agreement took effect on March 30, 2008. Under the agreement, every U.S. and EU airline is authorized to operate between airports in the U.S. and Heathrow. Notwithstanding the open skies agreement, Heathrow is a slot-controlled airport. Only three airlines besides American were previously allowed to provide service to Heathrow. The agreement has resulted in the Company facing increased competition in serving Heathrow, where the Company has lost market share. In addition, the Company is facing additional competition in other European markets. See Item 1A, Risk Factors, and Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information.

In December of 2009, the U.S. and Japan reached a tentative open skies air services agreement that provides airlines from the U.S. and Japan open access to each other's markets. This open skies agreement will enable new working relationships, particularly pro-competitive joint business agreements granted ATI by the U.S. and Japanese governments. Final approval of the agreement is contingent upon ATI and certain other issues.

**Security** In November 2001, the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA) was enacted in the U.S. The ATSA created a new government agency, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), which is part of the Department of Homeland Security and is responsible for aviation security. The ATSA mandates that the TSA provide for the screening of all passengers and property, including U.S. mail, cargo, carry-on and checked baggage, and other articles that will be carried aboard a passenger aircraft. The ATSA also provides for security in flight decks of aircraft and requires federal air marshals to be present on certain flights.

Effective February 1, 2002, the ATSA imposed a \$2.50 per enplanement security service fee, which is being collected by the air carriers and submitted to the government to pay for these enhanced security measures. Additionally, air carriers are annually required to submit to the government an amount equal to what the air carriers paid for screening passengers and property in 2000. In recent years, the government has sought to increase both of these fees under spending proposals for the Department of Homeland Security. American and other carriers have announced their opposition to these proposals as there is no assurance that any increase in fees could be passed on to customers.

**Airline Fares** Airlines are permitted to establish their own domestic fares without governmental regulation. DOT maintains authority over certain international fares, rates and charges, but applies this authority on a limited basis. In addition, international fares and rates are sometimes subject to the jurisdiction of the governments of the foreign countries which the Company serves. While air carriers are required to file and adhere to international fare and rate tariffs, substantial commissions, fare overrides and discounts to travel agents, brokers and wholesalers characterize many international markets.

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**Airport Access** Historically, the FAA designated John F. Kennedy International (JFK) Airport, La Guardia (LGA) Airport and Washington Reagan airports as high-density traffic airports. The high-density rule limited the number of Instrument Flight Rule operations - take-offs and landings - permitted per hour and required that a "take-off/landing slot right" support each operation. The high density rule was repealed for JFK and LGA; however, both airports remain subject to operating restrictions.

In order to remedy congestion at LGA due to elimination of slot restrictions, in 2007 the FAA placed caps on total operations and required carriers at LGA to hold operating authorizations. In January 2009, the FAA announced a voluntary program at LGA aimed at reducing hourly scheduled operations at LGA from 75 to 71, which is expected to help ease congestion and delay without materially affecting carrier operations.

In December 2007, DOT reached an agreement with domestic airlines to ease congestion at JFK by shifting the timing of certain flights. Such re-timing has not had a significant impact on the Company's flights to or from JFK.

In late 2008, the FAA issued new rules for carriers operating at LGA, JFK and Newark that would have fundamentally changed the manner in which operating authorizations are held and distributed at those airports. Every departure and landing would have required an authorization and existing carriers would have been requested to reduce service to provide authorizations for auction to other carriers without increasing total airport operations. The Company, along with numerous other carriers and interested parties, opposed adoption of these rules. Immediately after the rules were issued, the Air Transport Association (ATA) and others petitioned for judicial review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit challenging the rules and seeking a stay (preliminary injunction) against their implementation. The court granted the stay motion, thus blocking the rules from taking effect, pending the court's ultimate decision on the merits. In May of 2009, the FAA withdrew its proposal of these rules at these airports. Any future proposals that could require the Company to alter the routes and services it currently operates at LGA, JFK and Newark could have potentially material adverse effects on the Company.

In 2006, the FAA issued an order requiring that carriers hold arrival authorizations to land during certain hours at Chicago O'Hare. That order limits the purchase or sale of arrival authorizations. The Company has not experienced any significant adverse impact from this order.

The high-density rule remains in effect at Washington Reagan. Legislation has been introduced to abolish the perimeter rule at that airport, which (with exceptions) limits nonstop flights to a distance of 1,250 miles. Some foreign airports, including London Heathrow and Tokyo Narita, major destinations for American, also require slot allocations.

Although the Company is constrained by slots, it currently has sufficient slot authorizations to operate its existing flights. However, there is no assurance that the Company will be able to retain or obtain slots in the future to expand its operations or change its schedules because, among other factors, slot allocations are subject to changes in government policies and antitrust negotiations.

In 2006, the Wright Amendment Reform Act of 2006 (the Act) became law. The Act is based on an agreement by the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport, Southwest, and the Company to modify the Wright Amendment, which authorizes certain flight operations at Dallas Love Field within defined geographic areas. Among other things, the Act eventually eliminates domestic geographic restrictions on operations while limiting the maximum number of gates at Love Field. The Company believes the Act is a pragmatic resolution of the issues related to the Wright Amendment and the use of Love Field.

**Environmental Matters** The Company is subject to various laws and government regulations concerning environmental matters and employee safety and health in the U.S. and other countries. U.S. federal laws that have a particular impact on the Company include the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA), the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or the Superfund Act). Certain operations of the Company are also subject to the oversight of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) concerning employee safety and health matters. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), OSHA, and other federal agencies have been authorized to promulgate regulations that have an impact on the Company's operations. In addition to these federal activities, various states have been delegated certain authorities under the aforementioned federal statutes. Many state and local governments have adopted environmental and employee safety and health laws and regulations, some of which are similar to or stricter than federal requirements.

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The ANCA recognizes the rights of airport operators with noise problems to implement local noise abatement programs so long as they do not interfere unreasonably with interstate or foreign commerce or the national air transportation system. Authorities in several cities have promulgated aircraft noise reduction programs, including the imposition of nighttime curfews. The ANCA generally requires FAA approval of local noise restrictions on aircraft. While the Company has had sufficient scheduling flexibility to accommodate local noise restrictions imposed to date, the Company's operations could be adversely affected if locally-imposed regulations become more restrictive or widespread.

Many aspects of the Company's operations are subject to increasingly stringent environmental regulations. Concerns about climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, in particular, may result in the imposition of additional legislation or regulation. For example, the EU recently approved measures that impose emissions limits on airlines with operations to, from or within the EU as part of an emissions trading system beginning in 2012. The Company is continuing to assess the potential costs of the EU measures. Such legislative or regulatory action by the U.S., state or foreign governments currently or in the future may adversely affect the Company's business and financial results. See Item 1A, Risk Factors, for additional information.

The environmental laws to which the Company is subject include those related to responsibility for potential soil and groundwater contamination. The Company is conducting investigation and remediation activities to address soil and groundwater conditions at several sites, including airports and maintenance bases. The Company anticipates that the ongoing costs of such activities will be immaterial. The Company has also been named as a potentially responsible party (PRP) at certain Superfund sites. The Company's alleged volumetric contributions at such sites are small in comparison to total contributions of all PRPs and the Company expects that any future payments of its share of costs at such sites will be immaterial.

## **Labor**

The airline business is labor intensive. Wages, salaries and benefits represented approximately 30 percent of the Company's consolidated operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2009. The average full-time equivalent number of employees of the Company's subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2009 was 66,500.

The majority of these employees are represented by labor unions and covered by collective bargaining agreements. Relations with such labor organizations are governed by the Railway Labor Act (RLA). Under this act, the collective bargaining agreements among the Company's subsidiaries and these organizations generally do not expire but instead become amendable as of a stated date. If either party wishes to modify the terms of any such agreement, it must notify the other party in the manner prescribed under the RLA and as agreed to by the parties. Under the RLA, after receipt of such notice, the parties must meet for direct negotiations, and if no agreement is reached, either party may request the NMB to appoint a federal mediator. The RLA prescribes no set timetable for the direct negotiation and mediation process. It is not unusual for those processes to last for many months, and even for several years. If no agreement is reached in mediation, the NMB in its discretion may declare at some time that an impasse exists, and if an impasse is declared, the NMB proffers binding arbitration to the parties. Either party may decline to submit to arbitration. If arbitration is rejected by either party, a 30-day "cooling off" period commences. During that period (or after), a Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) may be established, which examines the parties' positions and recommends a solution. The PEB process lasts for 30 days and is followed by another "cooling off" period of 30 days. At the end of a "cooling off" period, unless an agreement is reached or action is taken by Congress, the labor organization may exercise "self-help," such as a strike, and the airline may resort to its own "self-help," including the imposition of any or all of its proposed amendments and the hiring of new employees to replace any striking workers.

In April 2003, American reached agreements (the Labor Agreements) with its three major unions: the Allied Pilots Association (the APA) which represents American's pilots, the Transport Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO) (the TWU), which represents seven different employee groups, and the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (the APFA), which represents American's flight attendants. The Labor Agreements substantially moderated the labor costs associated with the employees represented by the unions. In conjunction with the Labor Agreements, American also implemented various changes in the pay plans and benefits for non-unionized personnel, including officers and other management (the Management Reductions). The Labor Agreements became amendable in 2008 (although the parties agreed that they could begin the negotiations process as early as 2006).

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In 2006, American and the APA commenced negotiations under the RLA. In April of 2008, following a request by the APA, a mediator was appointed by the NMB. The parties have been in mediated negotiations since that time. The APA has filed a number of grievances, lawsuits and complaints, most of which American believes are part of a corporate campaign related to the union's labor agreement negotiations with American. While American is vigorously defending these claims, unfavorable outcomes of one or more of them could require American to incur additional costs, change the way it conducts some parts of its business, or otherwise adversely affect the Company.

Also in 2006, American and the TWU commenced negotiations with respect only to dispatchers, one of the seven groups at American represented by the TWU. Subsequently, following a request by the parties, a mediator was appointed by the NMB for the dispatcher negotiations. Thereafter, in November 2007, American and the TWU commenced negotiations under the RLA with respect to the other employee groups represented by the TWU. Direct negotiations between American and the TWU employees with respect to those other groups continued until December 2008, at which time the parties jointly filed with the NMB for mediation with respect to the fleet service, stores, ground school instructors, and simulator technician groups of employees. The NMB appointed a mediator soon thereafter. Then in February 2009, following a request by the TWU, a mediator was appointed by the NMB with respect to the mechanics and the technical specialists. All parties have been in mediated negotiations since that time.

American and the APFA commenced negotiations in the first half of 2008. Direct negotiations between the parties continued until December 2008, at which time the parties jointly filed an application to the NMB asking that a mediator be appointed. The NMB appointed a mediator soon thereafter.

### **Fuel**

The Company's operations and financial results are significantly affected by the availability and price of jet fuel. The Company's fuel costs and consumption for the years 2007 through 2009 were:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gallons Consumed (in millions)</u>	<u>Total Cost (in millions)</u>	<u>Average Cost Per Gallon (in dollars)</u>	<u>Percent of American's Operating Expenses</u>
2007	2,834	\$ 6,011	\$ 2.121	27.2%
2008	2,694	8,154	3.026	31.7
2009	2,499	5,015	2.007	23.8

The impact of fuel price changes on the Company and its competitors depends on various factors, including hedging strategies. The Company has a fuel hedging program in which it enters into jet fuel and heating oil hedging contracts to dampen the impact of the volatility of jet fuel prices. During 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company's fuel hedging program increased (decreased) the Company's fuel expense by approximately \$591 million, (\$344) million and (\$215) million, respectively. As of January 2010, the Company had cash flow hedges, with option contracts, primarily heating oil collars and call options, covering approximately 24 percent of its estimated 2010 fuel requirements. The consumption hedged for 2010 by cash flow hedges is capped at an average price of approximately \$2.48 per gallon of jet fuel, and the Company's collars have an average floor price of approximately \$1.80 per gallon of jet fuel (both the capped and floor price exclude taxes and transportation costs). A deterioration of the Company's financial position could negatively affect the Company's ability to hedge fuel in the future. See the Risk Factors under Item 1A for additional information regarding fuel.

Additional information regarding the Company's fuel program is also included in Item 7(A) "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **Frequent Flyer Program**

American established the AAdvantage® frequent flyer program (AAdvantage) to develop passenger loyalty by offering awards to travelers for their continued patronage. The Company believes that the AAdvantage program is one of its competitive strengths. AAdvantage benefits from a growing base of approximately 64 million members with desirable demographics who have demonstrated a strong willingness to collect AAdvantage miles over other loyalty program incentives and are generally disposed to adjusting their purchasing behavior in order to earn additional AAdvantage miles. AAdvantage members earn mileage credits by flying on American, American Eagle, and the AmericanConnection® carrier or by using services of other participants in the AAdvantage program. Mileage credits can be redeemed for free, discounted or upgraded travel on American, American Eagle or other participating airlines, or for other awards. Once a member accrues sufficient mileage for an award, the member may book award travel. Most travel awards are subject to capacity controlled seating. A member's mileage credit does not expire as long as that member has any type of qualifying activity at least once every 18 months.

American sells mileage credits and related services to other participants in the AAdvantage program. There are over 1,000 program participants, including a leading credit card issuer, hotels, car rental companies and other products and services companies in the AAdvantage program. The Company believes that program participants benefit from the sustained purchasing behavior of AAdvantage members, which translates into a recurring stream of revenues for AAdvantage. Under its agreements with AAdvantage members and program participants, the Company reserves the right to change the AAdvantage program at any time without notice, and may end the program with six months notice. As of December 31, 2009, AAdvantage had approximately 64 million total members, and 600 billion outstanding award miles. During 2009, AAdvantage issued approximately 175 billion miles, of which approximately two-thirds were sold to program participants.

In 2009, American entered into an arrangement under which an affinity partner pre-purchased AAdvantage miles from American as further discussed in Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **Other Matters**

**Seasonality and Other Factors** The Company's results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of those for the entire year, since the air transportation business is subject to seasonal fluctuations. Higher demand for air travel has traditionally resulted in more favorable operating and financial results for the second and third quarters of the year than for the first and fourth quarters. Fears of terrorism or war, fare initiatives, fluctuations in fuel prices, labor actions, weather and other factors could impact this seasonal pattern. Unaudited quarterly financial data for the two-year period ended December 31, 2009 is included in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements. In addition, the results of operations in the air transportation business have also significantly fluctuated in the past in response to general economic conditions.

**Insurance** The Company carries insurance for public liability, passenger liability, property damage and all-risk coverage for damage to its aircraft. As a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 (the Terrorist Attacks), aviation insurers significantly reduced the amount of insurance coverage available to commercial air carriers for liability to persons other than employees or passengers for claims resulting from acts of terrorism, war or similar events (war-risk coverage). At the same time, these insurers significantly increased the premiums for aviation insurance in general. While the price of commercial insurance has declined since the period immediately after the Terrorist Attacks, in the event commercial insurance carriers further reduce the amount of insurance coverage available to the Company, or significantly increase its cost, the Company would be adversely affected.

The U.S. government has agreed to provide commercial war-risk insurance for U.S. based airlines through August 31, 2010, covering losses to employees, passengers, third parties and aircraft. If the U.S. government were to cease providing such insurance in whole or in part, it is likely that the Company could obtain comparable coverage in the commercial market, but the Company would incur substantially higher premiums and more restrictive terms. There can be no assurance that comparable war-risk coverage will be available in the commercial market. If the Company is unable to obtain adequate war-risk coverage at commercially reasonable rates, the Company would be adversely affected.

While the price of commercial insurance has declined since the premium increases immediately after the Terrorist Attacks, in the event commercial insurance carriers further reduce the amount of insurance coverage available to the Company, or significantly increase its cost, the Company would be adversely affected.

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**Other Government Matters** In time of war or during a national emergency or defense oriented situation, American and other air carriers can be required to provide airlift services to the Air Mobility Command under the Civil Reserve Air Fleet program. In the event the Company has to provide a substantial number of aircraft and crew to the Air Mobility Command, its operations could be adversely impacted.

**Available Information** AMR, the parent of American, makes its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 available free of charge under the Investor Relations page on its website, [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com), as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are electronically filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, the Company's code of ethics (called the Standards of Business Conduct), which applies to all employees of the Company, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Controller, is posted under the Investor Relations page on its website, [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). The Company intends to disclose any amendments to the code of ethics, or waivers of the code of ethics on behalf of the CEO, CFO or Controller, under the Investor Relations page on the Company's website, [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). The charters for the AMR Board of Directors' standing committees (the Audit, Compensation, Diversity and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees), as well as the Board of Directors' Governance Policies (the Governance Policies), are likewise available on the Company's website, [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). Information on the Company's website is not incorporated into or otherwise made a part of this Report.

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## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our ability to become profitable and our ability to continue to fund our obligations on an ongoing basis will depend on a number of risk factors, many of which are largely beyond our control. Some of the factors that may have a negative impact on us are described below:

### **As a result of significant losses in recent years, our financial condition has been materially weakened.**

We incurred significant losses in recent years, which has materially weakened our financial condition. We lost \$892 million in 2005, \$821 million in 2004, \$1.3 billion in 2003, \$3.5 billion in 2002 and \$1.6 billion in 2001. Although we earned a profit of \$356 million in 2007 and \$164 million in 2006, we lost \$2.5 billion in 2008 (which included a \$1.0 billion impairment charge), and, primarily as a result of very weak demand for air travel driven by the severe downturn in the global economy, we lost \$1.5 billion in 2009. Because of our weakened financial condition, we are vulnerable both to the impact of unexpected events (such as terrorist attacks) and to deterioration of the operating environment (such as a deepening of the current global recession, a significant increase in jet fuel prices or significant increased competition).

### **The severe global economic downturn has resulted in very weak demand for air travel and lower investment asset returns, which has had and could continue to have a significant negative impact on us.**

We are experiencing very weak demand for air travel driven by the severe downturn in the global economy. Many of the countries we serve are experiencing economic slowdowns or recessions. We began to experience weakening demand late in 2008, and this weakness has continued into 2010. We reduced capacity in 2008, and in the first half of 2009 we announced additional reductions to our capacity plan. In connection with these capacity reductions, the Company incurred special charges related to aircraft, employee reductions and certain other charges. If the global economic downturn persists or worsens, demand for air travel may continue to weaken. No assurance can be given that capacity reductions or other steps we may take will be adequate to offset the effects of reduced demand. Such capacity reductions or other steps might result in additional special charges in the future. Further, other carriers may not reduce capacity or may increase capacity, which may reduce the expected benefits of our capacity reductions.

The economic downturn has resulted in broadly lower investment asset returns and values. Our pension assets suffered a material decrease in value in 2008 related to broader stock market declines, which resulted in higher pension expense in 2009 and will result in higher pension expense and higher required contributions in future years. In addition, under these unfavorable economic conditions, we may be required to maintain cash reserves under our credit card processing agreements and the potential obligation to post cash collateral on fuel hedging contracts. These issues individually or collectively may have a material adverse impact on our liquidity. Also, disruptions in the capital markets and other sources of funding may make it impossible for us to obtain necessary additional funding or make the cost of that funding prohibitive.

### **We face numerous challenges as we seek to maintain sufficient liquidity, and we will need to raise substantial additional funds. We may not be able to raise those funds, or to do so on acceptable terms.**

We have significant debt, lease and other obligations in the next several years, including significant pension funding obligations. In 2010, we will be required to make approximately \$791 million of principal payments on long-term debt and approximately \$90 million in principal payments on capital leases, and we expect to spend approximately \$1.7 billion on capital expenditures, including aircraft commitments. In addition, in 2010, we are required to contribute approximately \$525 million to our defined benefit pension plans. Moreover, the global economic downturn, rising fuel prices, the potential obligation to post reserves under credit card processing agreements and the potential obligation to post cash collateral on fuel hedging contracts, among other things, have negatively impacted, and may in the future negatively impact, our liquidity. To meet our commitments and to maintain sufficient liquidity as we continue to implement our revenue enhancement and cost reduction initiatives, we will need continued access to substantial additional funding. Moreover, while we have arranged financings that, subject to certain terms and conditions (including, in the case of financing arrangements covering a significant number of aircraft, a condition that, at the time of borrowing, we have a certain amount of unrestricted cash and short term investments), cover all of our aircraft delivery commitments through 2011, we will continue to need to raise substantial additional funds to meet our commitments.

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Our ability to obtain future financing is limited by the value of our unencumbered assets. Almost all of our aircraft assets (including aircraft eligible for the benefits of Section 1110) are encumbered as a result of financing activity in recent years. This financing activity has significantly reduced the quantity of our assets which could be used as collateral in future financing. Also, the market value of our aircraft assets has declined in recent years, and may continue to decline. In addition, many of the other financing sources traditionally available to us may be difficult to access, and no assurance can be given as to the amount of financing available to us.

Since the Terrorist Attacks, our credit ratings have been lowered to significantly below investment grade. These reductions have increased our borrowing costs and otherwise adversely affected borrowing terms, and limited borrowing options. Additional reductions in our credit ratings might have other effects on us, such as further increasing borrowing or other costs or further restricting our ability to raise funds.

A number of other factors, including our financial results in recent years, our substantial indebtedness, the difficult revenue environment we face, our reduced credit ratings, recent historically high fuel prices, and the financial difficulties experienced in the airline industry, adversely affect the availability and terms of funding for us. In addition, the global economic downturn and recent severe disruptions in the capital markets and other sources of funding have resulted in greater volatility, less liquidity, widening of credit spreads, and substantially more limited availability of funding. As a result of these and other factors, although we believe we have or can access sufficient liquidity to fund our operations and obligations, there can be no assurances to that effect. An inability to obtain necessary additional funding on acceptable terms would have a material adverse impact on us and on our ability to sustain our operations.

**We could be required to maintain reserves under our credit card processing agreements, which could materially adversely impact our liquidity.**

American has agreements with a number of credit card companies and processors to accept credit cards for the sale of air travel and other services. Under certain of these agreements, the related credit card processor may hold back a reserve from American's credit card receivables following the occurrence of certain events, including the failure of American to maintain certain levels of liquidity (as specified in each agreement).

Under such agreements, the amount of the reserve that may be required generally is based on the credit card processor's exposure to the Company under the applicable agreement and, in the case of a reserve is required because of American's failure to maintain a certain level of liquidity, the amount of such liquidity. As of December 31, 2009, the Company was not required to maintain any reserve under such agreements. If circumstances were to occur that would allow the credit card processor to require the Company to maintain a reserve, the Company's liquidity would be negatively impacted.

**Our initiatives to generate additional revenues and to reduce our costs may not be adequate or successful.**

As we seek to improve our financial condition, we must continue to take steps to generate additional revenues and to reduce our costs. Although we have a number of initiatives underway to address our cost and revenue challenges, some of these initiatives involve changes to our business which we may be unable to implement. In addition, it has become increasingly difficult to identify and implement significant revenue enhancement and cost savings initiatives. The adequacy and ultimate success of our initiatives to generate additional revenues and reduce our costs cannot be assured. Moreover, whether our initiatives will be adequate or successful depends in large measure on factors beyond our control, notably the overall industry environment, including passenger demand, yield and industry capacity growth, and fuel prices. It will be very difficult for us to continue to fund our obligations on an ongoing basis, and to return to profitability, if the overall industry revenue environment does not improve substantially or if fuel prices were to increase and persist for an extended period at high levels.

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**We may be adversely affected by increases in fuel prices, and we would be adversely affected by disruptions in the supply of fuel.**

Our results are very significantly affected by the cost, volatile price and the availability of jet fuel, which are in turn affected by a number of factors beyond our control. Due to the competitive nature of the airline industry, we may not be able to pass on increased fuel prices to customers by increasing fares. Although we had some success in raising fares and imposing fuel surcharges in reaction to high fuel prices, these fare increases and surcharges did not keep pace with the extraordinary increases in the price of fuel that occurred in 2007 and 2008. Although fuel prices have abated considerably from the record high prices recorded in July 2008, they have steadily increased since the first quarter of 2009 and remain high and extremely volatile by historical standards. Furthermore, reduced demand or increased fare competition, or both, and resulting lower revenues may offset any potential benefit of any reductions in fuel prices.

