

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934Date of earliest event
reported: April 12, 2001American Airlines, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)Delaware 1-2691 13-1502798
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
Identification No.)4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76155
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on April 12, 2001 by its parent company, AMR Corporation (the Company), as Exhibit 99.1 which is included herein. This press release was issued to announce the Company has retained its investment grade status.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibit is included herein:

99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett
Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: April 12, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release

Contact: Corporate Communications
Fort Worth, Texas
817-967-1577

FOR RELEASE: Thursday, April 12, 2001

AMR RETAINS INVESTMENT GRADE STATUS

FORT WORTH, Texas - AMR Corp., the parent company of American Airlines, issued the following statement today regarding the rating of its various debt securities by Moody's Investors Service:

Three days after American Airlines closed its purchase of substantially all of the assets of TWA, Moody's Investors Service altered its ratings on various of the company's debt securities. All debt obligations of both American Airlines and AMR remain investment grade. Moody's downgraded American Airlines' senior unsecured debt rating to Baa3 from Baal, and AMR Corporation's senior unsecured debt rating to Baa3 from Baa2.

This action was not unexpected given the \$625 million investment in TWA's assets and American's assumption of certain TWA aircraft lease obligations. Credit rating downgrades often initially result from a large-scale acquisition in which incremental debt is raised.

In recent times, Moody's has conferred lower ratings on AMR Corporation debt relative to the debt of American Airlines. This treatment stems from a view that parent company obligations, such as those of AMR, are effectively subordinate to claims against assets of the operating subsidiary, in this case American Airlines. The company is currently evaluating mechanisms that would provide additional credit support to AMR unsecured obligations and plans to make an announcement regarding its intentions in the near term.

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