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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event
reported: July 21, 2004

American 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 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

American Airlines, Inc. is furnishing herewith a press release issued on July 21, 2004 by its parent company, AMR Corporation (AMR), as Exhibit 99.1 which is included herein. This press release was issued to report AMR's second quarter 2004 results.

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release

Exhibit 99.1

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FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Editor's Note: A live Webcast reporting second quarter results will be broadcast on the internet on July 21 at 2 p.m. EDT. (Windows Media Player required for viewing.)

AMR CORPORATION REPORTS MODEST NET EARNINGS
FOR SECOND QUARTER DESPITE SHARPLY HIGHER FUEL COSTS

AMR Posts Second Quarter Net Earnings of \$6 Million
And Operating Profits of \$196 Million

Excluding Special Items, AMR Records Second Quarter Net Loss
of \$25 Million
And Operating Profits of \$165 million

AMR Ends Second Quarter With Cash and Short-Term
Investments of \$3.9 Billion, Including Restricted Balance of
\$489 Million

FORT WORTH, Texas - AMR Corporation, the parent company of American Airlines, Inc., today reported earnings of \$6 million for the second quarter, or \$0.03 per share diluted. This compares to last year's second quarter loss of \$75 million, or \$0.47 per share. The second quarter results for both 2003 and 2004 include special items -- both gains and losses -- resulting from the company's restructuring efforts and a prior-year U.S. government grant. Excluding these

special items, the company recorded a second quarter loss of \$25 million, or \$0.15 per share, a significant improvement over last year's loss of \$357 million, or \$2.26 per share. Also, excluding these special items, the company recorded second quarter operating profits of \$165 million, an increase of \$360 million over last year's results. (A reconciliation is provided later in this release.)

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"Compared to a year ago, we ran a much more efficient, more productive and smarter airline in the second quarter," said Gerard Arpey, AMR's Chairman and CEO. "The hard work and ingenuity of our people enabled us to drive the highest level of operating earnings, before special items, we've seen in four years, despite record fuel prices. The progress we have achieved under our Turnaround Plan, while gratifying, was overwhelmed during the period by the record high fuel prices that afflicted our industry and indeed the entire economy."

The year-over-year increase in fuel prices adversely impacted AMR's second quarter net earnings by \$232 million. "Had fuel prices been at 1999 levels, our costs would have been lower by a staggering \$480 million," Arpey noted. American Airlines' mainline cost per available seat mile during the second quarter was down 0.9 percent year over year. Excluding the impact of fuel price increases and special items, American's mainline cost per available seat mile during the period was down 10.8 percent year over year.

"However, high fuel prices are not an excuse," Arpey said. "Rather, they are a reminder that we must continually work to remove costs and improve the underlying profitability of our business anywhere and everywhere we can." Arpey pointed to the fact that this summer, American is operating nearly 60 fewer aircraft than a year ago, but has increased capacity, as measured by available seat miles, by roughly 6 percent. The number of hours flown by each aircraft operated by American in June increased by 8.3 percent compared to June a year ago.

"Every day, we are making changes that improve the earnings potential of our company," Arpey said. "But the industry environment remains a challenge, particularly in the United States. In May, the Air Transport Association report on industry results showed domestic revenue down 30 percent compared to levels in May of 2000, yet

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traffic was down by only 3.6 percent. That means we have no choice but to keep up the intensity as we strive to continuously lower costs, and deliver the kinds of products and services our customers value most."

According to Arpey, "While the spike in fuel prices masked a lot of our progress in the second quarter, the fact is we were able to absorb what a year ago would have been a crippling blow. It's also important to note that we ended the quarter with total cash and short-term investments of \$3.9 billion, including a restricted balance of \$489 million, and we have contributed \$461 million to our employee pension funds. Bottom line, while our financial results were driven by the high price of fuel, we are not discouraged. In fact, we are more determined than ever to complete our turnaround."

Editor's Note: AMR's chairman and chief executive officer, Gerard Arpey, and its chief financial officer, James Beer, will make a presentation to analysts during a teleconference

on Wednesday, July 21, from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT. Following the analyst call, they will hold a question-and-answer conference call for media from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. EDT. Reporters interested in listening to the presentation or participating in the media Q&A should call 817-967-1577 for details.

Statements in this news release 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 news release, the words "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," and similar expressions are intended to identify 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 needs, overall economic conditions, plans and objectives for future operations, 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 release are based upon information available to the Company on the date of this release. 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.