While we do not currently anticipate a significant reduction in fuel availability, dependence on foreign imports of crude oil, limited refining capacity and the possibility of changes in government policy on jet fuel production, transportation and marketing make it impossible to predict the future availability of jet fuel. If there are additional outbreaks of hostilities or other conflicts in oil producing areas or elsewhere, or a reduction in refining capacity (due to weather events, for example), or governmental limits on the production or sale of jet fuel (including as a consequence of increased environmental regulation), there could be a reduction in the supply of jet fuel and significant increases in the cost of jet fuel. Major reductions in the availability of jet fuel or significant increases in its cost would have a material adverse impact on us.

We have a large number of older aircraft in our fleet, and these aircraft are not as fuel efficient as more recent models of aircraft. We believe it is imperative that we continue to execute our fleet renewal plans. However, there will be significant delays in the deliveries of the Boeing 787-9 aircraft we currently have on order.

While we seek to manage the risk of fuel price increases by using derivative contracts, there can be no assurance that, at any given time, we will have derivatives in place to provide any particular level of protection against increased fuel costs. In addition, a deterioration of our financial position could negatively affect our ability to enter into derivative contracts in the future. Moreover, declines in fuel prices below the levels established in derivative contracts may require us to post cash collateral to secure the loss positions on such contracts, and if such contracts close when fuel prices are below the applicable levels, we would be required to make payments to close such contracts; these payments would be treated as additional fuel expense.

**Our indebtedness and other obligations are substantial and could adversely affect our business and liquidity.**

We have and will continue to have significant amounts of indebtedness, obligations to make future payments on aircraft equipment and property leases, and obligations under aircraft purchase agreements, as well as a high proportion of debt to equity capital. As of December 31, 2009, we were contractually committed to make approximately \$881 million of principal payments on long-term debt and payments on capital leases during 2010. We expect to incur substantial additional debt (including secured debt) and lease obligations in the future. We also have substantial pension funding obligations, and we are required to contribute approximately \$525 million to our defined benefit pension plans in 2010. Our substantial indebtedness and other obligations have important consequences. For example, they:

- limit our ability to obtain additional funding for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, investments and general corporate purposes, and adversely affect the terms on which such funding can be obtained;
  - require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness and other obligations, thereby reducing the funds available for other purposes;
  - make us more vulnerable to economic downturns and catastrophic external events; and
  - limit our ability to withstand competitive pressures and reduce our flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions.
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**Our business is affected by many changing economic and other conditions beyond our control, and our results of operations tend to be volatile and fluctuate due to seasonality.**

Our business and our results of operations are affected by many changing economic and other conditions beyond our control, including, among others:

- actual or potential changes in international, national, regional and local economic, business and financial conditions, including recession, inflation, higher interest rates, wars, terrorist attacks or political instability;
- changes in consumer preferences, perceptions, spending patterns or demographic trends;
- changes in the competitive environment due to industry consolidation, changes in airline alliance affiliations and other factors;
- actual or potential disruptions to the air traffic control systems;
- increases in costs of safety, security and environmental measures;
- outbreaks of diseases that affect travel behavior; and
- weather and natural disasters.

As a result, our results of operations tend to be volatile and subject to rapid and unexpected change. In addition, due to generally greater demand for air travel during the summer, our revenues in the second and third quarters of the year tend to be stronger than revenues in the first and fourth quarters of the year.

**The airline industry is fiercely competitive and may undergo further consolidation or changes in industry alliances, and we are subject to increasing competition.**

Service over almost all of our routes is highly competitive and fares remain at low levels by historical standards. We face vigorous, and, in some cases, increasing, competition from major domestic airlines, national, regional, all-cargo and charter carriers, foreign air carriers, low-cost carriers and, particularly on shorter segments, ground and rail transportation. We also face increasing and significant competition from marketing/operational alliances formed by our competitors. The percentage of routes on which we compete with carriers having substantially lower operating costs than ours has grown significantly over the past decade, and we now compete with low-cost carriers on a large majority of our domestic non-stop mainline network routes. Our ability to compete effectively depends in part on our ability to maintain a competitive cost structure. If we cannot do so, then our business, financial condition and operating results would be adversely affected.

Certain airline alliances have been granted immunity from antitrust regulations by governmental authorities for specific areas of cooperation, such as joint pricing decisions. To the extent alliances formed by our competitors can undertake activities that are not available to us, our ability to effectively compete may be hindered.

Pricing decisions are significantly affected by competition from other airlines. Fare discounting by competitors historically has had a negative effect on our financial results because we must generally match competitors' fares, since failing to match would result in even less revenue. We have faced increased competition from carriers with simplified fare structures, which are generally preferred by travelers. Any fare reduction or fare simplification initiative may not be offset by increases in passenger traffic, reduction in cost or changes in the mix of traffic that would improve yields. Moreover, decisions by our competitors that increase or reduce overall industry capacity, or capacity dedicated to a particular domestic or foreign region, market or route, can have a material impact on related fare levels.

There have been numerous mergers and acquisitions within the airline industry and numerous changes in industry alliances. Recently, two of our largest competitors, Delta Air Lines, Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corporation, merged, and the combined entity became the largest scheduled passenger airline in the world in terms of available seat miles and revenue passenger miles. In addition, another two of our largest competitors, United Air Lines, Inc. and Continental Airlines, Inc., announced in 2008 that they had entered into a framework agreement to cooperate extensively and in 2009, Continental joined the global alliance of which United, Lufthansa and certain other airlines are members.

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In the future, there may be additional mergers and acquisitions, and changes in airline alliances, including those that may be undertaken in response to the merger of Delta and Northwest or other developments in the airline industry. Any airline industry consolidation or changes in airline alliances, including **oneworld**, could substantially alter the competitive landscape and result in changes in our corporate or business strategy. We regularly assess and explore the potential for consolidation in our industry and changes in airline alliances, our strategic position and ways to enhance our competitiveness, including the possibilities for our participation in merger activity. Consolidation involving other participants in our industry could result in the formation of one or more airlines with greater financial resources, more extensive networks, and/or lower cost structures than exist currently, which could have a material adverse effect on our competitive position and adversely affect our business and results of operations. For similar reasons, changes in airline alliances could have a similar impact on us.

In 2008, we entered into a joint business agreement and related marketing arrangements with British Airways and Iberia, providing for commercial cooperation on flights between North America and most countries in Europe, pooling and sharing of certain revenues and costs, expanded codesharing, enhanced frequent flyer program reciprocity, and cooperation in other areas. Along with these carriers, Finnair and Royal Jordanian, we have applied to DOT for ATI for this planned cooperation and in February 2010, we received tentative approval of that application from DOT. Final approval from DOT is subject to certain conditions, including a requirement that American and British Airways lease a total of four takeoff and landing slots at London Heathrow (two slot pairs) to other carriers. The carriers are also seeking to address issues raised by a Statement of Objection issued by the EU which asserts that certain aspects of the joint business agreement would infringe EU competition law.

In February 2010, American and JAL announced the decision to strengthen their relationship. The carriers, both members of the **oneworld** alliance, jointly applied to DOT for ATI on certain routes, and jointly notified the MLIT in Tokyo of the proposed cooperation. The Company believes this application will meet DOT's pro-consumer and pro-competition criteria for granting ATI. As a part of the application, American and JAL entered into a joint business agreement which will enhance their scope of cooperation on routes between North America and Asia, through adjustments to their respective networks, flight schedules, and other business activities. This, in turn, will allow both carriers to better complement each other's operations and to develop and offer competitive products and quality service to their customers. See Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for additional information on the JAL joint business application.

Any plans to enter into or expand ATI joint business agreements or similar arrangements, including implementation of the joint business agreements referred to above, are subject to various conditions, including various U.S. and foreign regulatory approvals, successful negotiation of certain detailed financial and commercial arrangements, and other approvals. Governmental entities from which such approvals must be obtained, including DOT and foreign governmental authorities or entities such as the EU, have imposed or may impose requirements or limitations as a condition of granting any such approvals, such as requiring divestiture of routes, gates, slots or other assets. No assurances can be given as to any arrangements that may ultimately be implemented or any benefits we may derive from such arrangements.

**We compete with reorganized carriers, which results in competitive disadvantages for us.**

We must compete with air carriers that have reorganized under the protection of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in recent years, including United, Delta and U.S. Airways. It is possible that other significant competitors may seek to reorganize in or out of Chapter 11.

Successful reorganizations by other carriers present us with competitors with significantly lower operating costs and stronger financial positions derived from renegotiated labor, supply, and financing contracts. These competitive pressures may limit our ability to adequately price our services, may require us to further reduce our operating costs, and could have a material adverse impact on us.

**Fares are at low levels and our reduced pricing power adversely affects our ability to achieve adequate pricing, especially with respect to business travel.**

Our passenger yield remains very low by historical standards. We believe that this is due in large part to a corresponding decline in our pricing power. Our reduced pricing power is the product of several factors including: greater cost sensitivity on the part of travelers (particularly business travelers); pricing transparency resulting from the use of the internet; greater competition from low-cost carriers and from carriers that have reorganized in recent years under the protection of Chapter 11; other carriers being well hedged against rising fuel costs and able to better absorb high jet fuel prices; fare simplification efforts by certain carriers; and the economy. We believe that our reduced pricing power could persist indefinitely.

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### **Our corporate or business strategy may change.**

In light of the rapid changes in the airline industry, we evaluate our assets on an ongoing basis with a view to maximizing their value to us and determining which are core to our operations. We also regularly evaluate our corporate and business strategies, and they are influenced by factors beyond our control, including changes in the competitive landscape we face. Our corporate and business strategies are, therefore, subject to change.

In the future, AMR may consider and engage in discussions with third parties regarding the divestiture of AMR Eagle and other separation transactions, and may decide to proceed with one or more such transactions. There can be no assurance that AMR will complete any separation transactions or that any announced plans or transactions will be consummated, and no prediction can be made as to the impact of any such transactions on stockholder value or on us.

### **Our business is subject to extensive government regulation, which can result in increases in our costs, disruptions to our operations, limits on our operating flexibility, reductions in the demand for air travel, and competitive disadvantages. In particular, recently enacted and possible future environmental regulations may adversely affect our business and financial results.**

Airlines are subject to extensive domestic and international regulatory requirements. Many of these requirements result in significant costs. For example, the FAA from time to time issues directives and other regulations relating to the maintenance and operation of aircraft. Compliance with those requirements drives significant expenditures and has in the past, and may in the future, cause disruptions to our operations. In addition, the ability of U.S. carriers to operate international routes is subject to change because the applicable arrangements between the U.S. and foreign governments may be amended from time to time (such as through the adoption of an open skies policy), or because appropriate slots or facilities are not made available. Any such change could adversely impact the value of our international route authorities and related assets.

Moreover, additional laws, regulations, taxes and airport rates and charges have been enacted from time to time that have significantly increased the costs of airline operations, reduced the demand for air travel or restricted the way we can conduct our business. For example, the ATSA, which became law in 2001, mandated the federalization of certain airport security procedures and resulted in the imposition of additional security requirements on airlines.

The results of our operations, demand for air travel, and the manner in which we conduct our business each may be affected by changes in law and future actions taken by governmental agencies, including:

- changes in law which affect the services that can be offered by airlines in particular markets and at particular airports;
  - the granting and timing of certain governmental approvals (including foreign government approvals) needed for codesharing alliances and other arrangements with other airlines;
  - restrictions on competitive practices (for example court orders, or agency regulations or orders, that would curtail an airline's ability to respond to a competitor);
  - the adoption of regulations that impact customer service standards (for example new passenger security standards, passenger bill of rights);
  - restrictions on airport operations, such as restrictions on the use of takeoff and landing slots at airports or the auction of slot rights currently or previously held by us; or
  - the adoption of more restrictive locally imposed noise restrictions.
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In addition, the U.S. air traffic control (ATC) system, which is operated by the FAA, is not successfully managing the growing demand for U.S. air travel. U.S. airlines carry about 750 million passengers a year and are forecast to accommodate a billion passengers annually by 2021. Air traffic controllers rely on outdated technologies that routinely overwhelm the system and compel airlines to fly inefficient, indirect routes. We support a common sense approach to ATC modernization that would allocate costs to all ATC system users in proportion to the services they consume. Reauthorization of legislation that funds the FAA, which includes proposals regarding upgrades to the ATC system, has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. It is uncertain whether the U.S. Senate will act and whether such legislation will become law. In the meantime, FAA funding continues under temporary periodic extensions.

Many aspects of our operations are subject to increasingly stringent environmental regulations. Concerns about climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, in particular, may result in the imposition of additional legislation or regulation. The EU has adopted a directive under which each EU member state is required to extend the existing EU emissions trading scheme (ETS) to aviation. This will require us to have emission allowances in order to operate flights to and from EU member states in January 2012 and thereafter, including flights between the U.S. and EU member states. In December 2009, the ATA, joined by American, Continental and United, filed a legal action in the United Kingdom challenging the implementation of the EU ETS as applied to aviation. We believe that non-EU governments are also likely to consider formal challenges to the EU ETS as applied to aviation. It is not clear whether the EU ETS will withstand such challenges. However, unless interim relief is granted, we will be required to continue to comply with the EU ETS during the pendency of the legal challenges. Although the cost of compliance with the EU ETS is difficult to predict given the uncertainty of a number of variables, such as the number and price of emission allowances we may be required to purchase, such costs could be significant.

Other legislative or regulatory actions addressing climate change and emissions from aviation that may be taken in the future by the U.S., state or foreign governments may adversely affect our business and financial results. Climate change legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Congress and by certain state legislatures, which include certain provisions that may affect the aviation industry. In addition, the EPA has found that greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare. Although this finding was not applied in the context of aviation, it is possible that the EPA could in the future regulate greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft. It is currently unknown how climate change legislation or regulation, if enacted, would specifically apply to the aviation industry. However, the impact on us of any climate change legislation or regulation is likely to be adverse and related costs of compliance could be significant. Such legislation or regulation could result in, among other things, increased fuel costs, carbon taxes or fees, the imposition of requirements to purchase emission offsets or credits, and restrictions on the growth of airline operations. We continue to evaluate ongoing climate change developments at the international, federal and state levels and assess the potential associated impacts on our business and operations.

**We could be adversely affected by conflicts overseas or terrorist attacks.**

Actual or threatened U.S. military involvement in overseas operations has, on occasion, had an adverse impact on our business, financial position (including access to capital markets) and results of operations, and on the airline industry in general. The continuing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, or other conflicts or events in the Middle East or elsewhere, may result in similar adverse impacts.

The Terrorist Attacks had a material adverse impact on us. The occurrence of another terrorist attack (whether domestic or international and whether against us or another entity) could again have a material adverse impact on us.

**Our international operations are subject to economic and political instability and could be adversely affected by numerous events, circumstances or government actions beyond our control.**

Our current international activities and prospects could be adversely affected by factors such as reversals or delays in the opening of foreign markets, exchange controls, currency and political risks (including changes in exchange rates and currency devaluations), environmental regulation, increases in taxes and fees and changes in international government regulation of our operations, including the inability to obtain or retain needed route authorities and/or slots.

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For example, the open skies air services agreement between the U.S. and the EU which took effect in March 2008 provides airlines from the U.S. and EU member states open access to each other's markets, with freedom of pricing and unlimited rights to fly beyond the U.S. and any airport in the EU including London's Heathrow Airport. The agreement has resulted in American facing increased competition in these markets, including Heathrow, where we have lost market share. In addition, in December 2009, the U.S. and Japan reached a tentative open skies air services agreement that provides airlines from the U.S. and Japan open access to each other's markets. If ratified, this agreement could significantly increase competition in the U.S. – Japan market. Final approval of the agreement is contingent upon ATI and the resolution of certain other issues.

**We could be adversely affected by an outbreak of a disease that affects travel behavior.**

In the second quarter of 2009, there was an outbreak of the H1N1 virus which had an adverse impact throughout our network but primarily on our operations to and from Mexico. In 2003, there was an outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which had an adverse impact primarily on our Asia operations. In addition, in the past there have been concerns about outbreaks or potential outbreaks of other diseases, such as avian flu. Any outbreak of a disease (including a worsening of the outbreak of the H1N1 virus) that affects travel behavior could have a material adverse impact on us. In addition, outbreaks of disease could result in quarantines of our personnel or an inability to access facilities or our aircraft, which could adversely affect our operations.

**Our labor costs are higher than those of our competitors.**

Wages, salaries and benefits constitute a significant percentage of our total operating expenses. In 2009, they constituted approximately 30 percent of our total operating expenses. All of the major hub-and-spoke carriers with whom American competes have achieved significant labor cost savings through or outside of bankruptcy proceedings. We believe American's labor costs are higher than those of its primary competitors, and it is unclear how long this labor cost disadvantage may persist. These higher labor costs may adversely affect our ability to achieve and sustain profitability while competing with other airlines with lower labor costs. Additionally, we cannot predict the outcome of our ongoing negotiations with our unionized work groups. Significant increases in pay and benefits resulting from changes to our collective bargaining agreements could have a material adverse effect on us.

**We could be adversely affected if we are unable to have satisfactory relations with any unionized or other employee work group.**

Our business is labor intensive. To the extent that we are unable to have satisfactory relations with any unionized or other employee work group, our operations and our ability to execute our strategic plans could be adversely affected. In addition, any disruption by an employee work group (e.g., sick-out, slowdown, full or partial strike, or other job action) may materially adversely affect our operations and impair our financial performance.

American is currently in mediated negotiations under the auspices of the NMB with each of its three major unions to amend their respective labor agreements. These negotiations are governed by the RLA, which prescribes no set timetable for the negotiations and mediation process. The negotiations and mediation process in the airline industry typically is slow and sometimes contentious. The RLA prohibits the parties from engaging in self-help prior to the exhaustion of the RLA's bargaining process. That process is not exhausted until the NMB has declared the parties are at a bargaining impasse, one or both parties has declined the NMB's proffer of binding arbitration, and a 30-day cooling off period has expired without the appointment of a Presidential Emergency Board. If we are unable to reach agreement with any of our unionized work groups, and the RLA's bargaining process has been fully exhausted, we may be subject to lawful strikes, work stoppages or other job actions.

In addition, the union that represents American's pilots has filed a number of grievances, lawsuits and complaints, most of which American believes are part of a corporate campaign related to the union's labor agreement negotiations with American. While American is vigorously defending these claims, unfavorable outcomes of one or more of them could require American to incur additional costs, change the way we conduct some parts of our business, or otherwise adversely affect us.

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**Our insurance costs have increased substantially and further increases in insurance costs or reductions in coverage could have an adverse impact on us.**

We carry insurance for public liability, passenger liability, property damage and all-risk coverage for damage to our aircraft. As a result of the Terrorist Attacks, aviation insurers significantly reduced the amount of insurance coverage available to commercial air carriers for liability to persons other than employees or passengers for claims resulting from acts of terrorism, war or similar events (war-risk coverage). At the same time, these insurers significantly increased the premiums for aviation insurance in general. While the price of commercial insurance has declined since the period immediately after the Terrorist Attacks, in the event commercial insurance carriers further reduce the amount of insurance coverage available to us, or significantly increase its cost, we would be adversely affected.

The U.S. government has agreed to provide commercial war-risk insurance for U.S. based airlines through August 31, 2010, covering losses to employees, passengers, third parties and aircraft. If the U.S. government were to cease providing such insurance in whole or in part, it is likely that we could obtain comparable coverage in the commercial market, but we could incur substantially higher premiums and more restrictive terms, if such coverage is available at all. If we are unable to obtain adequate war-risk coverage at commercially reasonable rates, we would be adversely affected.

**We may be unable to retain key management personnel.**

We are dependent on the experience and industry knowledge of our key management employees, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to retain them. Any inability to retain our key management employees, or attract and retain additional qualified management employees, could have a negative impact on us.

**We are increasingly dependent on technology and could be adversely affected by a failure or disruption of our computer, communications or other technology systems.**

We are heavily and increasingly dependent on technology to operate our business, reduce our costs and enhance customer service. The computer and communications systems on which we rely could be disrupted due to various events, some of which are beyond our control, including natural disasters, power failures, terrorist attacks, equipment failures, system implementation failures, software failures and computer viruses and hackers. We have taken certain steps to help reduce the risk of some (but not all) of these potential disruptions. There can be no assurance, however, that the measures we have taken are adequate to prevent or remedy disruptions or failures of these systems. Any substantial or repeated failure of these systems could impact our operations and customer service, result in the loss of important data, loss of revenues, and increased costs, and generally harm our business. Moreover, a failure of certain of our vital systems could limit our ability to operate our flights for an extended period of time, which would have a material adverse impact on our operations and our business. In addition, we will need to continue to make significant investments in technology to pursue initiatives to reduce costs and enhance customer service. If we are unable to make these investments, our business could be negatively impacted.

**We are at risk of losses and adverse publicity which might result from an accident involving any of our aircraft.**

If one of our aircraft were to be involved in an accident, we could be exposed to significant tort liability. The insurance we carry to cover damages arising from any future accidents may be inadequate. In the event that our insurance is not adequate, we may be forced to bear substantial losses from an accident. In addition, any accident involving an aircraft operated by us could adversely affect the public's perception of us.

**Interruptions or disruptions in service at one or more of our primary market airports could have an adverse impact on us.**

Our business is heavily dependent on our operations at our primary market airports in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Chicago, Miami, New York City and Los Angeles. Each of these operations includes flights that gather and distribute traffic from markets in the geographic region around the primary market to other major cities. A significant interruption or disruption in service at one or more of our primary markets could adversely impact our operations.

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**The airline industry is heavily taxed.**

The airline industry is subject to extensive government fees and taxation that negatively impact our revenue. The U.S. airline industry is one of the most heavily taxed of all industries. These fees and taxes have grown significantly in the past decade for domestic flights and various U.S. fees and taxes also are assessed on international flights. In addition, the governments of foreign countries in which we operate impose on U.S. airlines, including us, various fees and taxes, and these assessments have been increasing in number and amount in recent years. Certain of these fees and taxes must be included in the fares we advertise or quote to our customers. Due to the competitive revenue environment, many increases in these fees and taxes have been absorbed by the airline industry rather than being passed on to the passenger. Further increases in fees and taxes may reduce demand for air travel, and thus our revenues.

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**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

The Company had no unresolved Securities and Exchange Commission staff comments at December 31, 2009.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES****Flight Equipment – Operating**

Owned and leased aircraft operated by the Company at December 31, 2009 included:

<u>Equipment Type</u>	<u>Average Seating Capacity</u>	<u>Owned</u>	<u>Capital Leased</u>	<u>Operating Leased</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average Age (Years)</u>
<b>American Airlines Aircraft</b>						
Boeing 737-800	151	77	-	31	108	7
Boeing 757-200	187	84	9	31	124	15
Boeing 767-200 Extended Range	168	3	11	1	15	23
Boeing 767-300 Extended Range	225	45	2	11	58	16
Boeing 777-200 Extended Range	247	47	-	-	47	9
McDonnell Douglas MD-80	140	93	58	107	258	19
Super ATR	64/66	-	-	39	39	15
Total		<u>349</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>15</u>

Almost all of the Company's owned aircraft are encumbered by liens granted in connection with financing transactions entered into by the Company.

As included in the table above, American holds a third-party lease for 39 Super ATR aircraft and, in turn, subleases those aircraft to AMR Eagle for operation.

Of the operating aircraft listed above, one operating leased Boeing 737-800 and one owned McDonnell Douglas MD-80 were in temporary storage as of December 31, 2009.

In January 2010, the Company permanently retired one McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft.

**Flight Equipment – Non-Operating**

Owned and leased aircraft not operated by the Company at December 31, 2009 included:

<u>Equipment Type</u>	<u>Owned</u>	<u>Capital Leased</u>	<u>Operating Leased</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>American Airlines Aircraft</b>				
Airbus A300-600R	10	-	18	28
Fokker 100	-	-	4	4
McDonnell Douglas MD-80	24	6	2	32
Total	<u>34</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>64</u>

For information concerning the estimated useful lives and residual values for owned aircraft, lease terms for leased aircraft and amortization relating to aircraft under capital leases, see Notes 1 and 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

### Flight Equipment – Leased

Lease expirations for the aircraft included in the table of capital and operating leased flight equipment operated by the Company as of December 31, 2009 are:

<u>Equipment Type</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015 and Thereafter</u>
<b>American Airlines Aircraft</b>						
Boeing 737-800	-	-	-	8	2	21
Boeing 757-200	-	1	-	-	10	29
Boeing 767-200 Extended Range	-	2	2	8	-	-
Boeing 767-300 Extended Range	-	-	-	3	-	10
McDonnell Douglas MD-80	3	20	23	27	17	75
Super ATR	-	-	1	12	12	14
	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>149</u>

As included in the table above, American leases all 39 Super ATR aircraft from a third party and in turn, subleases those aircraft to AMR Eagle for operation.

American contracts for flying with the American Connection carrier who operates 15 aircraft for the Company under a capacity purchase agreement that effectively result in the Company using substantially all these aircraft.

Substantially all of the Company's aircraft leases include an option to purchase the aircraft or to extend the lease term, or both, with the purchase price or renewal rental to be based essentially on the market value of the aircraft at the end of the term of the lease or at a predetermined fixed amount.

### Ground Properties

The Company leases or has built as leasehold improvements on leased property: most of its airport and terminal facilities in the U.S. and overseas; its training facilities in Fort Worth, Texas; its principal overhaul and maintenance bases at Tulsa International Airport (Tulsa, Oklahoma), Kansas City International Airport (Kansas City, Missouri) and Alliance Airport (Fort Worth, Texas); its regional reservation offices; and local ticket and administration offices throughout the system. In October 2009, AMR announced the planned closure of its Kansas City overhaul and maintenance base to create a more flexible, cost-efficient operation that improves flow and takes into account the long-term impact of the recession on travel, deep capacity cuts across the industry, and a corresponding decline in the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) business, along with the changes to the Company's network and corresponding fleet size. The Company owns its headquarters building in Fort Worth, Texas, on which a mortgage loan is payable. American has entered into agreements with the Tulsa Municipal Airport Trust; the Alliance Airport Authority, Fort Worth, Texas; the New York City Industrial Development Agency; and the Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago O'Hare, Newark, San Juan, and Los Angeles airport authorities to provide funds for constructing, improving and modifying facilities and acquiring equipment which are or will be leased to the Company. The Company also uses public airports for its flight operations under lease or use arrangements with the municipalities or governmental agencies owning or controlling them and leases certain other ground equipment for use at its facilities.

For information concerning the estimated lives and residual values for owned ground properties, lease terms and amortization relating to ground properties under capital leases, and acquisitions of ground properties, see Notes 1 and 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Between April 3, 2003 and June 5, 2003, three lawsuits were filed by travel agents, some of whom opted out of a prior class action (now dismissed) to pursue their claims individually against American, other airline defendants, and in one case, against certain airline defendants and Orbitz LLC. The cases, Tam Travel et. al., v. Delta Air Lines et. al., in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco (51 individual agencies), Paula Fausky d/b/a Timeless Travel v. American Airlines, et. al., in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division (29 agencies) and Swope Travel et al. v. Orbitz et. al. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division (71 agencies) were consolidated for pre-trial purposes in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. Collectively, these lawsuits seek damages and injunctive relief alleging that the certain airline defendants and Orbitz LLC: (i) conspired to prevent travel agents from acting as effective competitors in the distribution of airline tickets to passengers in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act; (ii) conspired to monopolize the distribution of common carrier air travel between airports in the United States in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act; and that (iii) between 1995 and the present, the airline defendants conspired to reduce commissions paid to U.S.-based travel agents in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act. On September 23, 2005, the Fausky plaintiffs dismissed their claims with prejudice. On September 14, 2006, the court dismissed with prejudice 28 of the Swope plaintiffs. On October 29, 2007, the court dismissed all actions. The Tam plaintiffs appealed the court's decision, and on October 2, 2009, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court decision. The Swope plaintiffs have moved to have their case remanded to the Eastern District of Texas. American continues to vigorously defend these lawsuits. A final adverse court decision awarding substantial money damages or placing material restrictions on the Company's distribution practices would have a material adverse impact on the Company.

On July 12, 2004, a consolidated class action complaint that was subsequently amended on November 30, 2004, was filed against American and the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA), the union which represents American's flight attendants (Ann M. Marcoux, et al., v. American Airlines Inc., et al. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York). While a class has not yet been certified, the lawsuit seeks on behalf of all of American's flight attendants or various subclasses to set aside and to obtain damages allegedly resulting from the April 2003 Collective Bargaining Agreement referred to as the Restructuring Participation Agreement (RPA). The RPA was one of three labor agreements American successfully reached with its unions in order to avoid filing for bankruptcy in 2003. In a related case (Sherry Cooper, et al. v. TWA Airlines, LLC, et al., also in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York), the court denied a preliminary injunction against implementation of the RPA on September 30, 2003. The Marcoux suit alleges various claims against the APFA and American relating to the RPA and the ratification vote on the RPA by individual APFA members, including: violation of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) and the APFA's Constitution and By-laws, violation by the APFA of its duty of fair representation to its members, violation by American of provisions of the Railway Labor Act (RLA) through improper coercion of flight attendants into voting or changing their vote for ratification, and violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970 (RICO). On March 28, 2006, the district court dismissed all of various state law claims against American, all but one of the LMRDA claims against the APFA, and the claimed violations of RICO. On July 22, 2008, the district court granted summary judgment to American and APFA concerning the remaining claimed violations of the RLA and the duty of fair representation against American and the APFA (as well as one LMRDA claim and one claim against the APFA of a breach of its constitution). A notice of appeal was filed on behalf of the purported class of flight attendants. On September 21, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the district court's decision in favor of American and the APFA. The plaintiffs are now seeking a review by the U.S. Supreme Court of the decision of the Court of Appeals. Although the Company believes the case against it is without merit and both American and the APFA have vigorously defended the lawsuit, a final adverse court decision invalidating the RPA and awarding substantial money damages would have a material adverse impact on the Company.

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On February 14, 2006, the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) served the Company with a grand jury subpoena as part of an ongoing investigation into possible criminal violations of the antitrust laws by certain domestic and foreign air cargo carriers. At this time, the Company does not believe it is a target of the DOJ investigation. The New Zealand Commerce Commission notified the Company on February 17, 2006 that it is also investigating whether the Company and certain other cargo carriers entered into agreements relating to fuel surcharges, security surcharges, war-risk surcharges, and customs clearance surcharges. On February 22, 2006, the Company received a letter from the Swiss Competition Commission informing the Company that it too is investigating whether the Company and certain other cargo carriers entered into agreements relating to fuel surcharges, security surcharges, war-risk surcharges, and customs clearance surcharges. On March 11, 2008, the Company received from the Swiss Competition Commission a request for information concerning, among other things, the scope and organization of the Company's activities in Switzerland. On December 19, 2006 and June 12, 2007, the Company received requests for information from the European Commission seeking information regarding the Company's corporate structure, and revenue and pricing announcements for air cargo shipments to and from the European Union. On January 23, 2007, the Brazilian competition authorities, as part of an ongoing investigation, conducted an unannounced search of the Company's cargo facilities in Sao Paulo, Brazil. On April 24, 2008, the Brazilian competition authorities charged the Company with violating Brazilian competition laws. On December 31, 2009, the Brazilian competition authorities made a non-binding recommendation to the Brazilian competition tribunal that it find the Company in violation of competition laws. The authorities are investigating whether the Company and certain other foreign and domestic air carriers violated Brazilian competition laws by illegally conspiring to set fuel surcharges on cargo shipments. The Company is vigorously contesting the allegations and the preliminary findings of the Brazilian competition authorities. On June 27, 2007 and October 31, 2007, the Company received requests for information from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission seeking information regarding fuel surcharges imposed by the Company on cargo shipments to and from Australia and regarding the structure of the Company's cargo operations. On September 1, 2008, the Company received a request from the Korea Fair Trade Commission seeking information regarding cargo rates and surcharges and the structure of the Company's activities in Korea. On December 18, 2007, the European Commission issued a Statement of Objection (SO) against 26 airlines, including the Company. The SO alleges that these carriers participated in a conspiracy to set surcharges on cargo shipments in violation of EU law. The SO states that, in the event that the allegations in the SO are affirmed, the Commission will impose fines against the Company. The Company intends to vigorously contest the allegations and findings in the SO under EU laws, and it intends to cooperate fully with all other pending investigations. In the event that the SO is affirmed or other investigations uncover violations of the U.S. antitrust laws or the competition laws of some other jurisdiction, or if the Company were named and found liable in any litigation based on these allegations, such findings and related legal proceedings could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

Forty-five purported class action lawsuits have been filed in the U.S. against the Company and certain foreign and domestic air carriers alleging that the defendants violated U.S. antitrust laws by illegally conspiring to set prices and surcharges on cargo shipments. These cases, along with other purported class action lawsuits in which the Company was not named, were consolidated in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York as In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation, 06-MD-1775 on June 20, 2006. Plaintiffs are seeking trebled money damages and injunctive relief. The Company has not been named as a defendant in the consolidated complaint filed by the plaintiffs. However, the plaintiffs have not released any claims that they may have against the Company, and the Company may later be added as a defendant in the litigation. If the Company is sued on these claims, it will vigorously defend the suit, but any adverse judgment could have a material adverse impact on the Company. Also, on January 23, 2007, the Company was served with a purported class action complaint filed against the Company, American, and certain foreign and domestic air carriers in the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Canada (McKay v. Ace Aviation Holdings, et al.). The plaintiff alleges that the defendants violated Canadian competition laws by illegally conspiring to set prices and surcharges on cargo shipments. The complaint seeks compensatory and punitive damages under Canadian law. On June 22, 2007, the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their claims against the Company. The dismissal is without prejudice and the Company could be brought back into the litigation at a future date. If litigation is recommenced against the Company in the Canadian courts, the Company will vigorously defend itself; however, any adverse judgment could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

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On June 20, 2006, DOJ served the Company with a grand jury subpoena as part of an ongoing investigation into possible criminal violations of the antitrust laws by certain domestic and foreign passenger carriers. At this time, the Company does not believe it is a target of the DOJ investigation. The Company intends to cooperate fully with this investigation. On September 4, 2007, the Attorney General of the State of Florida served the Company with a Civil Investigative Demand as part of its investigation of possible violations of federal and Florida antitrust laws regarding the pricing of air passenger transportation. In the event that this or other investigations uncover violations of the U.S. antitrust laws or the competition laws of some other jurisdiction, such findings and related legal proceedings could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

Approximately 52 purported class action lawsuits have been filed in the U.S. against the Company and certain foreign and domestic air carriers alleging that the defendants violated U.S. antitrust laws by illegally conspiring to set prices and surcharges for passenger transportation. On October 25, 2006, these cases, along with other purported class action lawsuits in which the Company was not named, were consolidated in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California as In re International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation, Civ. No. 06-1793 (the Passenger MDL). On July 9, 2007, the Company was named as a defendant in the Passenger MDL. On August 25, 2008, the plaintiffs dismissed their claims against the Company in this action. On March 13, 2008, and March 14, 2008, two additional purported class action complaints, Turner v. American Airlines, et al., Civ. No. 08-1444 (N.D. Cal.), and LaFlamme v. American Airlines, et al., Civ. No. 08-1079 (E.D.N.Y.), were filed against the Company, alleging that the Company violated U.S. antitrust laws by illegally conspiring to set prices and surcharges for passenger transportation in Japan and certain European countries, respectively. The Turner plaintiffs have failed to perfect service against the Company, and it is unclear whether they intend to pursue their claims. On February 17, 2009, the LaFlamme plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their claims against the Company without prejudice. In the event that the Turner plaintiffs pursue their claims or the LaFlamme plaintiffs re-file claims against the Company, the Company will vigorously defend these lawsuits, but any adverse judgment in these actions could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

On August 21, 2006, a patent infringement lawsuit was filed against American and American Beacon Advisors, Inc. (then a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Ronald A. Katz Technology Licensing, L.P. v. American Airlines, Inc., et al.). This case has been consolidated in the Central District of California for pre-trial purposes with numerous other cases brought by the plaintiff against other defendants. The plaintiff alleges that American infringes a number of the plaintiff's patents, each of which relates to automated telephone call processing systems. The plaintiff is seeking past and future royalties, injunctive relief, costs and attorneys' fees. On December 1, 2008, the court dismissed with prejudice all claims against American Beacon. On May 22, 2009, following its granting of summary judgment to American based on invalidity and non-infringement, the court dismissed all claims against American. Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal on June 22, 2009 with respect to the court's ruling for American. Although the Company believes that the plaintiff's claims are without merit and is vigorously defending the lawsuit, a final adverse court decision awarding substantial money damages or placing material restrictions on existing automated telephone call system operations would have a material adverse impact on the Company.

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**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

Omitted under the reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instructions I(2)(c) of Form 10-K.

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**PART II**

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**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON STOCK AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

American Airlines, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AMR Corporation and there is no market for the Registrant's Common Stock.

**ITEM 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

Omitted under the reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instructions I(2)(a) of Form 10-K.

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**ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION**

(Abbreviated pursuant to General Instructions I(2)(a) of Form 10-K).

**Forward-Looking Information**

The discussions under Business, Risk Factors, Properties and Legal Proceedings, and the following discussions under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" contain various forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which represent the Company's expectations or beliefs concerning future events. When used in this document and in documents incorporated herein by reference, the words "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "indicates," "believes," "forecast," "guidance," "outlook," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "targets" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Similarly, statements that describe the Company's objectives, plans or goals are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the Company's expectations concerning operations and financial conditions, including changes in capacity, revenues, and costs; future financing plans and needs; the amounts of its unencumbered assets and other sources of liquidity; fleet plans; overall economic and industry conditions; plans and objectives for future operations; regulatory approvals and actions, including the Company's application for ATI with other oneworld alliance members; and the impact on the Company of its results of operations in recent years and the sufficiency of its financial resources to absorb that impact. Other forward-looking statements include statements which do not relate solely to historical facts, such as, without limitation, statements which discuss the possible future effects of current known trends or uncertainties, or which indicate that the future effects of known trends or uncertainties cannot be predicted, guaranteed or assured. All forward-looking statements in this report are based upon information available to the Company on the date of this report. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Guidance given in this report regarding capacity, fuel consumption, fuel prices, fuel hedging, and unit costs, and statements regarding expectations of regulatory approval of the Company's application for ATI with other oneworld members are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations. The Risk Factors listed in Item 1A, in addition to other possible factors not listed, could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from historical results and from those expressed in forward-looking statements.

**Overview**

In late 2009, the Company unveiled a new business plan – FlightPlan 2020, which is an evolution of the Turnaround Plan that guided the Company through the last decade. FlightPlan 2020 is a strategic framework developed to secure the Company's future by focusing on what will be required to succeed in the airline business over the next decade. It establishes the Company's priorities and a clear path to better position the Company to meet the challenges of the coming years. This plan for achieving sustained profitability has five tenets: (i) Invest Wisely, (ii) Earn Customer Loyalty, (iii) Strengthen and Defend our Global Network, (iv) Be a Good Place for Good People and (v) Fly Profitably. All strategic actions by the Company going forward will be designed to realize the goals of FlightPlan 2020.

Demand for air travel in 2009 was very weak, driven by the continuing severe downturn in the global economy. In reaction to the challenge, throughout the year the Company implemented strategic measures designed to help it manage through these near-term challenges while seeking to position itself for long-term success.

In response to the rapidly deteriorating economy, in the first half of 2009, the Company announced additional capacity cuts, beyond its substantial 2008 capacity reductions, as it attempted to create a more sustainable supply-demand balance. The Company reduced mainline seating capacity by approximately 7.2 percent for the full year 2009 versus 2008. The reduction consisted of an approximately 8.7 percent reduction in mainline domestic capacity and approximately 4.7 percent reduction in mainline international capacity compared to the year ending December 31, 2008. No assurance can be given that any capacity reductions or other steps the Company may take will be adequate to offset the effects of reduced demand.

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The Company continued to work to implement and maintain several other initiatives, including introducing plans to focus its network by reallocating capacity to primary markets in Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago, Miami, New York and Los Angeles, initiating new plans to enhance its fleet to better serve customers, maintaining the range of service charges introduced in 2008 to generate additional revenue, executing its fleet renewal and replacement plan, implementing initiatives to improve dependability and on-time performance, and securing a total of \$3.4 billion in cash through financing transactions in 2009, which substantially bolstered the Company's liquidity position. In addition, the Company secured financing commitments covering all aircraft scheduled to be delivered in 2010 and 2011.

The Company continues to pursue the initiative to strengthen its global network through the application pending with DOT for global ATI with four members of the **oneworld** global alliance. In 2008, American entered into a joint business agreement and related marketing arrangements with British Airways and Iberia, providing for commercial cooperation on flights between North America and most countries in Europe, pooling and sharing of certain revenues and costs, expanded codesharing, enhanced frequent flyer program reciprocity, and cooperation in other areas. In connection with the joint business agreement, American, British Airways and Iberia, along with Finnair and Royal Jordanian, applied to DOT for ATI for their planned cooperation, and in February of 2010, the DOT tentatively granted the parties' application for ATI subject to certain conditions, including requirements that American and British Airways lease a total of four takeoff and landing slots at London Heathrow (two slot pairs) to other carriers beginning in 2011, that specified provisions of the joint business agreement be amended, and that the carriers submit reports regarding progress towards the alliance's stated goals and the realization of public benefits. DOT also established a procedure that allows any interested party to submit comments on its tentative findings within the next 45 days. American is reviewing the order granting tentative approval with the other applicant carriers, and expects to respond to DOT within the required 45 day comment period. A final decision on the application is expected after DOT's review of responses received from American and other interested parties during the comment period.

In September of 2009, the European Union (EU) issued a Statement of Objection (SO) related to the proposed joint business agreement. The SO asserts, among other things, that without remedies, the joint business agreement would infringe certain aspects of EU competition law. The carriers have responded to the SO and have sought to demonstrate the consumer benefits of the joint business agreement. The SO process is an anticipated part of the process of obtaining clearance from EU competition authorities. The parties have been in discussions and have offered a set of commitments, including offering to lease slots to competitors to serve certain routes, to address the EU's remaining competition concerns.

Implementation of the joint business agreement and the related arrangements is subject to conditions, including final approval from DOT and clearance from EU competition authorities as referred to above, various other U.S. and foreign regulatory approvals, successful negotiation of certain detailed financial and commercial arrangements, and other approvals. Following satisfaction of those conditions, American expects to begin implementing the joint business agreement. No assurances can be given as to any arrangements that may ultimately be implemented or any benefits the Company may derive from such arrangements.

In February 2010, American and JAL announced the decision to strengthen their relationship. The carriers, both members of the **oneworld** alliance, jointly applied to DOT for ATI on certain routes, and jointly notified the MLIT in Tokyo of the proposed cooperation. The Company believes this application will meet DOT's pro-consumer and pro-competition criteria for granting ATI. As a part of the application, American and JAL entered into a joint business agreement which will enhance their scope of cooperation on routes between North America and Asia, through adjustments to their respective networks, flight schedules, and other business activities. This, in turn, will allow both carriers to better complement each other's operations and to develop and offer competitive products and quality service to their customers. The joint business agreement is subject to ATI approval and certain other conditions.

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As a part of these commercial benefits, American determined that with ATI and by participating in a joint business agreement with American, JAL could realize approximately \$100 million in annual incremental revenue. American has given JAL a guarantee to that effect covering the first three years following implementation of the joint business agreement, subject to certain terms and conditions. The Company and other **oneworld** members have also discussed various possible financing arrangements with JAL. The Company has agreed to negotiate in good faith towards a capital investment in JAL by American, **oneworld** and a private investment firm in the future if invited by JAL and the Government of Japan. To date, the Government of Japan has declined any such investment, and the Company does not expect that any such investment will be made in the near term. Any such investment would be on and subject to terms and conditions customary to such an arrangement. The Company also expects that the amount of such a capital investment, if any, would not exceed \$1.4 billion, with the contribution by American and other **oneworld** carriers not to exceed \$300 million, and the remainder to be made by a private investment firm.

Implementation of the JAL joint business agreement is subject to U.S. and foreign regulatory authorization, successful negotiation of certain detailed financial and commercial arrangements, and other approvals. No assurances can be given as to any arrangements that may ultimately be implemented or any benefits that the Company may derive from such arrangements.

The Company recorded a net loss of \$1.5 billion in 2009 compared to a net loss of \$2.5 billion in 2008. The Company's 2009 net loss is primarily attributable to a significant decrease in passenger revenue due to lower traffic and passenger yield. In 2009, the Company experienced very weak demand for air travel driven by the continuing severe downturn in the global economy. In addition, as a result of reduced demand, there has been substantial fare discounting across the industry, which has resulted in decreased passenger yield. Mainline passenger revenue decreased by \$3.2 billion to \$15.0 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008. Mainline passenger unit revenues decreased 11.1 percent in 2009 due to an 11.2 percent decrease in passenger yield compared to 2008 and partially offset by a load factor increase of approximately 0.1 points. Passenger yield remains low and well below the Company's peak yield set in the year 2000, despite cumulative inflation of approximately 26 percent over the same time frame. The Company believes this is the result of a fragmented industry with numerous competitors and excess capacity, increased low cost carrier competition, increased price competition due to the internet, and other factors. Since deregulation in 1978, the Company's passenger yield has increased 64 percent, while the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, has grown by over 220 percent. The Company believes increases in passenger yield will continue to significantly lag CPI indefinitely.

The decrease in total passenger revenue was partially offset by significantly lower year-over-year fuel prices; the Company paid an average of \$2.01 per gallon in 2009 compared to an average of \$3.03 per gallon in 2008, including effects of hedging. Although fuel prices have abated considerably from the record high prices recorded in July 2008, they have steadily increased since the first quarter of 2009 and remain high and extremely volatile by historical standards. However, the Company's unit costs excluding fuel and special charges were greater for the year ended December 31, 2009 than for the same period in 2008. Factors driving the increase include increased defined benefit pension expenses (due to the stock market decline in 2008), higher airport rent and landing fees and cost pressures associated with the Company's capacity reductions announced in 2008 and 2009 and dependability initiatives.

The 2009 operating results were also negatively impacted by a net amount of \$107 million in special items, restructuring charges and a non-cash tax item. Special items of \$184 million include the impairment of certain route and slot authorities, primarily in Latin America, and losses on certain sale leaseback transactions. Restructuring charges for 2009 were \$171 million and related to announced capacity reductions initiated in 2008, including the grounding of the Airbus A300 fleet and the impairment of certain Embraer RJ-135 aircraft, which are operated by AMR Eagle. See Note 2 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements for detail of pass through of AMR Eagle expenses. Also included in 2009 results is a \$248 million non-cash tax benefit resulting from the allocation of the tax expense to other comprehensive income items recognized during 2009. The restructuring charges, the non-cash tax item and the route impairment are described in Notes 2, 8 and 11, respectively, to the consolidated financial statements.

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The Company's ability to become profitable and its ability to continue to fund its obligations on an ongoing basis will depend on a number of factors, many of which are largely beyond the Company's control. Certain risk factors that affect the Company's business and financial results are discussed in the Risk Factors listed in Item 1A. In addition, most of the Company's largest domestic competitors and several smaller carriers have filed for bankruptcy in the last several years and have used this process to significantly reduce contractual labor and other costs. In order to remain competitive and to improve its financial condition, the Company must continue to take steps to generate additional revenues and to reduce its costs. Although the Company has a number of initiatives underway to address its cost and revenue challenges, some of these initiatives involve changes to the Company's business which it may be unable to implement. It has become increasingly difficult to identify and implement significant revenue enhancement and cost savings initiatives. The adequacy and ultimate success of the Company's initiatives to generate additional revenues and reduce costs cannot be assured. Moreover, whether the Company's initiatives will be adequate or successful depends in large measure on factors beyond its control, notably the overall industry environment, including passenger demand, yield and industry capacity growth, and fuel prices. It will be very difficult for the Company to continue to fund its obligations on an ongoing basis, and to return to profitability, if the overall industry revenue environment does not improve substantially or if fuel prices were to increase and persist for an extended period at high levels.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

**Cash, Short-Term Investments and Restricted Assets** At December 31, 2009, the Company had \$4.4 billion in unrestricted cash and short-term investments and \$460 million in Restricted cash and short-term investments, both at fair value, versus \$3.1 billion in unrestricted cash and short-term investments and \$459 million in Restricted cash and short-term investments in 2008.

**Significant Indebtedness and Future Financing** Indebtedness is a significant risk to the Company as discussed in the Risk Factors listed in Item 1A. During 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, the Company raised an aggregate of approximately \$6.1 billion in financing to fund operating losses, capital commitments (mainly for aircraft and ground properties), debt maturities, employee pension obligations and to bolster its liquidity. As of the date of this Form 10-K, the Company believes that it should have sufficient liquidity to fund its operations, including repayment of debt and capital leases, capital expenditures and other contractual obligations; however there can be no assurances to that effect.

Despite the disruptions in the capital markets, in the twelve months ended December 31, 2009, the Company raised approximately \$3.4 billion in cash from the advance sale of AAdvantage miles, debt issuances, equity issuances and sale leasebacks. In addition, the Company secured financing commitments covering all aircraft scheduled to be delivered to the Company in 2010 and 2011. See full descriptions of these financings in Notes 4, 5, 6 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

In 2010, the Company will be required to make approximately \$791 million of principal payments on long-term debt and approximately \$90 million in principal payments on capital leases, and the Company expects to spend approximately \$1.7 billion on capital expenditures, including aircraft commitments. In addition, the global economic downturn, rising fuel prices, the possibility of being required to post reserves under credit card processing agreements, and the obligation to post cash collateral on fuel hedging contracts and fund pension plan contributions, among other things, may in the future negatively impact the Company's liquidity. To maintain sufficient liquidity and because the Company has significant debt, lease and other obligations in the next several years, including commitments to purchase aircraft, as well as significant pension funding obligations, the Company will need access to substantial additional funding. An inability to obtain necessary additional funding on acceptable terms would have a material adverse impact on the Company and on its ability to sustain its operations.

The Company's substantial indebtedness and other obligations have important consequences. For example, they: (i) limit the Company's ability to obtain additional funding for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, investments and general corporate purposes, and adversely affect the terms on which such funding could be obtained; (ii) require the Company to dedicate a substantial portion of its cash flow from operations to payments on its indebtedness and other obligations, thereby reducing the funds available for other purposes; (iii) make the Company more vulnerable to economic downturns and catastrophic external events; and (iv) limit the Company's ability to withstand competitive pressures and reduce its flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions.

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The Company's possible remaining financing sources primarily include: (i) a very limited amount of additional secured aircraft debt or sale leaseback transactions involving owned aircraft; (ii) debt secured by other assets; (iii) securitization of future operating receipts; (iv) the sale or monetization of certain assets; (v) unsecured debt; and (vi) issuance of equity or equity-like securities. Besides unencumbered aircraft, the Company's most likely sources of liquidity include the financing of route authorities, takeoff and landing slots, spare parts, and the sale or financing of certain of AMR's business units and subsidiaries, such as AMR Eagle. The Company's ability to obtain future financing is limited by the value of its unencumbered assets. Almost all of the Company's aircraft assets (including aircraft eligible for the benefits of Section 1110 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code) are encumbered. Also, the market value of these aircraft assets has declined in recent years, and may continue to decline. The Company believes it has approximately \$2 billion in assets that could be used as possible financing sources as of the date of this filing. However, many of these assets may be difficult to finance, and the availability and level of the financing sources described above cannot be assured.

As of December 31, 2009, American had 45 Boeing 737-800 purchase commitments for 2010 and eight Boeing 737-800 purchase commitments in 2011. In addition to these aircraft, American has firm commitments for eleven Boeing 737-800 aircraft and seven Boeing 777 aircraft scheduled to be delivered in 2013-2016. Payments for the Company's aircraft purchase commitments will approximate \$1.3 billion in 2010, \$350 million in 2011, \$217 million in 2012, \$465 million in 2013, \$224 million for 2014, and \$248 million for 2015 and beyond. These amounts are net of purchase deposits currently held by the manufacturer.

As a result of recent financing transactions (refer to Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements), American does not expect to use its previously arranged backstop financing to finance any of its Boeing 737-800 aircraft deliveries scheduled for 2010 and 2011; however, such backstop financing arrangement remains in place.

In 2008, the Company entered into a new purchase agreement with Boeing for the acquisition of 42 firm Boeing 787-9 aircraft and purchase rights to acquire up to 58 additional B787 aircraft. Per the purchase agreement, the first such aircraft was scheduled to be delivered in 2012, and the last firm aircraft was scheduled to be delivered in 2018 with deliveries of additional aircraft, if any, scheduled between 2015 and 2020. The Company and Boeing are currently discussing a revised delivery schedule due to the impact of the overall Boeing 787 program delay on American's delivery positions. The revised delivery schedule is expected to include terms and conditions consistent with the original agreement and to allow the Company confirmation rights both similar to those described below.

Under the current 787-9 purchase agreement, except as described below, American will not be obligated to purchase a 787-9 aircraft unless it gives Boeing notice confirming its election to do so at least 18 months prior to the scheduled delivery date for that aircraft. If American does not give that notice with respect to an aircraft, the aircraft no longer be subject to the 787-9 purchase agreement. These confirmation rights may be exercised until a specified date, May 1, 2013 under the current agreement, provided that those rights will terminate earlier if American reaches a collective bargaining agreement with its pilot union that includes provisions enabling American to utilize the 787-9 to American's satisfaction in the operations desired by American, or if American confirms its election to purchase any of the initial 42 787-9 aircraft. While there can be no assurances, American expects that it will have reached an agreement as described above with its pilots union prior to the first notification date. In either of those events, American would become obligated to purchase all of the initial 42 aircraft then subject to the purchase agreement. If neither of those events occur prior to May 1, 2013 under the current agreement, then on that date American may elect to purchase all of the initial 42 aircraft then subject to the purchase agreement, and if it does not elect to do so, the purchase agreement will terminate in its entirety.

**Credit Ratings** AMR's and American's credit ratings are significantly below investment grade. Additional reductions in AMR's or American's credit ratings could further increase its borrowing or other costs and further restrict the availability of future financing.

**Credit Card Processing and Other Reserves** American has agreements with a number of credit card companies and processors to accept credit cards for the sale of air travel and other services. Under certain of these agreements, the related credit card processor may hold back a reserve from American's credit card receivables following the occurrence of certain events, including the failure of American to maintain certain levels of liquidity (as specified in each agreement).

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Under such agreements, the amount of the reserve that may be required generally is based on the processor's exposure to the Company under the applicable agreement and, in the case a reserve is required because of American's failure to maintain a certain level of liquidity, the amount of such liquidity. As of December 31, 2009, the Company was not required to maintain any reserve under such agreements. If circumstances were to occur that would allow the credit card processor to require the Company to maintain a reserve, the Company's liquidity would be negatively impacted.

**Cash Flow Activity** The Company's cash flow from operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2009 generated \$643 million which is an increase of \$2.2 billion from the same period in 2008, primarily due to the decrease in average fuel prices in 2009 as compared to 2008.

Capital expenditures during 2009 were \$1.5 billion and primarily included new aircraft and aircraft modifications. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information.

The Company made debt and capital lease payments of \$1.9 billion in 2009. Included in this amount, the Company retired, at maturity, its \$255 million secured bank revolving credit facility in June 2009 and retired its \$432 million term loan credit facility in September 2009.

In 2009, the Company obtained approximately \$3.4 billion of cash from financing activities through the following:

\$1.0 billion	Advance sale of AAdvantage Miles to Citibank (of which \$110 million is recorded as deferred revenue and included in cash flow from operations)
\$1.6 billion	Issuance of other debt instruments
\$768 million	Sale leaseback financings

See Notes 5 and 6 to the consolidated financial statements for a detailed description of these financing transactions.

Due to the current value of the Company's derivative contracts, some agreements with counterparties require collateral to be deposited by the Company. As of December 31, 2009, the cash collateral held by such counterparties from AMR was \$14 million as compared to \$575 million at December 31, 2008.

In the past, the Company has from time to time refinanced, redeemed or repurchased its debt and taken other steps to reduce its debt or lease obligations or otherwise improve its balance sheet. Going forward, depending on market conditions, its cash positions and other considerations, the Company may continue to take such actions.

**Compensation** On January 19, 2010, the Company approved the 2010 Annual Incentive Plan (AIP) for American. All U.S. based employees of American are eligible to participate in the AIP. The AIP is American's annual bonus plan and provides for the payment of awards in the event certain financial and/or customer service metrics are satisfied.

**Working Capital** AMR (principally American) historically operates with a working capital deficit, as do most other airline companies. In addition, the Company has historically relied heavily on external financing to fund capital expenditures. More recently, the Company has also relied on external financing to fund operating losses, employee pension obligations and debt maturities.

**Off Balance Sheet Arrangements** American has determined that it holds a significant variable interest in, but is not the primary beneficiary of, certain trusts that are the lessors under 84 of its aircraft operating leases. These leases contain a fixed price purchase option, which allows American to purchase the aircraft at a predetermined price on a specified date. However, American does not guarantee the residual value of the aircraft. As of December 31, 2009, future lease payments required under these leases totaled \$1.4 billion.

Certain special facility revenue bonds have been issued by certain municipalities primarily to purchase equipment and improve airport facilities that are leased by American and accounted for as operating leases. Approximately \$1.5 billion of these bonds (with total future payments of approximately \$3.3 billion as of December 31, 2009) are guaranteed by American, AMR, or both. Approximately \$177 million of these special facility revenue bonds contain mandatory tender provisions that require American to make operating lease payments sufficient to repurchase the bonds at various times: \$112 million in 2014 and \$65 million in 2015. Although American has the right to remarket the bonds, there can be no assurance that these bonds will be successfully remarketed. Any payments to redeem or purchase bonds that are not remarketed would generally reduce existing rent leveling accruals or be considered prepaid facility rentals and would reduce future operating lease commitments.

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In addition, the Company had other operating leases, primarily for aircraft and airport facilities, with total future lease payments of \$4.6 billion as of December 31, 2009. Entering into aircraft leases allows the Company to obtain aircraft without immediate cash outflows.

## **Commitments**

**Pension Obligations** The Company is required to make minimum contributions to its defined benefit pension plans under the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 and the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The Company estimates its 2010 required contribution to its defined benefit pension plans to be approximately \$525 million under the provisions of these acts.

The Company's obligation for pension and retiree medical and other benefits increased from \$6.6 billion at December 31, 2008 to \$7.4 billion at December 31, 2009, largely the result of a lower discount rate associated with declining interest rates in the bond markets in 2009. A significant portion of this increase is recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive loss, a component of stockholders' equity. Consequently, the Company's 2010 pension expense will be slightly higher than in 2009.

**Other Commitments** As of December 31, 2009, American had 45 Boeing 737-800 purchase commitments for 2010 and eight Boeing 737-800 purchase commitments in 2011. In addition to these aircraft, American has firm commitments for eleven Boeing 737-800 aircraft and seven Boeing 777 aircraft scheduled to be delivered in 2013-2016. Future payments for all aircraft, including the estimated amounts for price escalation, are currently estimated to be approximately \$2.8 billion, with the majority occurring in 2009 through 2011. Additional information about the Company's obligations is included in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements.

The Company has contracts related to facility construction or improvement projects, primarily at airport locations. The contractual obligations related to these projects totaled approximately \$55 million as of December 31, 2009. The Company expects to make payments of \$43 million and \$10 million in 2010 and 2011, respectively. In addition, the Company has an information technology support related contract that requires minimum annual payments of \$150 million through 2013.

American has a capacity purchase agreement with Chautauqua Airlines, Inc. to provide Embraer -140 regional jet services to certain markets under the brand "AmericanConnection". Under this arrangement, the Company pays the AmericanConnection® carrier a fee per block hour to operate the aircraft. The block hour fees are designed to cover the AmericanConnection® carrier's fully allocated costs plus a margin. Assumptions for certain costs such as fuel, landing fees, insurance, and aircraft ownership are trued up to actual values on a pass through basis. In consideration for these payments, the Company retains all passenger and other revenues resulting from the operation of the AmericanConnection® regional jets. Minimum payments under the contracts are \$56 million in 2010 and \$72 million over the two years 2011 and 2012. In addition, if the Company terminates the Chautauqua contract without cause, Chautauqua has the right to put its 15 Embraer aircraft to the Company. If this were to happen, the Company would take possession of the aircraft and become liable for lease obligations totaling approximately \$21 million per year with lease expirations in 2018 and 2019.

American Airlines and AMR Eagle operate under a capacity purchase agreement. The capacity purchase agreement reflects what the Company believes are current market rates received by other regional carriers for similar flying. Amounts paid to AMR Eagle under the capacity purchase agreement are available to pay for various operating expenses of AMR Eagle, such as crew expenses, maintenance and aircraft ownership. As of December 31, 2009, AMR Eagle operated over 1,500 daily departures, offering scheduled passenger service to over 150 destinations in North America, Mexico and the Caribbean. On a separate company basis, AMR Eagle reported \$2.1 billion in revenue in 2009. However, this historical financial information is not indicative of what AMR Eagle's future revenues might be if AMR Eagle were a stand-alone entity.

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The following table summarizes the combined capacity purchase activity for the American Connection carriers and AMR Eagle for 2009 and 2008 (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
Revenues:		
Regional Affiliates	\$ 2,012	\$ 2,486
Other	135	127
	<u>\$ 2,147</u>	<u>\$ 2,613</u>
Expenses:		
Regional payments	\$ 2,120	\$ 2,639
Other incurred expenses	389	424
	<u>\$ 2,509</u>	<u>\$ 3,063</u>

In addition, passengers connecting to American's flights from American Connection and AMR Eagle flights generated passenger revenues for American flights of \$1.4 billion in 2009 and \$1.7 billion in 2008, which are included in Revenues – Passenger in the consolidated statements of operations.

See Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the capacity purchase arrangement with AMR Eagle.

### **Results of Operations**

The Company recorded a net loss of \$1.5 billion in 2009 compared to a net loss of \$2.5 billion in 2008. The Company's 2009 loss is primarily attributable to a significant decrease in passenger revenue due to lower traffic and passenger yield. The 2009 results were also negatively impacted by a net amount of \$107 million in special items, restructuring charges and a non-cash tax item. Special items of \$184 million include the impairment of certain route and slot authorities, primarily in Latin America, and losses on certain sale leaseback transactions. Restructuring charges for 2009 were \$171 million and related to announced capacity reductions, including the grounding of the Airbus A300 fleet and the impairment of certain Embraer RJ-135 aircraft, which are operated by AMR Eagle. See Note 2 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements for detail of pass through of these AMR Eagle expenses. Also included in 2009 results is a \$248 million non-cash tax benefit resulting from the allocation of the tax expense to other comprehensive income items recognized during 2009. The restructuring charges, the non-cash tax item and the route impairment are described in Note 2, 8 and 11, respectively, to the consolidated financial statements.

The Company recorded a net loss of \$2.5 billion in 2008 compared to net earnings of \$356 million in 2007. The Company's 2008 results include an impairment charge of \$1.0 billion to write the McDonnell Douglas MD-80 fleet and certain related long-lived assets down to their estimated fair values, a \$68 million accrual for employee severance cost and a \$33 million expense related to the grounding of leased Airbus A300 aircraft prior to lease expiration, all in connection with announced capacity reductions and included in Special charges in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In addition, the Company's 2008 results include the impact of a pension settlement charge of \$103 million for one of the Company's defined benefit plans included in Wages, salaries and benefits on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company's 2007 results reflected an improvement in revenues somewhat offset by fuel prices and certain other costs. The 2007 results were impacted by productivity improvements and by cost reductions and the impact of several items including: a \$39 million gain to reflect the positive impact of the change to an 18-month expiration of AAdvantage miles included in Passenger revenue, and a \$63 million charge associated with the retirement and planned disposal of 24 MD-80 aircraft and certain other equipment that previously had been temporarily stored included in Other operating expenses.

## Revenues

**2009 Compared to 2008** The Company's revenues decreased approximately \$3.8 billion, or 16.0 percent, to \$19.9 billion in 2009 compared to 2008. American's passenger revenues decreased by 17.5 percent, or \$3.2 billion, on a capacity decrease of approximately 7.2 percent year over year. Mainline passenger load factor increased approximately 0.1 points to 80.7 percent and passenger revenue yield per passenger mile decreased 11.2 percent to 12.28 cents. This resulted in a decrease in passenger revenue per available seat mile (RASM) of 11.1 percent to 9.91 cents. In 2009, American derived approximately 60 percent of its passenger revenues from domestic operations and approximately 40 percent from international operations (flights serving international destinations). Following is additional information regarding American's domestic and international RASM and capacity:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009			
	RASM (cents)	Y-O-Y Change	ASMs (billions)	Y-O-Y Change
DOT Domestic	9.87	(8.7)%	93.0	(8.7)%
International	9.96	(14.9)	58.8	(4.7)
DOT Latin America	10.91	(12.5)	28.4	(6.5)
DOT Atlantic	9.13	(16.7)	23.7	(3.7)
DOT Pacific	8.90	(19.4)	6.7	0.1

The Company's Regional Affiliates include carriers with which it has capacity purchase agreements: AMR Eagle and the American Connection carriers.

Regional Affiliates' passenger revenues, which are based on industry standard proration agreements for flights connecting to American flights, decreased by \$474 million, or 19.1 percent, to \$2.0 billion as a result of a reduction in capacity, decreased passenger traffic and lower yield. Regional Affiliates' traffic decreased 6.7 percent to 8.3 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs), while capacity decreased 8.2 percent to 11.6 billion ASMs, resulting in a 1.2 point increase in passenger load factor to 71.4 percent.

Cargo revenues decreased by 33.9 percent, or \$296 million, primarily due to decreases in advertising mail and freight traffic resulting from the current economic downturn.

Other revenues increased 8.0 percent, or \$169 million, to \$2.3 billion due to increases in certain passenger service charges instituted throughout the year in 2008.

## Operating Expenses

**2009 Compared to 2008** The Company's total operating expenses decreased 18.2 percent, or \$4.7 billion, to \$21.1 billion in 2009 compared to 2008. American's mainline operating expenses per ASM in 2009 decreased 11.9 percent compared to 2008 to 12.22 cents. The decrease in operating expense was largely due to a year-over-year decrease in fuel prices from \$3.03 per gallon in 2008 to \$2.01 per gallon in 2009, including the impact of fuel hedging. Although fuel prices have abated considerably from the record high prices recorded in July 2008, they have steadily increased since the first quarter of 2009 and remain high and extremely volatile by historical standards. A return to the recent historically high fuel prices and/or disruptions in the supply of fuel would further materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and results of operations. The Company's unit costs excluding fuel and special charges were greater for the year ended December 31, 2009 than the year ended December 31, 2008. Factors driving the increase include increased defined benefit pension expenses (due to the stock market decline in 2008), higher airport rent and landing fees and cost pressures associated with the Company's capacity reductions announced in 2008 and 2009 and dependability initiatives.

(in millions)

<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Year ended December 31, 2009</u>	<u>Change from 2008</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Wages, salaries and benefits	\$ 6,218	\$ 174	2.9%
Aircraft fuel	5,015	(3,139)	(38.5) (a)
Regional payments to AMR Eagle	2,002	(398)	(16.6) (b)
Other rentals and landing fees	1,230	50	4.2
Maintenance, materials and repairs	1,028	50	5.1
Depreciation and amortization	954	(68)	(6.7)
Commissions, booking fees and credit card expense	853	(144)	(14.4) (c)
Aircraft rentals	516	29	6.0
Food service	487	(22)	(4.3)
Special charges	171	(1,039)	(85.9) (d)
Other operating expenses	2,587	(182)	(6.6)
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 21,061</u>	<u>(4,689)</u>	<u>(18.2)%</u>

- (a) Aircraft fuel expense decreased primarily due to a 33.7 percent decrease in the Company's price per gallon of fuel (net of the impact of fuel hedging) and a 7.2 percent decrease in the Company's fuel consumption. The Company recorded \$591 million in net losses and \$344 million in net gains on its fuel hedging contracts for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.
- (b) Regional payments to AMR Eagle decreased in conjunction with a 34.2 percent decrease in Regional Affiliates' price per gallon of fuel (net of the impact of fuel hedging) and a 5.0 percent decrease in Regional Affiliates' fuel consumption.
- (c) Commissions, booking fees and credit card expense decreased in conjunction with the 16.0 percent decrease in the Company's revenues.
- (d) Special charges in 2008 are related to an impairment charge of \$1.0 billion to write down the Company's McDonnell Douglas MD-80 fleet and certain related long-lived assets to their estimated fair values. Special charges in 2009 relate to announced capacity reductions, the grounding of the Airbus A300 fleet and the write down of certain Embraer RJ-135 aircraft to their estimated fair values.

**OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)**

Other income (expense) consists of Interest income and expense, Interest capitalized and Miscellaneous - net.

**2009 Compared to 2008** Decreases in both short-term investment balances throughout most of 2009 and decreases in interest rates caused a decrease in Interest income of \$142 million, or 80.7 percent, to \$34 million. Interest expense increased \$14 million, or 2.5 percent, to \$583 million primarily as a result of slightly higher rates in 2009 on variable rate debt.

**Income Tax Benefit**

The Company did not record a net tax provision (benefit) associated with 2008 net loss due to the Company providing a valuation allowance, as discussed in Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements. However, during 2009, the Company generated a pre-tax loss of \$1.8 billion and other comprehensive income of approximately \$702 million. In accordance with accounting standards, the net zero tax provision is required to be allocated between Operating loss and Accumulated other comprehensive income. Application of this guidance during 2009 resulted in a non-cash income tax benefit of \$248 million, offset by a \$248 million charge to other comprehensive income related to such items being recognized in 2009. See Note 8 for additional information regarding the allocation of income tax benefit to Operating income and Accumulated other comprehensive income.

The Company has also recorded an income tax expense credit of approximately \$35 million in 2009 resulting from the Company's anticipated election under Section 3081 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (as extended by Section 1201(b) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009), allowing corporations a refund of certain research and alternative minimum tax (AMT) credit carryforwards in lieu of applicable bonus depreciation on certain qualifying capital investments.

**Outlook**

The Company currently expects capacity for American's mainline jet operations to decrease by approximately three percent in the first quarter of 2010 versus first quarter 2009. American's mainline capacity for the full year 2010 is expected to increase approximately one percent from 2009 with half of a percent decrease in domestic capacity and nearly three percent growth in international capacity.

The Company expects first quarter 2010 mainline unit costs to increase approximately 9.2 percent year over year. The first quarter 2010 and full year 2010 unit cost expectations reflect the increase in the cost of fuel during the second half of 2009 and projected fuel prices in 2010, anticipated higher revenue-related expenses (such as booking fees and commissions) and financing costs related to Boeing 737-800 and other aircraft deliveries. Due to these cost pressures, the Company expects first quarter unit costs excluding fuel to also be modestly higher than the prior year periods.

The Company's results are significantly affected by the price of jet fuel, which is in turn affected by a number of factors beyond the Company's control. Although fuel prices have abated considerably from the record high prices recorded in July 2008, they have steadily increased since the first quarter of 2009 and remain high and extremely volatile by historical standards.

The Company is experiencing very weak demand for air travel driven by the severe downturn in the global economy. The Company initially implemented capacity reductions in 2008 and again in the first half of 2009 in response to record high fuel prices in 2008 and a rapidly deteriorating economy. Those capacity reductions have somewhat mitigated this weakening of demand. However, if the global economic downturn persists or worsens, demand for air travel may continue to weaken. No assurance can be given that capacity reductions or other steps the Company may take will be adequate to offset the effects of reduced demand. In addition, fare discounting has recently been both broader and deeper than usual, and the Company expects downward pressure on passenger yields into 2010.

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## ITEM 7(A). QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

### Market Risk Sensitive Instruments and Positions

The risk inherent in the Company's market risk sensitive instruments and positions is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in the price of fuel, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates as discussed below. The sensitivity analyses presented do not consider the effects that such adverse changes may have on overall economic activity, nor do they consider additional actions management may take to mitigate the Company's exposure to such changes. Therefore, actual results may differ. The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for accounting policies and additional information regarding derivatives.

**Aircraft Fuel** The Company's earnings are substantially affected by changes in the price and availability of aircraft fuel. In order to provide a measure of control over price and supply, the Company trades and ships fuel and maintains fuel storage facilities to support its flight operations. The Company also manages the price risk of fuel costs primarily by using jet fuel and heating oil hedging contracts. Market risk is estimated as a hypothetical 10 percent increase in the December 31, 2009 and 2008 cost per gallon of fuel. Based on projected 2010 fuel usage, such an increase would result in an increase to Aircraft fuel expense of approximately \$445 million in 2010, inclusive of the impact of effective fuel hedge instruments outstanding at December 31, 2009, and assumes the Company's fuel hedging program remains effective. This projected increase to Aircraft fuel does not include Aircraft fuel expense of AMR Eagle. Such an increase would have resulted in an increase to projected Aircraft fuel expense of approximately \$360 million in 2009, inclusive of the impact of fuel hedge instruments outstanding at December 31, 2008. As of January 2010, the Company had cash flow hedges, with collars and options, covering approximately 24 percent of its estimated 2010 fuel requirements. Comparatively, as of December 31, 2008 the Company had hedged, with collars and options, approximately 35 percent of its estimated 2009 fuel requirements. The consumption hedged for 2010 by cash flow hedges is capped at an average price of approximately \$2.48 per gallon of jet fuel, and the Company's collars have an average floor price of approximately \$1.80 per gallon of jet fuel (both the capped and floor price exclude taxes and transportation costs). The Company's collars represent approximately 22 percent of its estimated 2010 fuel requirements. A deterioration of the Company's financial position could negatively affect the Company's ability to hedge fuel in the future.

Ineffectiveness is inherent in hedging jet fuel with derivative positions based in crude oil or other crude oil related commodities. The Company assesses, both at the inception of each hedge and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that are used in its hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged items. In doing so, the Company uses a regression model to determine the correlation of the change in prices of the commodities used to hedge jet fuel (e.g., NYMEX Heating oil) to the change in the price of jet fuel. The Company also monitors the actual dollar offset of the hedges' market values as compared to hypothetical jet fuel hedges. The fuel hedge contracts are generally deemed to be "highly effective" if the R-squared is greater than 80 percent and the dollar offset correlation is within 80 percent to 125 percent. The Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively if it determines that a derivative is no longer expected to be highly effective as a hedge or if it decides to discontinue the hedging relationship.

**Foreign Currency** The Company is exposed to the effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the U.S. dollar value of foreign currency-denominated operating revenues and expenses. The Company's largest exposure comes from the British pound, Euro, Canadian dollar, Japanese yen and various Latin American currencies. The Company does not currently have a foreign currency hedge program related to its foreign currency-denominated ticket sales. A uniform 10 percent strengthening in the value of the U.S. dollar from December 31, 2009 and 2008 levels relative to each of the currencies in which the Company has foreign currency exposure would result in a decrease in operating income of approximately \$136 million and \$146 million for the years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, due to the Company's foreign-denominated revenues exceeding its foreign-denominated expenses. This sensitivity analysis was prepared based upon projected 2010 and 2009 foreign currency-denominated revenues and expenses as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

On January 11, 2010, the Venezuelan Government devalued its currency from 2.15 bolivars per U.S. dollar to 4.30 bolivars per U.S. dollar and the currency was designated as hyperinflationary. As a result, the Company recognized a loss of \$53 million related to the currency remeasurement in January 2010. The Company does not expect any significant ongoing impact of the currency devaluation on its operations in Venezuela, but there can be no assurances to that effect.

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**Interest** The Company's earnings are also affected by changes in interest rates due to the impact those changes have on its interest income from cash and short-term investments, and its interest expense from variable-rate debt instruments. The Company's largest exposure with respect to variable rate debt comes from changes in the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The Company had variable rate debt instruments representing approximately 29 percent and 37 percent of its total long-term debt at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. If the Company's interest rates average 10 percent more in 2010 than they did at December 31, 2009, the Company's interest expense would increase by approximately \$7 million and interest income from cash and short-term investments would increase by approximately \$1 million. In comparison, at December 31, 2008, the Company estimated that if interest rates averaged 10 percent more in 2009 than they did at December 31, 2008, the Company's interest expense would have increased by approximately \$13 million and interest income from cash and short-term investments would have increased by approximately \$7 million. These amounts are determined by considering the impact of the hypothetical interest rates on the Company's variable rate long-term debt and cash and short-term investment balances at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Market risk for fixed rate long-term debt is estimated as the potential increase in fair value resulting from a hypothetical 10 percent decrease in interest rates, and amounts to approximately \$227 million and \$186 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The fair values of the Company's long-term debt were estimated using quoted market prices or discounted future cash flows based on the Company's incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

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**ITEM 8. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholder  
American Airlines, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of American Airlines, Inc. as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholder's equity (deficit) and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2). These consolidated financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of American Airlines, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of American Airlines, Inc. at December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), American Airlines, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 17, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

**/s/ Ernst & Young LLP**

Dallas, Texas  
February 17, 2010

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>Revenues</b>			
Passenger	\$ 15,037	\$ 18,234	\$ 17,651
Regional Affiliates	2,012	2,486	2,470
Cargo	578	874	825
Other revenues	2,271	2,102	1,887
Total operating revenues	<u>19,898</u>	<u>23,696</u>	<u>22,833</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Wages, salaries and benefits	6,218	6,044	6,132
Aircraft fuel	5,015	8,154	6,011
Regional payments to AMR Eagle	2,002	2,400	2,284
Other rentals and landing fees	1,230	1,180	1,162
Maintenance, materials and repairs	1,028	978	826
Depreciation and amortization	954	1,022	1,010
Commissions, booking fees and credit card expense	853	997	1,029
Aircraft rentals	516	487	579
Food service	487	509	524
Special charges	171	1,210	63
Other operating expenses	2,587	2,769	2,511
Total operating expenses	<u>21,061</u>	<u>25,750</u>	<u>22,131</u>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	(1,163)	(2,054)	702
<b>Other Income (Expense)</b>			
Interest income	34	176	327
Interest expense	(583)	(569)	(708)
Interest capitalized	42	33	20
Related party interest – net	(14)	(56)	(85)
Miscellaneous – net	(73)	(61)	100
	<u>(594)</u>	<u>(477)</u>	<u>(346)</u>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes</b>	(1,757)	(2,531)	356
Income tax (benefit)	(283)	-	-
<b>Net Earnings (Loss)</b>	<u>\$ (1,474)</u>	<u>\$ (2,531)</u>	<u>\$ 356</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions, except shares and par value)

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 149	\$ 188
Short-term investments	4,241	2,910
Restricted cash and short-term investments	460	459
Receivables, less allowance for uncollectible accounts (2009 - \$57; 2008 - \$49)	744	797
Inventories, less allowance for obsolescence (2009 - \$457; 2008 - \$437)	518	481
Fuel derivative contracts	135	188
Fuel derivative collateral deposits	14	575
Other current assets	293	175
Total current assets	<u>6,554</u>	<u>5,773</u>
<b>Equipment and Property</b>		
Flight equipment, at cost	16,430	16,427
Less accumulated depreciation	6,414	6,318
	<u>10,016</u>	<u>10,109</u>
Purchase deposits for flight equipment	608	670
Other equipment and property, at cost	5,004	4,958
Less accumulated depreciation	2,759	2,633
	<u>2,245</u>	<u>2,325</u>
	<u>12,869</u>	<u>13,104</u>
<b>Equipment and Property Under Capital Leases</b>		
Flight equipment	651	561
Other equipment and property	215	215
	<u>866</u>	<u>776</u>
Less accumulated amortization	571	536
	<u>295</u>	<u>240</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
International slots and route authorities	736	828
Domestic slots and airport operating and gate lease rights, less accumulated amortization (2009 - \$393; 2008 - \$379)	236	262
Other assets	2,274	2,311
	<u>3,246</u>	<u>3,401</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 22,964</u>	<u>\$ 22,518</u>

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions, except shares and par value)

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
<b>Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity (Deficit)</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 988	\$ 891
Accrued salaries and wages	460	484
Fuel derivative liability	80	716
Accrued liabilities	1,457	1,433
Air traffic liability	3,431	3,708
Payable to affiliates	3,008	2,427
Current maturities of long-term debt	791	1,305
Current obligations under capital leases	90	107
Total current liabilities	<u>10,305</u>	<u>11,071</u>
<b>Long-Term Debt, Less Current Maturities</b>	7,385	6,102
<b>Obligations Under Capital Leases, Less Current Obligations</b>	599	582
<b>Other Liabilities and Credits</b>		
Deferred gains	272	297
Pension and postretirement benefits	7,397	6,613
Other liabilities and deferred credits	2,884	2,758
	<u>10,553</u>	<u>9,668</u>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>		
<b>Stockholder's Equity (Deficit)</b>		
Common stock - \$1 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	-	-
Additional paid-in capital	3,938	3,891
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,833)	(3,287)
Accumulated deficit	(6,983)	(5,509)
	<u>(5,878)</u>	<u>(4,905)</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity (Deficit)</b>	<u>\$ 22,964</u>	<u>\$ 22,518</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities:</b>			
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (1,474)	\$ (2,531)	\$ 356
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	834	877	850
Amortization	120	145	160
Equity based stock compensation	61	49	123
Special charges	171	1,313	63
Pension and postretirement	657	279	27
Gain on sale of investments	-	-	(138)
Redemption payments under operating leases for special facility revenue bonds	-	(188)	(100)
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Decrease (increase) in receivables	53	206	(48)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(81)	(4)	(109)
Decrease (increase) in derivative collateral and unwound derivative contracts	561	(940)	164
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(138)	(601)	340
Increase (decrease) in air traffic liability	(277)	(277)	203
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities and deferred credits	232	(175)	(161)
Other, net	(76)	241	(204)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>643</u>	<u>(1,606)</u>	<u>1,526</u>
<b>Cash Flow from Investing Activities:</b>			
Capital expenditures, including purchase deposits on flight equipment	(1,475)	(854)	(670)
Net decrease (increase) in short-term investments	(1,331)	1,376	233
Net decrease (increase) in restricted cash and short-term investments	(1)	(31)	48
Proceeds from sale of equipment, property and investments	69	36	220
Other	54	10	5
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(2,684)</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>(164)</u>
<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities:</b>			
Payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(1,877)	(568)	(1,930)
Proceeds from:			
Reimbursement from construction reserve account	-	-	59
Issuance of long-term debt	2,530	825	-
Sale leaseback transactions	768	151	-
Funds transferred from affiliates, net	581	704	533
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>2,002</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(39)	43	25
Cash at beginning of year	188	145	120
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 149</u>	<u>\$ 188</u>	<u>\$ 145</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)**  
(in millions)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss )	Accumulated Deficit	Total
Balance at January 1, 2007	\$ -	\$ 3,667	\$ (1,399)	\$ (3,334)	\$ (1,066)
Net earnings	-	-	-	356	356
Pension, retiree medical and other liability	-	-	1,744	-	1,744
Net changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	221	-	221
Unrealized loss on investments	-	-	(6)	-	(6)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	2,315
Reclassification and amortization of stock compensation plans	-	195	-	-	195
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ -	\$ 3,862	\$ 560	\$ (2,978)	\$ 1,444
Net loss	-	-	-	(2,531)	(2,531)
Pension, retiree medical and other liability	-	-	(2,724)	-	(2,724)
Net changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	(1,116)	-	(1,116)
Unrealized loss on investments	-	-	(7)	-	(7)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(6,378)
Reclassification and amortization of stock compensation plans	-	29	-	-	29
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ -	\$ 3,891	\$ (3,287)	\$ (5,509)	\$ (4,905)
Net loss	-	-	-	(1,474)	(1,474)
Pension, retiree medical and other liability	-	-	(117)	-	(120)
Net changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	813	-	813
Non-cash tax provision	-	-	(248)	-	(248)
Unrealized gain on investments	-	-	6	-	9
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(1,020)
Reclassification and amortization of stock compensation plans	-	47	-	-	47
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ -	\$ 3,938	\$ (2,833)	\$ (6,983)	\$ (5,878)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**1. Summary of Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation** American Airlines, Inc. (American or the Company) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AMR Corporation (AMR). The accompanying consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009 and for the three years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries as well as VIEs for which the Company is the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

**New Accounting Pronouncements** In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company has adopted new fair value measurements guidance as it applies to non-financial assets and liabilities, including the Company's routes. U.S. GAAP defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The guidance was applied in the fourth quarter of 2009, in conjunction with the Company's annual impairment testing on routes, at which time the net carrying value of the routes was reassessed for recoverability. It was determined through this annual impairment testing that the fair value of certain routes was less than the carrying value, and the Company adjusted the value of these route assets to their respective fair values. See Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements for more information regarding the route impairment and supplementary disclosure as required under the standard.

In December 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued new guidance requiring additional disclosures about assets held in an employer's defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan, primarily related to categories and fair value measurements of plan assets. The Company has adopted the new standard effective December 31, 2009. The only impact to the Company was to require additional disclosures related to the Company's pension assets. See Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements for the required disclosure.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance to change financial reporting by enterprises involved with VIEs. The standard replaces the quantitative-based risks and rewards calculation for determining which enterprise has a controlling financial interest in a VIE with an approach focused on identifying which enterprise has the power to direct the activities of a VIE and the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive the entity's residual returns. This accounting standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of this pronouncement on its consolidated financial statements and has determined the impact of adoption to be immaterial.

In November of 2009, the FASB issued new guidance that significantly changes the accounting for revenue in arrangements with multiple deliverables by requiring entities to separately account for individual deliverables in more of these arrangements. The guidance removes the criterion that entities must use vendor-specific objective and reliable evidence of fair value when separately accounting for deliverables, allowing for the recognition of revenue in a manner that more closely aligns with the economics of certain arrangements based on management's estimate of the selling price. The standard must be applied prospectively to revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. In addition, the FASB significantly expanded the disclosures related to multiple deliverable revenue arrangements. Although the Company continues to evaluate the impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements, the Company believes the impact of adoption will not be material in 2011, but could have a significant impact on future results as new or materially modified revenue arrangements with certain partners are established in the normal course of business.

**Use of Estimates** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Restricted Cash and Short-term Investments** The Company has restricted cash and short-term investments related primarily to collateral held to support projected workers' compensation obligations.

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## 1. Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Inventories** Spare parts, materials and supplies relating to flight equipment are carried at average acquisition cost and are expensed when used in operations. Allowances for obsolescence are provided - over the estimated useful life of the related aircraft and engines - for spare parts expected to be on hand at the date aircraft are retired from service. Allowances are also provided for spare parts currently identified as excess and obsolete. These allowances are based on management estimates, which are subject to change.

**Maintenance and Repair Costs** Maintenance and repair costs for owned and leased flight equipment are charged to operating expense as incurred, except costs incurred for maintenance and repair under flight hour maintenance contract agreements, which are accrued based on contractual terms when an obligation exists.

**Intangible Assets** Route acquisition costs and airport operating and gate lease rights represent the purchase price attributable to route authorities (including international airport take-off and landing slots), domestic airport take-off and landing slots and airport gate leasehold rights acquired. Indefinite-lived intangible assets (route acquisition costs and international slots and related international take-off and landing slots) are tested for impairment annually on December 31, rather than amortized, or when a triggering event occurs, in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Such triggering events may include significant changes to the Company's network or capacity, or the implementation of open skies agreements in countries where the Company operates flights. Airport operating and gate lease rights are being amortized on a straight-line basis over 25 years to a zero residual value.

**Statements of Cash Flows** Short-term investments, without regard to remaining maturity at acquisition, are not considered as cash equivalents for purposes of the statements of cash flows.

**Measurement of Asset Impairments** The Company records impairment charges on long-lived assets used in operations when events and circumstances indicate that the assets may be impaired. An asset or group of assets is considered impaired when the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by the asset are less than the carrying amount of the asset and the net book value of the asset exceeds its estimated fair value. In making these determinations, the Company uses certain assumptions, including, but not limited to: (i) estimated fair value of the asset; and (ii) estimated future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset, which are based on additional assumptions such as asset utilization, length of service the asset will be used in the Company's operations and estimated salvage values.

**Equipment and Property** The provision for depreciation of operating equipment and property is computed on the straight-line method applied to each unit of property, except that major rotatable parts, avionics and assemblies are depreciated on a group basis. The depreciable lives used for the principal depreciable asset classifications are:

	Depreciable Life
American jet aircraft and engines	20 - 30 years
Other regional aircraft and engines	16 - 20 years
Major rotatable parts, avionics and assemblies	Life of equipment to which applicable
Improvements to leased flight equipment	Lesser of remaining lease term or expected useful life
Buildings and improvements (principally on leased land)	5 - 30 years or term of lease, including estimated renewal options when renewal is economically compelled at key airports
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	3 - 10 years
Capitalized software	3 - 10 years

Residual values for aircraft, engines, major rotatable parts, avionics and assemblies are generally five to ten percent, except when guaranteed by a third party for a different amount.

Equipment and property under capital leases are amortized over the term of the leases or, in the case of certain aircraft, over their expected useful lives. Lease terms vary but are generally ten to 25 years for aircraft and seven to 40 years for other leased equipment and property.

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## **1. Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Regional Affiliates** Revenue from ticket sales is generally recognized when service is provided. Regional Affiliates revenues for flights connecting to American flights are based on industry standard proration agreements.

**Passenger Revenue** Passenger ticket sales are initially recorded as a component of Air traffic liability. Revenue derived from ticket sales is recognized at the time service is provided. However, due to various factors, including the complex pricing structure and interline agreements throughout the industry, certain amounts are recognized in revenue using estimates regarding both the timing of the revenue recognition and the amount of revenue to be recognized, including breakage. These estimates are generally based upon the evaluation of historical trends, including the use of regression analysis and other methods to model the outcome of future events based on the Company's historical experience, and are recorded at the scheduled time of departure.

Various taxes and fees assessed on the sale of tickets to end customers are collected by the Company as an agent and remitted to taxing authorities. These taxes and fees have been presented on a net basis in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations and recorded as a liability until remitted to the appropriate taxing authority.

**Frequent Flyer Program** The estimated incremental cost of providing free travel awards is accrued for mileage credits earned by using American's service that are expected to be redeemed in the future. American also accrues a frequent flyer liability for the mileage credits that are expected to be used for travel on participating airlines based on historical usage patterns and contractual rates. American sells mileage credits and related services to companies participating in its frequent flyer program. The portion of the revenue related to the sale of mileage credits, representing the revenue for air transportation sold, is valued at fair value and is deferred and amortized over 28 months, which approximates the expected period over which the mileage credits are used. Breakage of sold miles is recognized over the estimated period of usage. The remaining portion of the revenue, representing the marketing services sold and administrative costs associated with operating the AAdvantage program, is recognized upon sale as a component of Other revenues, as the related services have been provided. The Company's total liability for future AAdvantage award redemptions for free, discounted or upgraded travel on American, American Eagle or participating airlines as well as unrecognized revenue from selling AAdvantage miles was approximately \$1.5 billion (and is recorded as a component of Air traffic liability on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets) at December 31, 2009 and \$1.7 billion as of December 31, 2008.

**Income Taxes** The Company generally believes that the positions taken on previously filed income tax returns are more likely than not to be sustained by the taxing authorities. The Company has recorded income tax and related interest liabilities where the Company believes its position may not be sustained or where the full income tax benefit will not be recognized. Thus, the effects of potential income tax benefits resulting from the Company's unrecognized tax positions are not reflected in the tax balances of the financial statements. Recognized and unrecognized tax positions are reviewed and adjusted as events occur that affect the Company's judgment about the recognizability of income tax benefits, such as lapsing of applicable statutes of limitations, conclusion of tax audits, release of administrative guidance, or rendering of a court decision affecting a particular tax position.

**Advertising Costs** The Company expenses on a straight-line basis the costs of advertising as incurred throughout the year. Advertising expense was \$153 million, \$155 million and \$164 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

**Subsequent Events** In connection with preparation of the consolidated financial statements and in accordance with the recently issued guidance by the FASB, the Company evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of December 31, 2009 through February 17, 2010.

## **2. Special Charges and Restructuring Activities**

As a result of the revenue environment, high fuel prices and the Company's restructuring activities, including its capacity reductions, the Company has recorded a number of charges during the last few years. In 2008 and 2009, the Company announced capacity reductions due to unprecedented high fuel costs at that time and the other challenges facing the industry. In connection with these capacity reductions, the Company incurred special charges related to aircraft, employee reductions and certain other charges.

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## 2. Special Charges and Restructuring Activities (Continued)

### Aircraft Charges

As part of these capacity reductions, the Company grounded its leased Airbus A300 aircraft prior to lease expiration. In 2009, the Company incurred approximately \$94 million in net present value of future lease payments and lease return costs related to the grounding of the leased Airbus A300 fleet. The Company estimates that virtually all of these charges will result in future cash expenditures. Further, the Company also wrote down its owned Airbus A300 aircraft and related inventory to estimated salvage value in the fourth quarter of 2009, resulting in a non-cash expense of \$20 million. All Airbus A300 aircraft are permanently retired as of December 31, 2009.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, due to the continuing severe downturn in the global economy and weakness in the regional jet aircraft market, the Company's plan to sell certain of its Embraer RJ-135 aircraft was no longer feasible at the amount for which these aircraft had been valued. Consequently, the Company reclassified these aircraft from held for sale to held for use, tested them for impairment and concluded the carrying values of certain of its Embraer RJ-135 aircraft were no longer recoverable. Therefore, during the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$42 million to write these aircraft down to their estimated fair values. In addition, these aircraft will now resume depreciation prospectively. In determining the fair values of these aircraft, the Company considered recent transactions for sales of similar aircraft and the value of the underlying engines. No portion of the impairment charge will result in future cash expenditures. See Note 13 for further explanation of capacity purchase agreement and pass through of AMR Eagle expenses.

### Employee Charges

In conjunction with the capacity reductions announced in 2008, the Company reduced its workforce commensurate with the announced system-wide capacity reductions. This reduction in workforce was accomplished through various measures, including voluntary programs, part-time work schedules, furloughs in accordance with collective bargaining agreements, and other reductions.

The following table summarizes the components of the Company's special charges, the remaining accruals for these charges and the capacity reduction related charges (in millions) as of December 31, 2009:

	Aircraft Charges	Facility Exit Costs	Employee Charges	Other	Total
Remaining accrual at January 1, 2007	\$ 126	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145
Restructuring charges	63	-	-	-	63
Non-cash charges	(53)	-	-	-	(53)
Payments	(12)	(1)	-	-	(13)
Remaining accrual at December 31, 2007	124	18	-	-	142
Capacity reduction charges	1,117	-	68	25	1,210
Non-cash charges	(1,103)	-	-	(25)	(1,128)
Adjustments	1	(2)	-	-	(1)
Payments	(31)	-	(54)	-	(85)
Remaining accrual at December 31, 2008	108	16	14	-	138
Capacity reduction charges	164	7	-	-	171
Non-cash charges	(68)	-	-	-	(68)
Adjustments	(2)	-	-	-	(2)
Payments	(49)	(3)	(14)	-	(66)
Remaining accrual at December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 153</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 173</u>

Cash outlays related to the accruals for aircraft charges and facility exit costs will occur through 2017 and 2018, respectively.

## 2. Special Charges and Restructuring Activities (Continued)

### Other

On September 22, 2001, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (the Stabilization Act) was signed into law. The Stabilization Act provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, liability for all claims, whether compensatory or punitive, arising from the Terrorist Attacks, against any air carrier shall not exceed the liability coverage maintained by the air carrier. Based upon estimates provided by the Company's insurance providers, the Company initially recorded a liability of approximately \$2.3 billion for claims arising from the Terrorist Attacks, after considering the liability protections provided for by the Stabilization Act. The receivable and the liability, recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as Other assets and Other liabilities and deferred credits, respectively, was \$1.7 billion at both December 31, 2009 and 2008.

## 3. Investments and Fair Value Measurements

Short-term investments consisted of (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
Overnight investments and time deposits	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,572
Corporate and bank notes	2,527	1,016
U. S. government agency notes	300	322
	<u>\$ 4,241</u>	<u>\$ 2,910</u>

Short-term investments at December 31, 2009, by contractual maturity included (in millions):

Due in one year or less	\$ 3,941
Due between one year and three years	300
Due after three years	-
	<u>\$ 4,241</u>

All short-term investments are classified as available-for-sale and stated at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are reflected as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

The Company utilizes the market approach to measure fair value for its financial assets and liabilities. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

(in millions) Description	Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2009			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Short term investments <sup>1</sup>	\$ 4,241	\$ 495	\$ 3,746	-
Restricted cash and short-term investments <sup>1</sup>	460	460	-	-
Fuel derivative contracts <sup>1</sup>	135	-	135	-
Fuel derivative liability <sup>1</sup>	(80)	-	(80)	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,756</u>	<u>\$ 955</u>	<u>\$ 3,801</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<sup>1</sup> Unrealized gains or losses on short term investments, restricted cash and short-term investments and derivatives qualifying for hedge accounting are recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at each measurement date.

#### **4. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees**

As of December 31, 2009, American had 45 Boeing 737-800 purchase commitments for 2010 and eight Boeing 737-800 aircraft in 2011. In addition to these aircraft, American has firm commitments for eleven Boeing 737-800 aircraft and seven Boeing 777 aircraft scheduled to be delivered in 2013-2016. American previously announced plans (subject to certain reconfirmation rights) to acquire 42 Boeing 787-9 aircraft, with the right to acquire an additional 58 Boeing 787-9 aircraft. American has selected GE Aviation as the exclusive provider of engines for its expected order of Boeing 787-9 aircraft.

As of December 31, 2009, payments for the above purchase commitments will approximate \$1.3 billion in 2010, \$350 million in 2011, \$217 million in 2012, \$465 million in 2013, \$224 million in 2014, and \$248 million for 2015 and beyond. These amounts are net of purchase deposits currently held by the manufacturer.

American has granted Boeing a security interest in American's purchase deposits with Boeing. The Company's purchase deposits totaled \$608 million and \$670 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

On December 18, 2007, the European Commission issued a SO against 26 airlines, including the Company. The SO alleges that these carriers participated in a conspiracy to set surcharges on cargo shipments in violation of EU law. The SO states that, in the event that the allegations in the SO are affirmed, the Commission will impose fines against the Company. The Company intends to vigorously contest the allegations and findings in the SO under EU laws, and it intends to cooperate fully with all other pending investigations. Based on the information to date, the Company has not recorded any reserve for this exposure for the year ended December 31, 2009. In the event that the SO is affirmed or other investigations uncover violations of the U.S. antitrust laws or the competition laws of some other jurisdiction, or if the Company were named and found liable in any litigation based on these allegations, such findings and related legal proceedings could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

The Company has contracts related to facility construction or improvement projects, primarily at airport locations. The contractual obligations related to these projects totaled approximately \$55 million as of December 31, 2009. The Company expects to make payments of \$43 million and \$10 million in 2010 and 2011, respectively. In addition, the Company has an information technology support related contract that requires minimum annual payments of \$150 million through 2013.

American has a capacity purchase agreement with Chautauqua Airlines, Inc. to provide Embraer -140 regional jet services to certain markets under the brand AmericanConnection®. Under these arrangements, the Company pays the AmericanConnection® carrier a fee per block hour to operate the aircraft. The block hour fees are designed to cover the AmericanConnection® carrier's fully allocated costs plus a margin. Assumptions for certain costs such as fuel, landing fees, insurance, and aircraft ownership are trueed up to actual values on a pass through basis. In consideration for these payments, the Company retains all passenger and other revenues resulting from the operation of the AmericanConnection® regional jets. Minimum payments under the contracts are \$56 million in 2010 and \$72 million over the two years 2011 and 2012. In addition, if the Company terminates the Chautauqua contract without cause, Chautauqua has the right to put its 15 Embraer aircraft to the Company. If this were to happen, the Company would take possession of the aircraft and become liable for lease obligations totaling approximately \$21 million per year with lease expirations in 2018 and 2019.

The Company is a party to many routine contracts in which it provides general indemnities in the normal course of business to third parties for various risks. The Company is not able to estimate the potential amount of any liability resulting from the indemnities. These indemnities are discussed in the following paragraphs.

In its aircraft financing agreements, the Company generally indemnifies the financing parties, trustees acting on their behalf and other relevant parties against liabilities (including certain taxes) resulting from the financing, manufacture, design, ownership, operation and maintenance of the aircraft regardless of whether these liabilities (or taxes) relate to the negligence of the indemnified parties.

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#### **4. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees (Continued)**

The Company's loan agreements and other London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)-based financing transactions (including certain leveraged aircraft leases) generally obligate the Company to reimburse the applicable lender for incremental costs due to a change in law that imposes (i) any reserve or special deposit requirement against assets of, deposits with or credit extended by such lender related to the loan, (ii) any tax, duty or other charge with respect to the loan (except standard income tax) or (iii) capital adequacy requirements. In addition, the Company's loan agreements, derivative contracts and other financing arrangements typically contain a withholding tax provision that requires the Company to pay additional amounts to the applicable lender or other financing party, generally if withholding taxes are imposed on such lender or other financing party as a result of a change in the applicable tax law.

These increased cost and withholding tax provisions continue for the entire term of the applicable transaction, and there is no limitation on the maximum additional amounts the Company could be obligated to pay under such provisions. Any failure to pay amounts due under such provisions generally would trigger an event of default and, in a secured financing transaction, would entitle the lender to foreclose on the collateral to realize the amount due.

In certain transactions, including certain aircraft financing leases and loans and derivative transactions, the lessors, lenders and/or other parties have rights to terminate the transaction based on changes in foreign tax law, illegality or certain other events or circumstances. In such a case, the Company may be required to make a lump sum payment to terminate the relevant transaction.

The Company has general indemnity clauses in many of its airport and other real estate leases where the Company as lessee indemnifies the lessor (and related parties) against liabilities related to the Company's use of the leased property. Generally, these indemnifications cover liabilities resulting from the negligence of the indemnified parties, but not liabilities resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified parties. In addition, the Company provides environmental indemnities in many of these leases for contamination related to the Company's use of the leased property.

Under certain contracts with third parties, the Company indemnifies the third party against legal liability arising out of an action by the third party, or certain other parties. The terms of these contracts vary and the potential exposure under these indemnities cannot be determined. Generally, the Company has liability insurance protecting the Company for the obligations it has undertaken under these indemnities.

The Company is involved in certain claims and litigation related to its operations. In the opinion of management, liabilities, if any, arising from these claims and litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows, after consideration of available insurance.

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## 5. Leases

American leases various types of equipment and property, primarily aircraft and airport facilities. The future minimum lease payments required under capital leases, together with the present value of such payments, and future minimum lease payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2009, were (in millions):

Year Ending December 31,	Capital Leases	Operating Leases	
2010	\$ 181	\$ 1,048	
2011	184	1,025	
2012	134	841	
2013	119	749	
2014	98	609	
2015 and thereafter	436	5,014	
	<u>\$ 1,152</u>	<u>\$ 9,286</u>	(1)
Less amount representing interest	463		
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 689</u>		

- (1) As of December 31, 2009, included in Accrued liabilities and Other liabilities and deferred credits on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet is approximately \$1.2 billion relating to rent expense being recorded in advance of future operating lease payments.

At December 31, 2009, the Company was operating 181 jet aircraft under operating leases and 80 jet aircraft under capital leases. The aircraft leases can generally be renewed at rates based on fair market value at the end of the lease term for one to five years. Some aircraft leases have purchase options at or near the end of the lease term at fair market value, but generally not to exceed a stated percentage of the defined lessor's cost of the aircraft or a predetermined fixed amount.

During 2009, the Company raised \$768 million through sale leasebacks of certain aircraft which have lease terms of six to seven years. Gains of \$28 million on sale leasebacks are being amortized over the respective remaining lease terms, while non-recurring charges related to losses on certain sale leasebacks of vintage aircraft of \$88 million were realized in 2009 and included in Other operating income.

Special facility revenue bonds have been issued by certain municipalities primarily to improve airport facilities and purchase equipment. To the extent these transactions were committed to prior to May 21, 1998, they are accounted for as operating leases under U.S. GAAP. Approximately \$1.5 billion of these bonds (with total future payments of approximately \$3.3 billion as of December 31, 2009) are guaranteed by American, AMR, or both. Approximately \$177 million of these special facility revenue bonds contain mandatory tender provisions that require American to make operating lease payments sufficient to repurchase the bonds at various times: \$112 million in 2014 and \$65 million in 2015. Although American has the right to remarket the bonds, there can be no assurance that these bonds will be successfully remarketed. Any payments to redeem or purchase bonds that are not remarketed would generally reduce existing rent leveling accruals or be considered prepaid facility rentals and would reduce future operating lease commitments. The special facility revenue bonds that contain mandatory tender provisions are listed in the table above at their ultimate maturity date rather than their mandatory tender provision date.

Rent expense, excluding landing fees, was \$1.3 billion in each of the years ended 2009, 2008 and 2007.

American has determined that it holds a significant variable interest in, but is not the primary beneficiary of, certain trusts that are the lessors under 84 of its aircraft operating leases. These leases contain a fixed price purchase option, which allows American to purchase the aircraft at a predetermined price on a specified date. However, American does not guarantee the residual value of the aircraft. As of December 31, 2009, future lease payments required under these leases totaled \$1.4 billion.

## 6. Indebtedness

Long-term debt consisted of (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
Secured variable and fixed rate indebtedness due through 2021 (effective rates from 3.14% - 13.00% at December 31, 2009)	\$ 3,578	\$ 2,633
Enhanced equipment trust certificates due through 2019 (rates from 3.85% - 12.00% at December 31, 2009)	2,022	2,382
6.0% - 8.5% special facility revenue bonds due through 2036	1,658	1,674
AAdvantage Miles advance purchase (net of discount of \$110 million) (effective rate 8.3%)	890	-
Credit facility agreement due through 2010	-	691
Other	28	27
	<u>8,176</u>	<u>7,407</u>
Less current maturities	<u>791</u>	<u>1,305</u>
Long-term debt, less current maturities	<u>\$ 7,385</u>	<u>\$ 6,102</u>

Maturities of long-term debt (including sinking fund requirements) for the next five years are: 2010 - \$791 million; 2011 - \$2.1 billion; 2012 - \$1.4 billion; 2013 - \$701 million, 2014 - \$698 million.

As of December 31, 2009, AMR had issued guarantees covering approximately \$1.6 billion of American's tax-exempt bond debt (and interest thereon) and \$450 million of American's secured debt (and interest thereon). American had issued guarantees covering approximately \$885 million of AMR's unsecured debt (and interest thereon). In addition, as of December 31, 2009, AMR and American had issued guarantees covering approximately \$262 million of AMR Eagle's secured debt (and interest thereon). AMR also guarantees \$186 million of American's leases of certain Super ATR aircraft, which are subleased to AMR Eagle.

On July 7, 2009, American closed a \$520 million Pass Through Trust Certificates (the Certificates) financing covering four Boeing 777-200ER aircraft owned by American and 16 of American's Boeing 737-800 deliveries. Equipment notes underlying the Certificates bear interest at 10.375 percent per annum and principal and interest on the notes are payable in semi-annual installments with a balloon payment at maturity in 2019. Approximately \$314 million of the proceeds from the sale of the Certificates were received by American as of December 31, 2009 in exchange for equipment notes secured by the four Boeing 777-200ER aircraft and the delivery and financing of seven Boeing 737-800 aircraft. The remainder of the proceeds is being held in escrow for the benefit of holders of the Certificates. When American finances each of the remaining nine Boeing 737-800 aircraft under this arrangement, an allocable portion of the proceeds will be released to American in exchange for equipment notes secured by the individual aircraft and such debt will be recorded by American. American currently expects that it will use the escrowed proceeds of the Certificates to finance nine Boeing 737-800 aircraft scheduled to be delivered to American between February 2010 and April 2010, but American could elect to use this financing on any nine of its next 37 Boeing 737-800 aircraft deliveries currently scheduled for delivery between February 2010 and October 2010.

In addition, a third party is holding collateral from American to cover interest distributable on the Certificates prior to when the remaining nine Boeing 737-800 aircraft are delivered and the related equipment notes are issued. Any collateral not remitted to the holders for interest will be returned to the Company.

Once fully issued, American will hold variable interests in the pass through trusts created for the Certificates, but is not expected to be the primary beneficiary of the trust.

On July 31, 2009, American closed a \$276 million private placement offering of senior secured notes due 2016 (2009-2 Secured Notes), which were priced at par to yield 13 percent. The purpose of the offering was to refinance, in part, the outstanding \$401 million principal amount of the Company's 1999-1 enhanced equipment trust certificates (1999 EETC). Following the payment of the 1999 EETC at maturity on October 15, 2009, twelve of the 15 aircraft that previously secured the 1999 EETC were pledged to secure the 2009-2 Secured Notes, and the cash collateral was released to the Company. The other three aircraft were pledged to secure the 2009 Loan Facility referred to below.



## **6. Indebtedness (Continued)**

On September 16, 2009, American entered into an arrangement under which Citibank paid to American \$1.0 billion in order to pre-purchase AAdvantage Miles (the Advance Purchase Miles) under American's AAdvantage frequent flier loyalty program (the Advance Purchase).

To effect the Advance Purchase, American and Citibank entered into an Amended and Restated AAdvantage Participation Agreement (as so amended and restated, the Amended Participation Agreement). Under the Amended Participation Agreement, American agreed that it would apply in equal monthly installments, over a five year period beginning on January 1, 2012, the Advance Purchase Miles to Citibank cardholders' AAdvantage accounts.

Pursuant to the Advance Purchase, Citibank has been granted a first-priority lien in certain of American's AAdvantage program assets, and a lien in certain of American's Heathrow and Narita routes and slots that would be subordinated to any subsequent first lien. Commencing on December 31, 2011, American has the right to repurchase, without premium or penalty, any or all of the Advance Purchase Miles that have not then been posted to Citibank cardholders' accounts. American is also obligated, in certain circumstances (including certain specified termination events under the Amended Participation Agreement, certain cross defaults and cross acceleration events, and if any Advance Purchase Miles remain at the end of the term) to repurchase for cash all of the Advance Purchase Miles that have not then been used by Citibank.

The Amended Participation Agreement includes provisions that grant Citibank the right to use Advance Purchase Miles on an accelerated basis under specified circumstances. American also has the right under certain circumstances to release, or substitute other comparable collateral for, the Heathrow and Narita route and slot related collateral.

Approximately \$890 million of the Advance Purchase proceeds is accounted for as a loan from Citibank, with the remaining \$110 million related to certain other commitments with respect to the co-branding relationship and recorded as Deferred revenue in Other liabilities and deferred credits. The loan was determined using an effective interest rate of 8.3 percent and will be amortized under the interest method with imputed interest included in Interest expense. The deferred revenue will be amortized straight line over the life of the agreement.

Also on September 16, 2009, American entered into two financing transactions with GECAS. The financing transactions consist of (1) the 2009 Loan Facility in the amount of \$282 million to be secured by 13 owned assorted Boeing aircraft; and (2) Sale leaseback financing provided by GECAS for Boeing 737-800 aircraft (the 2009 Sale Leaseback) scheduled to be delivered in 2010 and 2011 for an aggregate commitment of \$1.6 billion. The 2009 Loan Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a specified margin and will mature on September 16, 2017.

The terms of the 2009 Sale Leaseback are based on previous transactions with GECAS. The 2009 Sale Leaseback is subject to certain terms and conditions, including a condition to the effect that, at the time of entering into the sale and leaseback of a particular Boeing 737-800 aircraft, American has at least a certain amount of unrestricted cash and short term investments. See Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

As a condition to entering into the 2009 Loan Facility and the 2009 Sale Leaseback, American entered into certain cross-default and cross-collateralization arrangements for the benefit of GECAS involving, among other things, the 2009 Loan Facility, the 2009 Sale Leaseback and certain previously-existing debt and lease financings involving GECAS with respect to more than 50 aircraft.

On October 9, 2009, American completed the offering of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of its 10.5 percent senior secured notes due 2012 (the Senior Notes) which are guaranteed by AMR. The Senior Notes are secured by certain of American's aircraft, and proceeds from the offering of the notes were used to refinance American's \$432 million term loan credit facility which had a scheduled maturity of December 17, 2010 and which was retired early on September 28, 2009.

In addition to the transactions described above, during the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company raised approximately \$320 million under other loans secured by various aircraft. The loans generally bear interest at a LIBOR-based variable rate with a fixed margin which resets quarterly and are due in installments through 2019.

Almost all of the Company's aircraft assets (including aircraft eligible for the benefits of Section 1110 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code) are encumbered.

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## **6. Indebtedness (Continued)**

Cash payments for interest, net of capitalized interest, were \$537 million, \$612 million and \$814 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

## **7. Financial Instruments and Risk Management**

**Fuel Price Risk Management** As part of the Company's risk management program, it uses a variety of financial instruments, primarily heating oil option and collar contracts, as cash flow hedges to mitigate commodity price risk. The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had fuel derivative contracts outstanding covering 20 million barrels of jet fuel that will be settled over the next 24 months. A deterioration of the Company's liquidity position may negatively affect the Company's ability to hedge fuel in the future.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company assesses, both at the inception of each hedge and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that are used in its hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged items. Derivatives that meet the requirements are granted special hedge accounting treatment, and the Company's hedges generally meet these requirements. Accordingly, the Company's fuel derivative contracts are accounted for as cash flow hedges, and the fair value of the Company's hedging contracts is recorded in Current Assets or Current Liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets until the underlying jet fuel is purchased. The Company determines the ineffective portion of its fuel hedge contracts by comparing the cumulative change in the total value of the fuel hedge contract, or group of fuel hedge contracts, to the cumulative change in a hypothetical jet fuel hedge. If the total cumulative change in value of the fuel hedge contract more than offsets the total cumulative change in a hypothetical jet fuel hedge, the difference is considered ineffective and is immediately recognized as a component of Aircraft fuel expense. Effective gains or losses on fuel hedging contracts are deferred in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and are recognized in earnings as a component of Aircraft fuel expense when the underlying jet fuel being hedged is used.

Ineffectiveness is inherent in hedging jet fuel with derivative positions based in crude oil or other crude oil related commodities. In assessing effectiveness, the Company uses a regression model to determine the correlation of the change in prices of the commodities used to hedge jet fuel (e.g., NYMEX Heating oil) to the change in the price of jet fuel. The Company also monitors the actual dollar offset of the hedges' market values as compared to hypothetical jet fuel hedges. The fuel hedge contracts are generally deemed to be "highly effective" if the R-squared is greater than 80 percent and dollar offset correlation is within 80 percent to 125 percent. The Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively if it determines that a derivative is no longer expected to be highly effective as a hedge or if it decides to discontinue the hedging relationship. Subsequently, any changes in the fair value of these derivatives are marked to market through earnings in the period of change.

For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized net gains (losses) of approximately (\$591) million, \$344 million and \$215 million, respectively, as a component of Aircraft fuel expense on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations related to its fuel hedging agreements, including the ineffective portion of the hedges. The fair value of the Company's fuel hedging agreements at December 31, 2009 and 2008, representing the amount the Company would receive (pay) upon termination of the agreements, totaled \$57 million and (\$450) million, respectively, which excludes a payable for both years related to contracts that settled in December of each year. As of December 31, 2009, the Company estimates that during the next twelve months it will reclassify from Accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings approximately \$66 million and \$8 million in net losses (based on prices as of December 31, 2009) related to its fuel derivative hedges for American and AMR Eagle, respectively, including losses from terminated contracts with a bankrupt counterparty in 2008.

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## 7. Financial Instruments and Risk Management (Continued)

The impact of cash flow hedges on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, is depicted below (in millions):

Fair Value of Aircraft Fuel Derivative Instruments (all cash flow hedges)

Asset Derivatives as of December 31,				Liability Derivatives as of December 31,			
2009		2008		2009		2008	
Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Fuel derivative contracts	\$ 126	Fuel derivative contracts	\$ -	Fuel derivative liability	\$ 71	Fuel derivative liability	\$ 528

Effect of Aircraft Fuel Derivative Instruments on Statements of Operations (all cash flow hedges):

Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivative <sup>1</sup>		Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income <sup>1,3</sup>	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income <sup>1,3</sup>		Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative <sup>2,3</sup>	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative <sup>2,3</sup>	
2009	2008		2009	2008		2009	2008
\$ 151	\$ (738)	Aircraft Fuel	\$ (601)	\$ 343	Aircraft Fuel	\$ 10	\$ 1

<sup>1</sup> Effective portion of gain (loss)

<sup>2</sup> Ineffective portion of gain (loss)

<sup>3</sup> Does not include expense allocated to AMR Eagle

The Company is also exposed to credit losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties to these financial instruments, and although no assurances can be given, the Company does not expect any of the counterparties to fail to meet its obligations. The credit exposure related to these financial instruments is represented by the fair value of contracts with a positive fair value at the reporting date, reduced by the effects of master netting agreements. To manage credit risks, the Company selects counterparties based on credit ratings, limits its exposure to a single counterparty under defined guidelines, and monitors the market position of the program and its relative market position with each counterparty. The Company also maintains industry-standard security agreements with a number of its counterparties which may require the Company or the counterparty to post collateral if the value of selected instruments exceed specified mark-to-market thresholds or upon certain changes in credit ratings.

As of December 31, 2009, the aggregate fair value of all qualifying cash flow derivatives with credit-risk-related contingent features that are in a net liability position is \$71 million, for which the Company had posted collateral of \$14 million.

In addition to the Company's qualifying cash flow hedges, American has hedges that were effectively unwound in 2008 that were recorded as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. Fair value of these offsetting positions not designated as hedges as of December 31, 2009 was a \$9 million asset recorded in Fuel derivative contracts and a \$9 million liability recorded in Fuel derivative liability. In January 2010, all of these contracts were settled with a net zero impact to the Company's financial statements.

**Fair Values of Financial Instruments** The fair values of the Company's long-term debt were estimated using quoted market prices where available. For long-term debt not actively traded, fair values were estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based on the Company's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

## 7. Financial Instruments and Risk Management (Continued)

The carrying values and estimated fair values of the Company's long-term debt, including current maturities, were (in millions):

	December 31,			
	2009		2008	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Secured variable and fixed rate indebtedness	\$ 3,578	\$ 3,091	\$ 2,633	\$ 1,649
Enhanced equipment trust certificates	2,022	1,999	2,382	1,886
6.0% - 8.5% special facility revenue bonds	1,658	1,600	1,674	1,001
AAAdvantage Miles advance purchase	890	893	-	-
Credit facility agreement	-	-	691	545
Other	28	28	27	28
	<u>\$ 8,176</u>	<u>\$ 7,611</u>	<u>\$ 7,407</u>	<u>\$ 5,109</u>

## 8. Income Taxes

American, as a wholly-owned subsidiary, is included in AMR's consolidated tax return. Under the terms of American's tax sharing agreement with AMR, American's provision for income taxes has been computed on the basis that American files separate consolidated income tax returns with its subsidiaries.

The Company recorded a \$248 million non-cash income tax benefit from continuing operations during the fourth quarter of 2009. Under current accounting rules, the Company is required to consider all items (including items recorded in other comprehensive income) in determining the amount of tax benefit that results from a loss from continuing operations and that should be allocated to continuing operations. As a result, the Company recorded a tax benefit on the loss from continuing operations for the year, which will be exactly offset by income tax expense on other comprehensive income. However, while the income tax benefit from continuing operations is reported on the income statement, the income tax expense on other comprehensive income is recorded directly to Accumulated other comprehensive income, which is a component of stockholders' equity. Because the income tax expense on other comprehensive income is equal to the income tax benefit from continuing operations, the Company's year-end net deferred tax position is not impacted by this tax allocation.

The change in the valuation allowance reflects the recording by the Company in 2009 of an income tax expense credit of approximately \$35 million resulting from the Company's anticipated election under Section 3081 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (as extended by Section 1201(b) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009), allowing corporations to accelerate utilization of certain research and alternative minimum tax (AMT) credit carryforwards in lieu of applicable bonus depreciation on certain qualifying capital investments.

The Company has an unrecognized tax benefit of approximately \$5 million, which decreased \$18 million during the twelve months ended December 31, 2009 from resolution of an Internal Revenue Service Appeals process. Changes in the unrecognized tax benefit have no impact on the effective tax rate due to the existence of the valuation allowance. Accrued interest on tax positions is recorded as a component of interest expense but is not significant at December 31, 2009.

The reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefit are (in millions):

	2009	2008
Unrecognized Tax Benefit at January 1	\$ 23	\$ 38
Decreases due to settlements with taxing authority	(18)	(15)
Unrecognized Tax Benefit at December 31	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 23</u>

## 8. Income Taxes (Continued)

The Company estimates that the unrecognized tax benefit will not significantly change within the next twelve months.

The Company files its tax returns as prescribed by the tax laws of the jurisdictions in which it operates. The Company's 2004 through 2008 tax years are still subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Various state and foreign jurisdiction tax years remain open to examination as well, though the Company believes that the effect of any additional assessment(s) will be immaterial to its consolidated financial statements.

The significant components of the income tax provision (benefit) were (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Current	\$ (35)	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred	(248)	-	-
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ (283)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The income tax expense or (benefit) differed from amounts computed at the statutory federal income tax rate as follows (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Statutory income tax provision expense/(benefit)	\$ (615)	\$ (886)	\$ 125
State income tax expense/(benefit), net of federal tax effect	(30)	(35)	4
Meal expense	6	6	7
Change in valuation allowance	588	955	(130)
Tax benefit resulting from OCI Allocation	(248)	-	-
Other, net	16	(40)	(6)
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ (283)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

In addition to the changes in the valuation allowance from operations described in the table above, the valuation allowance was also impacted by the changes in the components of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), described in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements. The total increase (decrease) in the valuation allowance was \$126 million, \$2,278 million, and (\$644) million in 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

The Company provides a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some portion, or all of its deferred tax assets, will not be realized. In assessing the realizability of the deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion, or all of the deferred tax assets, will be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income (including reversals of deferred tax liabilities) during the periods in which those temporary differences will become deductible.

## 8. Income Taxes (Continued)

The components of AMR's deferred tax assets and liabilities were (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
Deferred tax assets:		
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	\$ 966	\$ 1,166
Rent expense	329	368
Alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards	523	541
Operating loss carryforwards	2,057	2,045
Pensions	1,682	1,531
Frequent flyer obligation	638	337
Gains from lease transactions	57	73
Other	689	984
Total deferred tax assets	6,941	7,045
Valuation allowance	(3,533)	(3,407)
Net deferred tax assets	3,408	3,638
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Accelerated depreciation and amortization	(3,257)	(3,504)
Other	(151)	(134)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(3,408)	(3,638)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ -	\$ -

At December 31, 2009, the Company had available for federal income tax purposes an alternative minimum tax credit carryforward of approximately \$523 million, which is available for an indefinite period, and federal net operating losses of approximately \$6.1 billion for regular tax purposes, which will expire, if unused, beginning in 2022. These net operating losses include an unrealized benefit of approximately \$632 million related to the implementation of share-based compensation accounting guidance that will be recorded in equity when realized. The Company had available for state income tax purposes net operating losses of \$3.2 billion, which expire, if unused, in years 2010 through 2027. The amount that will expire in 2010 is \$59 million.

Cash payments (refunds) for income taxes were \$4 million, (\$11) million and \$5 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Under special tax rules (the Section 382 Limitation), cumulative stock ownership changes among material shareholders exceeding 50 percent during a 3-year period can potentially limit a company's future use of net operating losses and tax credits (NOL's). The Section 382 Limitation may be increased by certain "built-in gains," as provided by current IRS guidance. Based on available information, the Company believes it is not currently subject to the Section 382 Limitation. If triggered under current conditions, the Section 382 Limitation is not expected to significantly impact the recorded value of deferred taxes or timing of utilization of the Company's NOL's.

## 9. Share Based Compensation

AMR grants, or has granted, stock compensation under three plans: the 1998 Long Term Incentive Plan (the 1998 Plan), the 2003 Employee Stock Incentive Plan (the 2003 Plan) and the 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan (the 2009 Plan). Collectively, the 1998 Plan and the 2009 Plan are referred to as the LTIP Plans.

Under the LTIP Plans, officers and key employees of AMR and its subsidiaries may be granted certain types of stock or performance based awards. At December 31, 2009, the Company had stock option/settled stock appreciation right (SSAR) awards, performance share awards, deferred share awards and other awards outstanding under these plans. The total number of common shares authorized for distribution under the 1998 Plan and the 2009 Plan is 23,700,000 and 4,000,000 shares, respectively. The 1998 Plan expired by its terms in 2008.

## 9. Share Based Compensation (Continued)

The Company established the 2003 Plan to provide equity awards to employees. Under the 2003 Plan, employees may be granted stock options, restricted stock and deferred stock. At December 31, 2009, the Company had stock options and deferred awards outstanding under this plan. The total number of shares authorized for distribution under the 2003 Plan is 42,680,000 shares.

In 2009, 2008 and 2007, the total charge for share based compensation expense included in Wages, salaries and benefits expense was \$61 million, \$49 million and \$121 million, respectively. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, the amount of cash used to settle equity instruments granted under share based compensation plans was \$1 million, \$24 million and \$11 million, respectively.

**Stock Options/SSARs** During 2006, the AMR Board of Directors approved an amendment covering all of the outstanding stock options previously granted under the 1998 Plan. The amendment added to each of the outstanding options an additional SSAR in tandem with each of the then outstanding stock options. The addition of the SSAR did not impact the fair value of the stock options, but simply allowed the Company to settle the exercise of the option by issuing the net number of shares equal to the in-the-money value of the option. This amendment is estimated to make available enough shares to permit the Company to settle all outstanding performance and deferred share awards in stock under the 1998 Plan rather than cash.

Options/SSARs granted under the LTIP Plans and the 2003 Plan are awarded with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the stock on date of grant, become exercisable in equal annual installments over periods ranging from two to five years and expire no later than ten years from the date of grant. Expense for the options is recognized on a straight-line basis. The fair value of each award is estimated on the date of grant using the modified Black-Scholes option valuation model and the assumptions noted in the following table. Expected volatilities are based on implied volatilities from traded options on the Company's stock, historical volatility of the Company's stock, and other factors. The Company uses historical employee exercise data to estimate the expected term of awards granted used in the valuation model. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The dividend yield is assumed to be zero based on the Company's history and expectation of not paying dividends.

	2009	2008	2007
Expected volatility	73.6% to 76.7%	53.0% to 55.9%	49.7% to 51.6%
Expected term (in years)	4.0	4.0	4.0
Risk-free rate	2.33% to 2.46%	2.98% to 3.15%	4.43% to 5.03%
Annual forfeiture rate	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

A summary of stock option/SSARs activity under the LTIP Plans and the 2003 Plan as of December 31, 2009, and changes during the year then ended is presented below:

	LTIP Plans		The 2003 Plan	
	Options/SSARs	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at January 1	13,805,948	\$ 23.88	13,809,992	\$ 5.66
Granted	3,733,760	4.53	-	-
Exercised	-	-	(107,273)	5.23
Forfeited or Expired	(1,647,180)	26.92	(176,049)	6.11
Outstanding at December 31	15,892,528	\$ 19.02	13,526,670	\$ 5.66
Exercisable at December 31	9,213,522	\$ 26.89	13,440,095	\$ 5.61
Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term of Options Outstanding (in years)	5.1		3.4	
Aggregate Intrinsic Value of Options Outstanding	\$ 12,034,486		\$ 32,941,559	

## 9. Share Based Compensation (Continued)

The aggregate intrinsic value of all vested options/SSARs is \$33 million and those options have an average remaining contractual life of 3.0 years. The weighted-average grant date fair value of options/SSARs granted during 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$2.54, \$3.78 and \$12.63, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options/SSARs exercised during 2009, 2008 and 2007 was less than \$1 million, \$2 million and \$193 million, respectively.

A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested options/SSARs under all plans as of December 31, 2009, and changes during the year ended December 31, 2009, is presented below:

	Options/SSARs	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at January 1	4,409,987	\$ 5.87
Granted	3,733,760	2.54
Vested	(1,311,554)	5.98
Forfeited	(66,612)	5.29
Outstanding at December 31	<u>6,765,581</u>	<u>\$ 4.02</u>

As of December 31, 2009, there was \$14 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options/SSARs granted under the LTIP Plans and the 2003 Plan that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.3 years. The total fair value of stock options/SSARs vested was \$9 million for each year ending December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Cash received by the Company from exercise of stock options for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, was \$1 million, \$1 million and \$90 million, respectively. No tax benefit was realized as a result of stock options/SSARs exercised in 2009 due to the tax valuation allowance discussed in Note 8.

**Performance Share Awards** Performance share awards are granted under the LTIP Plans, generally vest pursuant to a three year measurement period and are settled on the vesting date. The number of awards ultimately issued under performance share awards is contingent on AMR's relative stock price performance compared to certain of its competitors over a three year period and can range from zero to 175 percent of the awards granted. The fair value of performance awards is calculated by multiplying the stock price on the date of grant by the expected payout percentage and the number of shares granted.

Activity during 2009 for performance awards accounted for as equity awards was:

	Awards	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1	5,766,253		
Granted	3,792,575		
Settled	(1,152,197)		
Forfeited or Expired	(543,176)		
Outstanding at December 31	<u>7,863,455</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>\$ 60,784,507</u>



## 9. Share Based Compensation (Continued)

The aggregate intrinsic value represents the Company's current estimate of the number of shares (7,863,455 shares at December 31, 2009) that will ultimately be distributed for outstanding awards computed using the market value of the Company's common stock at December 31, 2009. The weighted-average grant date fair value per share of performance share awards granted during 2009, 2008, and 2007 was \$4.53, \$8.20 and \$28.52, respectively. The total fair value of equity awards settled during the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$6 million. As of December 31, 2009, there was \$26 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to performance share awards that is expected to be recognized over a period of 1.6 years.

**Deferred Share Awards** The distribution of deferred share awards granted under the LTIP Plans is based solely on a requisite service period (generally 36 months). Career equity awards granted to certain employees of the Company vest upon the retirement of those individuals. The fair value of each deferred award is based on AMR's stock price on the measurement date.

Activity during 2009 for deferred awards accounted for as equity awards was:

	Shares	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1	4,047,878		
Granted	3,586,061		
Settled	(631,180)		
Forfeited or Expired	(115,491)		
Outstanding at December 31	<u>6,887,268</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>\$53,238,583</u>

The weighted-average grant date fair value per share of deferred awards granted during 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$4.57, \$8.23 and \$28.54, respectively. The total fair value of awards settled during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$3 million, \$6 million and \$24 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2009, there was \$26 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to deferred awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.0 years.

**Other Awards** As of December 31, 2009, certain performance share agreements and deferred share award agreements were accounted for as a liability, or as equity, as appropriate, in the consolidated balance sheet as the plans only permit settlement in cash or the awards required that the employee meet certain performance conditions which were not subject to market measurement. As a result, awards under these agreements are marked to current market value. As of December 31, 2009, the aggregate intrinsic value of these awards was \$5 million and the weighted average remaining contractual term of these awards was 2.4 years. The total fair value of awards settled during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$1 million, \$24 million, and \$11 million respectively. As of December 31, 2009, there was \$3 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to other awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.8 years.

## 10. Retirement Benefits

All employees of the Company may participate in pension plans if they meet the plans' eligibility requirements. The defined benefit plans provide benefits for participating employees based on years of service and average compensation for a specified period of time before retirement. The Company uses a December 31 measurement date for all of its defined benefit plans. American's pilots also participate in a defined contribution plan for which Company contributions are determined as a percentage (11 percent) of participant compensation. Certain non-contract employees (including all new non-contract employees) participate in a defined contribution plan in which the Company will match the employees' before-tax contribution on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to 5.5 percent of their pensionable pay.

**10. Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

In addition to pension benefits, retiree medical and other postretirement benefits, including certain health care and life insurance benefits (which provide secondary coverage to Medicare), are provided to retired employees. The amount of health care benefits is limited to lifetime maximums as outlined in the plan. Certain employees of American and employees of certain other subsidiaries may become eligible for these benefits if they satisfy eligibility requirements during their working lives.

Certain employee groups make contributions toward funding a portion of their retiree health care benefits during their working lives. The Company funds benefits as incurred and makes contributions to match employee prefunding.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the changes in the pension and retiree medical and other benefit obligations and fair value of assets for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and a statement of funded status as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in millions):

	Pension Benefits		Retiree Medical and Other Benefits	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
<u>Reconciliation of benefit obligation</u>				
Obligation at January 1	\$ 10,884	\$ 10,451	\$ 2,779	\$ 2,672
Service cost	333	324	59	54
Interest cost	712	684	179	172
Actuarial (gain) loss	675	254	67	22
Plan amendments	-	(14)	(101)	-
Benefit payments	(601)	(815)	(156)	(141)
Obligation at December 31	<u>\$ 12,003</u>	<u>\$ 10,884</u>	<u>\$ 2,827</u>	<u>\$ 2,779</u>
<u>Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets</u>				
Fair value of plan assets at January 1	\$ 6,714	\$ 9,099	\$ 161	\$ 224
Actual return on plan assets	928	(1,659)	34	(75)
Employer contributions	10	89	167	153
Benefit payments	(601)	(815)	(156)	(141)
Fair value of plan assets at December 31	<u>\$ 7,051</u>	<u>\$ 6,714</u>	<u>\$ 206</u>	<u>\$ 161</u>
Funded status at December 31	<u>\$ (4,952)</u>	<u>\$ (4,170)</u>	<u>\$ (2,621)</u>	<u>\$ (2,618)</u>
<u>Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets</u>				
Current liability	\$ 9	\$ 11	\$ 167	\$ 163
Noncurrent liability	4,943	4,159	2,454	2,455
	<u>\$ 4,952</u>	<u>\$ 4,170</u>	<u>\$ 2,621</u>	<u>\$ 2,618</u>
<u>Amounts recognized in other comprehensive loss</u>				
Net actuarial loss (gain)	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,839	\$ (402)	\$ (458)
Prior service cost (credit)	94	108	(147)	(53)
	<u>\$ 3,102</u>	<u>\$ 2,947</u>	<u>\$ (549)</u>	<u>\$ (511)</u>

**10. Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

For plans with accumulated benefit obligations exceeding the fair value of plan assets

	Pension Benefits		Retiree Medical and Other Benefits	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Projected benefit obligation (PBO)	\$ 11,977	\$ 10,884	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated benefit obligation (ABO)	10,558	9,656	-	-
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation (APBO)	-	-	2,827	2,779
Fair value of plan assets	7,027	6,714	206	161
ABO less fair value of plan assets	3,531	2,942	-	-

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, pension benefit plan assets of \$145 million and \$460 million, respectively, and retiree medical and other benefit plan assets of \$204 million and \$158 million, respectively, were invested in shares of certain mutual funds.

The following tables provide the components of net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 (in millions):

<u>Components of net periodic benefit cost</u>	Pension Benefits		
	2009	2008	2007
Defined benefit plans:			
Service cost	\$ 333	\$ 324	\$ 370
Interest cost	712	684	672
Expected return on assets	(566)	(789)	(747)
Amortization of:			
Prior service cost	13	16	16
Settlement	-	103	-
Unrecognized net loss	145	3	25
Net periodic benefit cost for defined benefit plans	637	341	336
Defined contribution plans	153	156	151
	<u>\$ 790</u>	<u>\$ 497</u>	<u>\$ 487</u>

<u>Components of net periodic benefit cost</u>	Retiree Medical and Other Benefits		
	2009	2008	2007
Service cost	\$ 59	\$ 54	\$ 70
Interest cost	179	172	194
Expected return on assets	(14)	(20)	(18)
Amortization of:			
Prior service cost	(8)	(13)	(13)
Unrecognized net loss (gain)	(14)	(22)	(7)
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 202</u>	<u>\$ 171</u>	<u>\$ 226</u>

The estimated net loss and prior service cost for the defined benefit pension plans that will be amortized from Accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year are \$154 million and \$13 million, respectively. The estimated net gain and prior service credit for the retiree medical and other postretirement plans that will be amortized from Accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year are \$10 million and \$19 million, respectively.

**10. Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

	Pension Benefits		Retiree Medical and Other Benefits	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
<u>Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations as of December 31</u>				
Discount rate	6.10%	6.50%	5.90%	6.50%
Salary scale (ultimate)	3.78	3.78	-	-
	Pension Benefits		Retiree Medical and Other Benefits	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
<u>Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31</u>				
Discount rate	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.00%
Salary scale (ultimate)	3.78	3.78	-	-
Expected return on plan assets	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75

As of December 31, 2009, the Company's estimate of the long-term rate of return on plan assets was 8.50 percent based on the target asset allocation. Expected returns on longer duration bonds are based on yields to maturity of the bonds held at year-end. Expected returns on other assets are based on a combination of long-term historical returns, actual returns on plan assets achieved over the last ten years, current and expected market conditions, and expected value to be generated through active management, currency overlay and securities lending programs. The Company's annualized ten-year rate of return on plan assets as of December 31, 2009, was approximately 7.96 percent.

The objectives of the Company's investment policies are to: maintain sufficient income and liquidity to pay retirement benefits; produce a long-term rate of return that meets or exceeds the assumed rate of return for plan assets; limit the volatility of asset performance and funded status; and diversify assets among asset classes and investment managers.

Based on these investment objectives, a long-term strategic asset allocation has been established. This strategic allocation seeks to balance the potential benefit of improving funded position with the potential risk that the funded position would decline. The current strategic target asset allocation is as follows:

Asset Class/Sub-Class	Allowed Range
Equity	58% - 68%
Public:	
U.S. Value	20% - 35%
International Value	15% - 25%
Emerging Markets	0% - 6%
Alternative Investments	0% - 18%
Fixed Income	32% - 42%
U.S. Long Duration	30% - 40%
Emerging Markets	0% - 4%
Other	0% - 5%
Cash Equivalents	0% - 5%

**10. Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

Each asset class is actively managed and, historically, the plans' assets have produced returns, net of management fees, in excess of the expected rate of return over the last ten years. Stocks and emerging market bonds are used to provide diversification and are expected to generate higher returns over the long-term than longer duration U.S. bonds. Public stocks are managed using a value investment approach in order to participate in the returns generated by stocks in the long-term, while reducing year-over-year volatility. Longer duration U.S. bonds are used to partially hedge the assets from declines in interest rates. Alternative (private) investments are used to provide expected returns in excess of the public markets over the long-term. Additionally, the Company engages currency overlay managers in an attempt to increase returns by protecting non-U.S. dollar denominated assets from a rise in the relative value of the U.S. dollar. The Company also participates in securities lending programs to generate additional income by loaning plan assets to borrowers on a fully collateralized basis. These programs are subject to market risk.

Investments in securities traded on recognized securities exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the year. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price. The money market fund is valued at fair value which represents the net asset value of the shares of such fund as of the close of business at the end of the period. Investments in limited partnerships are carried at estimated net asset value as determined by and reported by the general partners of the partnerships and represent the proportionate share of the estimated fair value of the underlying assets of the limited partnerships. Common/collective trusts are valued at net asset value based on the fair values of the underlying investments of the trusts as determined by the sponsor of the trusts. The 103-12 investment trust is valued at net asset value which is determined by the issuer at the end of each month and is based on the aggregate fair value of trust assets less liabilities, divided by the number of units outstanding. Investments in segregated funds are carried at net asset value, which is based on the fair market value of the underlying asset. No changes in valuation techniques or inputs occurred during the period.

The fair values of the Company's pension plan assets at December 31, 2009, by asset category are as follows:

Asset Category	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009 (in millions)			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 162	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162
Equity securities				
International markets (a)(e)	1,410	-	-	1,410
Large-cap companies (b)(e)	1,431	-	-	1,431
Mid-cap companies (c)(e)	241	-	-	241
Small-cap companies(d)(e)	49	-	-	49
Fixed Income				
Corporate bonds (f)	--	2,023	--	2,023
Government securities (g)	--	793	--	793
U.S. municipal securities	--	40	--	40
Alternative investments				
Private equity funds (h)	-	-	744	744
Common/collective and 103-12 investment trusts (i)	-	115	-	115
Insurance group annuity contracts	-	-	3	3
Dividend and interest receivable	40	-	-	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,333</b>	<b>\$ 2,971</b>	<b>\$ 747</b>	<b>\$ 7,051</b>

**10.. Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

- (a) Holdings are diversified as follows: 20 percent United Kingdom, 14 percent Japan, 12 percent France, 10 percent Germany, 9 percent Switzerland, 6 percent Netherlands, 6 percent emerging markets and the remaining 23 percent with no concentration greater than 5 percent in any one country.
- (b) Holdings include 85 percent U.S. companies, 11 percent international companies and 4 percent emerging market companies traded in the U.S. markets.
- (c) Holdings include 85 percent U.S. companies, 13 percent international companies and 2 percent emerging market companies traded in the U.S. markets.
- (d) Holdings include 92 percent U.S. companies, 5 percent international companies and 3 percent emerging market companies traded in the U.S. markets.
- (e) There are no significant concentration of holdings by company or industry.
- (f) Includes approximately 76 percent investments in corporate debt or a Standard and Poor's (S&P) rating lower than A and 24 percent investments in corporate debt of an S&P rating A or higher. Holdings include 81 percent U.S. companies, 17 percent international companies and 2 percent emerging market companies.
- (g) Includes approximately 80 percent investments in domestic government securities, 19 percent in emerging market government securities and 1 percent in other international government securities. There are no significant foreign currency risks within this classification.
- (h) Includes limited partnerships that invest primarily in U.S. (93 percent) and European (7 percent) buyout opportunities.
- (i) Includes investments in emerging markets, global small companies and Canadian segregated funds.

Not included in the above table are receivables and payables for foreign currency forward contracts which net to less than \$3 million and collateral held on loaned securities and the obligation to return collateral on loaned securities which effectively net to zero.

Changes in fair value measurements of Level 3 investments during the year ended December 31, 2009, were as follows:

	Private Equity Partnerships	Insurance Group Annuity Contracts
Beginning balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 613	\$ 3
Actual return on plan assets:		
Relating to assets still held at the reporting date	47	-
Relating to assets sold during the period	1	-
Purchases, sales, settlements (net)	83	-
Ending balance at December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 744</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>

The fair values of the Company's other postretirement benefit plan assets at December 31, 2009 by asset category were as follows:

Asset Category	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009 (in millions)			Total
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Money market fund	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4
Unitized mutual funds	-	202	-	202
Total	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 202</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 206</u>

Investments in the unitized mutual funds are carried at the per share net asset value and include approximately 25 percent of investments in non-U.S. common stocks. Net asset value is based on the fair market value of the funds' underlying assets and liabilities at the date of determination. Investments in the money market fund are valued at fair value which represents the net assets value of the shares of such fund as of the close of business at the end of the period.

**10. Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>Assumed health care trend rates at December 31</u>		
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	7.0%	7.5%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	4.5%	4.5%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2015	2015

A one percentage point change in the assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects (in millions):

	<u>One Percent Increase</u>	<u>One Percent Decrease</u>
Impact on 2009 service and interest cost	23	(22)
Impact on postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2009	232	(228)

The Company is required to make minimum contributions to its defined benefit pension plans under the minimum funding requirements of ERISA, the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 and the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The Company estimates its 2010 required contribution to its defined benefit pension plans to be approximately \$525 million under the provisions of these acts.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service as appropriate, are expected to be paid:

	<u>Pension</u>	<u>Retiree Medical and Other</u>
2010	550	167
2011	572	169
2012	603	167
2013	678	168
2014	738	170
2015 – 2019	4,633	971

During 2008, American recorded a settlement charge totaling \$103 million related to lump sum distributions from the Company's defined benefit pension plans to pilots who retired. Pursuant to U.S. GAAP, the use of settlement accounting is required if, for a given year, the cost of all settlements exceeds, or is expected to exceed, the sum of the service cost and interest cost components of net periodic pension expense for a plan. Under settlement accounting, unrecognized plan gains or losses must be recognized immediately in proportion to the percentage reduction of the plan's projected benefit obligation.

**11. Intangible Assets**

The Company has recorded international slot and route authorities of \$736 million and \$828 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company considers these assets indefinite life assets and as a result, they are not amortized but instead are tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. Such triggering events may include significant changes to the Company's network or capacity, or the implementation of open skies agreements in countries where the Company operates flights.

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**11. Intangible Assets (Continued)**

In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company performed its annual impairment testing on international slots and routes, at which time the net carrying value was reassessed for recoverability. It was determined through this annual impairment testing that the fair value of certain international slots and routes was less than the carrying value. Thus, the Company adjusted the value of these respective international slots and routes. The majority of these assets were route authorities in Latin American countries. The Company incurred an impairment charge of \$96 million to write down the values of these and certain other routes and slots to a fair value of \$28 million.

In 2009, the Company implemented fair value accounting guidance on non-financial assets and liabilities as it relates to its routes, which considers whether there is a market for such assets. As there is minimal market activity for the valuation of routes and international slots and landing rights, the Company measures fair value with inputs using the income approach. The income approach uses valuation techniques, such as future cash flows, to convert future amounts to a single present discounted amount. The inputs utilized for these valuations are unobservable and reflect the Company's assumptions about market participants and what they would use to value the routes and accordingly are considered Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The Company's unobservable inputs are developed based on the best information available as of December 31, 2009.

The following tables provide information relating to the Company's amortized intangible assets as of December 31 (in millions):

	2009		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
<b>Amortized intangible assets:</b>			
Airport operating rights	\$ 447	\$ 271	\$ 176
Gate lease rights	182	122	60
Total	<u>\$ 629</u>	<u>\$ 393</u>	<u>\$ 236</u>

	2008		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
<b>Amortized intangible assets:</b>			
Airport operating rights	\$ 447	\$ 253	\$ 194
Gate lease rights	182	114	68
Total	<u>\$ 629</u>	<u>\$ 367</u>	<u>\$ 262</u>

Airport operating and gate lease rights are being amortized on a straight-line basis over 25 years to a zero residual value. The Company recorded amortization expense related to these intangible assets of approximately \$28 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The Company expects to record annual amortization expense averaging approximately \$26 million in each of the next five years related to these intangible assets.



**12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The components of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows (in millions):

	Pension and Retiree Medical Liability	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	Derivative Financial Instruments	Income Tax Benefit/ (Expense)	Total
Balance at January 1, 2007	\$ (1,456)	\$ 4	\$ 17	\$ 36	\$ (1,399)
Current year net change	1,723	(6)	-	-	1,717
Amortization of actuarial loss and prior service cost	21	-	-	-	21
Reclassification of derivative financial instruments into earnings	-	-	(158)	-	(158)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	379	-	379
Balance at December 31, 2007	288	(2)	238	36	560
Current year change	(2,707)	(7)	-	-	(2,714)
Amortization of actuarial loss and prior service cost	(17)	-	-	-	(17)
Reclassification of derivative financial instruments into earnings	-	-	(378)	-	(378)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	(738)	-	(738)
Balance at December 31, 2008	(2,436)	(9)	(878)	36	(3,287)
Current year change	(253)	6	-	-	(247)
Amortization of actuarial loss and prior service cost	136	-	-	-	136
Reclassification of derivative financial instruments into earnings	-	-	662	-	662
Non-cash tax provision	-	-	-	(248)	(248)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	151	-	151
Balance at December 31, 2009	<u>\$ (2,553)</u>	<u>\$ (3)</u>	<u>\$ (65)</u>	<u>\$ (212)</u>	<u>\$ (2,833)</u>

As of December 31, 2009, the Company estimates that during the next twelve months it will reclassify from Accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings approximately \$66 million and \$8 million in net losses (based on prices as of December 31, 2009) related to its fuel derivative hedges for American and AMR Eagle, respectively.

The difference between Net earnings (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss) for the twelve month periods ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 is due primarily to the accounting for the Company's derivative financial instruments and the actuarial loss on the pension benefit obligation of the Company's pension plans.

Amounts allocated to other comprehensive income for income taxes as further described in Note 8 will remain in Accumulated other comprehensive income until the Company ceases all related activities, such as termination of the pension plan.

### **13. Transactions with Related Parties**

American invests funds, including funds of certain affiliates, if any, in a combined short-term investment portfolio and passes through interest income on such funds at the average rate earned on the portfolio. These amounts are classified as Payable to affiliate on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

American Airlines and AMR Eagle operate under a capacity purchase agreement. The capacity purchase agreement reflects what the Company believes are current market rates received by other regional carriers for similar flying. Amounts paid to AMR Eagle under the capacity purchase agreement are available to pay for various operating expenses of AMR Eagle, such as crew expenses, maintenance and aircraft ownership. As of December 31, 2009, AMR Eagle operated over 1,500 daily departures, offering scheduled passenger service to over 150 destinations in North America, Mexico and the Caribbean. On a separate company basis, AMR Eagle reported \$2.1 billion in revenue in 2009. However, this historical financial information is not indicative of what AMR Eagle's future revenues might be if AMR Eagle were a stand-alone entity.

In 2009 and 2008, American made payments to the AMR Eagle carriers of approximately \$2.0 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively, related to the capacity purchase agreement. In addition, American incurred costs associated with generating Regional Affiliates revenue for flights on AMR Eagle of \$99 million and \$112 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively, recorded in Commissions, booking fees and credit card expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. American also incurred other costs in connection with its affiliate relationship with AMR Eagle totaling approximately \$252 million and \$267 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively, primarily recorded in Other operating expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Included in these costs is the charge from AMR Eagle during the fourth quarter of 2009 for the \$42 million impairment related to the Embraer RJ-135 fleet recorded in Special charges in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, as discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

American paid subsidiaries of AMR zero in 2009 and approximately \$3 million in 2008 and \$12 million in 2007 for ground handling services provided at selected airports, consulting services and investment management and advisory services with respect to short-term investments and the assets of its retirement benefit plans. In addition, in consideration for certain services provided, the AMR Eagle carriers paid American approximately \$17 million in 2009, \$17 million in 2008 and \$20 million in 2007.

American recognizes compensation expense associated with certain AMR common stock-based awards for employees of American (see Note 9). In addition, American incurs pension and postretirement benefit expense for American employees working at affiliates of the Company. American transfers pension and postretirement benefit expense for these employees to its affiliates based on a percentage of salaries and cost per employee, respectively (see Note 10).

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had no receivable classified from its parent against paid-in-capital on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

### **14. Segment Reporting**

The Company's operations of American and AMR Eagle are treated as an integrated route network and the route scheduling system maximizes the operating results of the Company. The Company's chief operating decision maker makes resource allocation decisions to maximize the Company's consolidated financial results. Based on the way the Company treats the network and the manner in which resource allocation decisions are made, the Company has only one operating segment for financial reporting purposes consisting of the operations of American and AMR Eagle.

American, AMR Eagle and the AmericanConnection® airline serve approximately 250 cities in 40 countries with, on average, more than 3,400 daily flights. The combined network fleet numbers approximately 900 aircraft. American is also one of the largest scheduled air freight carriers in the world, providing a wide range of freight and mail services to shippers throughout its system onboard American's passenger fleet. AMR Eagle owns two regional airlines, which do business as "American Eagle" - American Eagle Airlines, Inc. and Executive Airlines, Inc. The American Eagle® carriers provide service from throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

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#### 14. Segment Reporting (Continued)

Revenues from other segments are below the quantitative threshold for determining reportable segments and consist primarily of revenues from American Beacon Advisors, Inc. (divested in 2008) and Americas Ground Services, Inc. The difference between the financial information of the Company's one reportable segment and the financial information included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and balance sheets as a result of these entities is not material.

The Company's operating revenues by geographic region (as defined by DOT) are summarized below (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
DOT Domestic	\$ 11,955	\$ 14,065	\$ 14,077
DOT Latin America	4,114	4,927	4,268
DOT Atlantic	2,973	3,671	3,556
DOT Pacific	856	1,033	932
Total consolidated revenues	<u>\$ 19,898</u>	<u>\$ 23,696</u>	<u>\$ 22,833</u>

The Company attributes operating revenues by geographic region based upon the origin and destination of each flight segment. The Company's tangible assets consist primarily of flight equipment, which are mobile across geographic markets and, therefore, have not been allocated.

#### 15. Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

Unaudited summarized financial data by quarter for 2009 and 2008 (in millions):

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<b>2009</b>				
Operating revenues	\$ 4,834	\$ 4,885	\$ 5,122	\$ 5,057
Operating income (loss)	(227)	(259)	(246)	(431)
Net earnings (loss)	(366)	(388)	(377)	(343)
<b>2008</b>				
Operating revenues	\$ 5,673	\$ 6,155	\$ 6,402	\$ 5,466
Operating income (loss)	(234)	(1,339)	(268)	(213)
Net earnings (loss)	(344)	(1,463)	(396)	(328)

The second quarter 2008 results include an impairment charge of \$1.1 billion to write the McDonnell Douglas MD-80 and Embraer RJ-135 fleets and certain related long-lived assets down to their estimated fair values, and a \$54 million accrual for employee severance costs.

The Company's third quarter 2008 results include \$26 million of special charges due to continued capacity reduction effects.

The results of the fourth quarter of 2008 were impacted by a pension settlement charge of \$103 million for one of the Company's defined benefit plans.

The first, second and third quarter 2009 results include the impact of approximately \$13 million, \$70 million and \$94 million, respectively, in charges related to the sale leaseback of certain aircraft and the grounding of leased Airbus A300 aircraft prior to lease expiration.

The results for the fourth quarter of 2009 include an impairment charge of approximately \$138 million to write down certain route and slot authorities, primarily in Latin America, and certain Embraer RJ-135 aircraft to their estimated fair values, as well as \$30 million in charges associated with the grounding of the Airbus A300 fleet and the sale leaseback of certain aircraft. Also included in 2009 results is a \$248 million non-cash tax benefit resulting from the allocation of the tax expense to other comprehensive income items recognized during 2009.

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

**None.**

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The term "disclosure controls and procedures" is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. This term refers to the controls and procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission. An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2009. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2009. During the quarter ending on December 31, 2009, there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009 using the criteria set forth in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2009, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

The effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm who also audited the Company's consolidated financial statements. Ernst & Young LLP's attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting appears below.

/s/ Gerard J. Arpey

Gerard J. Arpey

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Thomas W. Horton

Thomas W. Horton

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholder  
American Airlines, Inc.

We have audited American Airlines, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). American Airlines, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying "Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting." Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based upon the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, American Airlines, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of American Airlines, Inc. as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholder's equity (deficit) and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 of American Airlines, Inc. and our report dated February 17, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Dallas, Texas  
February 17, 2010

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**ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

Omitted under the reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instruction I(2)(c) of Form 10-K.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Omitted under the reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instruction I(2)(c) of Form 10-K.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

Omitted under the reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instruction I(2)(c) of Form 10-K.

**ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

Omitted under the reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instruction I(2)(c) of Form 10-K.

**ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees paid to Ernst & Young for audit services rendered in connection with the consolidated financial statements and reports for fiscal years 2009 and 2008 and for other services rendered during fiscal years 2009 and 2008 on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as all out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with these services (amounts in thousands):

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Audit Fees	\$ 2,510	\$ 2,466
Audit Related Fees	842	400
Tax Fees	187	172
Total	<u>\$ 3,539</u>	<u>\$ 3,038</u>

**Audit Fees:** Consists of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements, the review of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports, services that are normally provided by Ernst & Young in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements and attest services, except those not required by statute or regulation. In 2009 and 2008 this includes completion of the internal control audit required by Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404.

**Audit-Related Fees:** Consists of fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's consolidated financial statements and are not reported under "Audit Fees". These services include employee benefit plan audits, accounting consultations and auditing work on proposed transactions, attest services that are not required by statute or regulation, and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.

**Tax Fees:** Consists of tax compliance/preparation and other tax services. Tax compliance/preparation consists of fees billed for professional services related to federal, state and international tax compliance, assistance with tax audits and appeals, expatriate tax services, and assistance related to the impact of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures on tax return preparation. Other tax services consist of fees billed for other miscellaneous tax consulting and planning.

## Audit Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors

The AMR Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by Ernst & Young. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. The Audit Committee has adopted a policy for the pre-approval of services provided by Ernst & Young. Under this policy, pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and includes an anticipated budget. In addition, the Committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis. The Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority to the Chair of the Committee. Pursuant to this delegation, the Chair must report any pre-approval decision by him to the Committee at its first meeting after the pre-approval was obtained.

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### PART IV

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#### ITEM 15.

#### EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) (1) The following financial statements and Independent Auditors' Report are filed as part of this report:

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(2) The following financial statement schedule is filed as part of this report:

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Schedules not included have been omitted because they are not applicable or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K. (Where the amount of securities authorized to be issued under any of American's long-term debt agreements does not exceed 10 percent of American's assets, pursuant to paragraph (b)(4) of Item 601 of Regulation S-K, in lieu of filing such as an exhibit, American hereby agrees to furnish to the Commission upon request a copy of any agreement with respect to such long-term debt.)

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## **Exhibit**

- 10.1 Information Technology Services Agreement, dated July 1, 1996, between American and The Sabre Group, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to The Sabre Group Holdings, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, file number 333-09747. Confidential treatment was granted as to a portion of this document.
  - 10.2 Bylaws of American Airlines, Inc., amended January 22, 2003, incorporated by reference to American's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.
  - 10.3 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Gerard J. Arpey dated May 21, 1998, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.61 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
  - 10.4 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Peter M. Bowler, dated May 21, 1998, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.63 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
  - 10.5 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Daniel P. Garton, dated May 21, 1998, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.66 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
  - 10.6 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Monte E. Ford, dated November 15, 2000, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.74 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000.
  - 10.7 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and William K. Ris, Jr., dated October 20, 1999, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.79 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999.
  - 10.8 Form of Amendment to Executive Termination Benefits Agreement dated as January 1, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.124 of AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.
  - 10.9 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Gary F. Kennedy dated February 3, 2003, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.55 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.
  - 10.10 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Robert W. Reding dated May 20, 2003, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.71 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.
  - 10.11 Employment agreement between AMR, American Airlines and William K. Ris, Jr. dated November 11, 1999, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.73 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.
  - 10.12 Employment agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Robert W. Reding dated May 21, 2003, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.94 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.
  - 10.13 Amendment of employment agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Thomas W. Horton dated July 15, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to AMR's report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008.
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- 10.14 Amended and Restated Executive Termination Benefits Agreement between AMR, American Airlines and Jeffrey J. Brundage dated April 1, 2004, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to AMR's report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004.
  - 10.15 Supplemental Executive Retirement Program for Officers of American Airlines, Inc., as amended and restated as of January 1, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.127 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December, 31, 2008.
  - 10.16 2010 Annual Incentive Plan for American, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to American's current report on Form 8-K dated January 22, 2010.
  - 10.17 Aircraft Purchase Agreement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated October 31, 1997, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.48 to AMR Corporation's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997. Confidential treatment was granted as to a portion of this document.
  - 10.18 Letter Agreement dated November 17, 2004 and Purchase Agreement Supplements dated January 11, 2005 between the Boeing Company and American Airlines, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.99 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. Confidential treatment was granted as to a portion of these agreements.
  - 10.19 Letter Agreement between the Boeing Company and American Airlines, Inc. dated May 5, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to AMR's report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005. Confidential treatment was granted as to a portion of this agreement.
  - 10.20 Trust Agreement Under Supplemental Retirement Program for Officers of American Airlines, Inc., as amended and restated as of June 1, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.128 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December, 31, 2008.
  - 10.21 Trust Agreement Under Supplemental Executive Retirement Program for Officers of American Airlines, Inc Participating in the Super Saver Plus Plan, as amended and restated as of June 1, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.129 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December, 31, 2008.
  - 10.22 Credit Agreement dated as of December 17, 2004, among American Airlines, Inc., AMR Corporation, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, Citicorp USA, Inc., as Administrative Agent for the Lenders, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Syndication Agent and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Book-Running Managers, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.103 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.
  - 10.23 2009 Annual Incentive Plan for American, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to AMR's current report on Form 8-K dated January 23, 2009.
  - 10.24 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated August 17, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to American Airlines Inc.'s reported on Form 10-K from the year ended December 31, 2007. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
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- 10.25 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated November 20, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to American Airlines Inc.'s reported on Form 10-K from the year ended December 31, 2007. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 10.26 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated December 10, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to American Airlines Inc.'s reported on Form 10-K from the year ended December 31, 2007. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 10.27 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated January 20, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to American Airlines Inc.'s reported on Form 10-K from the year ended December 31, 2007. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 10.28 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated February 11, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to American Airlines Inc.'s reported on Form 10-K from the year ended December 31, 2007. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 10.29 Purchase Agreement No. 3219 between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated as of October 15, 2008. this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.138 to AMR's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.
- 10.30 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated as of June 9, 2009. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to American's report on Form 10-QA for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.
- 10.31 Purchase Agreement Supplement by and between American Airlines, Inc. and The Boeing Company, dated December 18, 2009. Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 12 Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005.
- 23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).
- 32 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) and section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code).
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**American Airlines, Inc.**

By: /s/ Gerard J. Arpey  
Gerard J. Arpey  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: February 17, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates noted:

/s/ Gerard J. Arpey  
Gerard J. Arpey  
Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Thomas W. Horton  
Thomas W. Horton  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

/s/ John W. Bachmann  
John W. Bachmann, Director

/s/ Michael A. Miles  
Michael A. Miles, Director

/s/ David L. Boren  
David L. Boren, Director

/s/ Philip J. Purcell  
Philip J. Purcell, Director

/s/ Armando M. Codina  
Armando M. Codina, Director

/s/ Ray M. Robinson  
Ray M. Robinson, Director

/s/ Rajat K. Gupta  
Rajat K. Gupta, Director

/s/ Judith Rodin  
Judith Rodin, Director

/s/ Alberto Ibargüen  
Alberto Ibargüen, Director

/s/ Matthew K. Rose  
Matthew K. Rose, Director

/s/ Ann McLaughlin Korologos  
Ann McLaughlin Korologos, Director

/s/ Roger T. Staubach  
Roger T. Staubach, Director

Date: February 17, 2010

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves**  
(in millions)

	<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>Changes charged to statement of operations accounts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Write-offs (net of recoveries)</b>	<b>Sales, retire- ments and transfers</b>	<b>Balance at end of year</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2009</b>						
Allowance for obsolescence of inventories	\$ 437	\$ 38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (18)	\$ 457
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	49	5	-	3	-	57
Reserves for environmental remediation costs	18	1	(1)	-	-	18
<b>Year ended December 31, 2008</b>						
Allowance for obsolescence of inventories	\$ 373	\$ 88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24)	\$ 437
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	40	6	-	3	-	49
Reserves for environmental remediation costs	21	2	(5)	-	-	18
<b>Year ended December 31, 2007</b>						
Allowance for obsolescence of inventories	\$ 364	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15)	\$ 373
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	44	(1)	-	(3)	-	40
Reserves for environmental remediation costs	33	-	(7)	(5)	-	21

Supplemental Agreement No. 19

to

Purchase Agreement No. 1980

between

The Boeing Company

and

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC

Relating to Boeing Model 777-223IGW Aircraft

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT, entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, (Supplemental Agreement Number 19) by and between THE BOEING COMPANY, a Delaware corporation with offices in Seattle, Washington, (Boeing) and American Airlines, Inc. (Customer);

RECITALS:

1. Boeing and Customer entered into Purchase Agreement No. 1980 dated as of October 31, 1997, as amended and supplemented (capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings specified therefor in such Purchase Agreement) relating to Boeing Model 777-223IGW aircraft (the Purchase Agreement).

2. In Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-109R1 to the Purchase Agreement, among other things, Boeing agreed to issue [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT]. Boeing and Customer now wish to amend such letter agreement to set forth [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

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In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree to amend the Purchase Agreement as follows:

1. The Table of Contents of the Purchase Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by a revised Table of Contents, copy attached, to set forth Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-109R2 entitled Business Considerations and the appropriate SA-19 references.
2. Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-109R1 entitled Business Considerations is deleted in its entirety and is replaced by revised letter agreement 6-1162-AKP-109R2, copy attached, to set forth [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT] due to Customer under Letter Agreement 6-1162-AKP-109R2).

The Purchase Agreement will be deemed to be amended to the extent provided herein and as so amended will continue in full force and effect. In the event of any inconsistency between the above provisions and the provisions contained in the referenced exhibits to this Supplemental Agreement, the terms of the exhibits will control.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE as of the day and year first above written.

THE BOEING COMPANY

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_;

Its: Attorney-In-Fact

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

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TABLE NUMBER	AGREEMENT NUMBER(S)
1.	Original Purchase Agreement / SA3/ SA17 / SA18
1-1.	SA1
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1-3.	SA4 / SA5 / SA6 / SA7 / SA9
1-4.	SA5 / SA6 / SA9
1-5.	SA10 / SA11 / SA12 / SA15
1-6.	SA 13
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3.	SA 15 / SA16

EXHIBITSSA NUMBER

- A. Aircraft Configuration
- B. Aircraft Delivery Requirements and Responsibilities
- C. Defined Terms



SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBITSSA NUMBER

BE1. BFE Variables

CS1. Customer Support Variables

SLP1. Service Life Policy Components

EE1-A. [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND NOT SELECTED / SA1  
FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT]

EE1-BR1.[CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED ANDSA15  
FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT]

LETTER AGREEMENTSSA NUMBER

Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-070	Miscellaneous Commitments for Model 737, 757, 767 and 777 Aircraft		
Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-071R1	Purchase Obligations	PA 3219	
	Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-072R2 [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT]	PA 3219	
Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-073R1	Accident Claims and Litigation	PA 3219	
Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-109R2	Business Considerations	SA19	
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Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-113	Model 777 Miscellaneous Commitments		
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Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-115	Component and System Reliability Commitments		
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Letter Agreement No. 6-1162-AKP-117	Delivery Schedule		
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American Airlines, Inc.  
P.O. Box 619616  
Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261-9616

Subject: Business Considerations

Reference: Purchase Agreement No. 1980 between The Boeing Company and American Airlines, Inc. relating to Model 777-223ER Aircraft

This letter agreement (Letter Agreement) is entered into on the date below and amends and supplements the Purchase Agreement referenced above. All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined in this Letter Agreement shall have the same meanings assigned thereto in Exhibit C to the Purchase Agreement or elsewhere in such Purchase Agreement.

1. [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

Boeing agrees to issue [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

2. [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

If Customer purchases [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT] pursuant to Letter Agreement 6-1162-AKP-110R1, Boeing shall issue a [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

3. [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT]

3.1 If Customer purchases [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

3.2 If Customer purchases [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

3.3 If Customer purchases [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

4. Application of [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

Customer may use each [CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OMITTED AND FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT].

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5. Confidential Treatment.

Customer and Boeing understand that certain commercial and financial information contained in this Letter Agreement are considered by Boeing and Customer as confidential. Customer and Boeing agree that each will treat this Letter Agreement and the information contained herein as confidential and will not, without the prior written consent of the other, disclose this Letter Agreement or any information contained herein to any other person or entity, except as provided in this Letter Agreement and or the Purchase Agreement.

Very truly yours,

THE BOEING COMPANY

By \_\_\_\_\_

Its Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO this

Date: \_\_, 2009

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

By\_

Its VP - Corporate Development and Treasurer

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.**  
**Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges**  
**(in millions)**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Earnings:</b>					
Income (loss) before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ (1,757)	\$ (2,531)	\$ 356	\$ 164	\$ (892)
Add: Total fixed charges (per below)	1,491	1,458	1,668	1,705	1,566
Less: Interest capitalized	42	33	20	29	64
Total earnings (loss)	<u>\$ (308)</u>	<u>\$ (1,106)</u>	<u>\$ 2,004</u>	<u>\$ 1,840</u>	<u>\$ 610</u>
<b>Fixed charges:</b>					
Interest	\$ 596	\$ 625	\$ 793	\$ 842	\$ 724
Portion of rental expense representative of the interest factor	859	815	862	848	831
Amortization of debt expense	36	18	13	15	11
Total fixed charges	<u>\$ 1,491</u>	<u>\$ 1,458</u>	<u>\$ 1,668</u>	<u>\$ 1,705</u>	<u>\$ 1,566</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges			<u>1.20</u>	<u>1.08</u>	<u>-</u>
Coverage deficiency	<u>\$ 1,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 956</u>

Note: As of December 31, 2009, American has guaranteed approximately \$885 million of unsecured debt and approximately \$262 million of secured debt. The impact of these unconditional guarantees is not included in the above computation.



**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements (Form S-8 No. 2-68366, Form S-8 No. 333-19325, Form S-8 No. 33-27866, Form S-8 No. 33-60725, Form S-8 No. 333-13751, Form S-8 No. 33-60727, Form S-8 No. 333-56947, Form S-8 No. 333-70239, Form S-8 No. 333-104611, Form S-8 No. 333-160666, Form S-3 No. 33-46325, Form S-3 No. 33-52121, Form S-3 No. 333-68211, Form S-3 No. 333-84292, Form S-3 No. 333-110760-01 and Form S-3 No. 333-160646-01) of American Airlines, Inc., and in the related Prospectuses, of our reports dated February 17, 2010, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of American Airlines and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of American Airlines, included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP**

Dallas, Texas  
February 17, 2010

I, Gerard J. Arpey, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of American Airlines, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 17, 2010  
Gerard J. Arpey  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Gerard J. Arpey

I, Thomas W. Horton, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of American Airlines, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 17, 2010

/s/ Thomas W. Horton

Thomas W. Horton

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**American Airlines, Inc.**  
**Certification**  
**Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**  
**(Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code)**

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), each of the undersigned officers of American Airlines, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), does hereby certify, to such officer's knowledge, that:

The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (the Form 10-K) of the Company fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 17, 2010 /s/ Gerard J. Arpey  
Gerard J. Arpey  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 17, 2010 /s/ Thomas W. Horton  
Thomas W. Horton  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code) and is not being filed as part of the Form 10-K or as a separate disclosure document.