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Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. The following factors, in addition to other possible factors not listed, could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements: changes in economic, business and financial conditions; the Company's substantial indebtedness; continued high fuel prices and the availability of fuel; the residual effects of the war in Iraq; conflicts in the Middle East or elsewhere; the highly competitive business environment faced by the Company, with increasing competition from low cost carriers and historically low fare levels (which could result in a deterioration in the revenue environment); the ability of the Company to implement its restructuring program and the effect of the program on operational performance and service levels; uncertainties with respect to the Company's international operations; changes in the Company's business strategy; actions by U.S. or foreign government agencies; the possible occurrence of additional terrorist attacks; another outbreak of a disease (such as SARS) that affects travel behavior; uncertainties with respect to the Company's relationships with unionized and other employee work groups; the inability of the Company to satisfy existing financial or other covenants in certain of its credit agreements; the availability of future financing; and increased insurance costs and potential reductions of available insurance coverage. Additional information concerning these and other factors is contained in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including but not limited to the Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2003.

Detailed financial information follows:

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AMR CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

Three Months
Ended June
30, Percent
2004 2003
Change
Revenues
Passenger—
American
Airlines \$
3,895 \$
3,544 9.9
Regional
Affiliates
505 387 30.5
Cargo 155
140 10.7
Other
revenues 275
253 8.7
Total
operating
revenues
4,830 4,324
11.7
Expenses
Wages,
salaries and
benefits
1,703 1,869
(8.9)
Aircraft
fuel 917 647
41.7
Depreciation
and
amortization
320 344
(7.0) Other
rentals and
landing fees
301 298 1.0
Commissions,
booking fees
and credit
card expense
287 260 10.4
Maintenance,
materials
and repairs
245 187 31.0
Aircraft
rentals 153

~~177 (13.6)~~
~~Food service~~
~~139 151~~
~~(7.9) Other~~
~~operating~~
~~expenses 600~~
~~586 2.4~~
~~Special~~
~~charges (31)~~
~~76 * U.S.~~
~~government~~
~~grant~~
~~(358) *~~
~~Total~~
~~operating~~
~~expenses~~
~~4,634 4,237~~
~~9.4~~
~~Operating~~
~~Income 196~~
~~87 * Other~~
~~Income~~
~~(Expense)~~
~~Interest~~
~~income 14 8~~
~~75.0~~
~~Interest~~
~~expense~~
~~(217) (190)~~
~~14.2~~
~~Interest~~
~~capitalized~~
~~20 18 11.1~~
~~Miscellaneous~~
~~— net (7) 2~~
~~* (190)~~
~~(162) 17.3~~
~~Income~~
~~(Loss)~~
~~Before~~
~~Income Taxes~~
~~6 (75) *~~
~~Income tax —~~
~~— Net~~
~~Earnings~~
~~(Loss) \$ 6 \$~~
~~(75) *~~
~~Earnings~~
~~(Loss) Per~~
~~Share Basic~~
~~\$ 0.04 \$~~
~~(0.47)~~
~~Diluted \$~~
~~0.03 \$~~
~~(0.47)~~
~~Number of~~
~~Shares Used~~
~~in~~
~~Computation~~
~~Basic 160~~
~~158 Diluted~~
~~183 158~~

* Greater than 100%

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AMR CORPORATION
 NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS
 (Unaudited)

Impact of
 Special
 Items (in
 Three
 Months
 Ended June
 30,
 millions,

except per
share
amounts)
2004 2003
Amount EPS
Amount EPS
Net
earnings
(loss) as
reported \$
~~6 \$ 0.03 \$~~
~~(75) \$~~
~~(0.47)~~
Special
items:
Employee
charges
~~(11) 47~~
Aircraft
and
facility
costs ~~(20)~~
~~29 U.S.~~
government
grant
~~(358) Loss~~
before
special
items \$
~~(25) \$~~
~~(0.15) \$~~
~~(357) \$~~
~~(2.26)~~

Impact of Special Items (in millions)	Three Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2004	2003
Operating income as reported	\$ 196	\$ 87
Special items	(31)	(282)
Operating income (loss) before special items	\$ 165	\$(195)

Impact of Fuel Price Variance	Three Months Ended	
	June 30, 2004 vs	
	2003	1999
Fuel price per gallon (cents)		
2004	111.4	111.4
2003	83.2	-
1999 *	-	53.1
Change in price	28.2	58.3
2004 consumption (gallons, in millions)	824	824
Impact of fuel price variance (in millions)	\$ 232	\$ 480

* Fuel prices were lower and more stable in 1999

AMR CORPORATION
OPERATING STATISTICS
(Unaudited)

Three
Months
Ended June
30,
Percent
2004 2003
Change
American
Airlines,
Inc.
Mainline
Jet
Operations
Revenue
passenger

miles
 (millions)
 33,323
 30,180
 10.4
 Available
 seat miles
 (millions)
 43,997
 40,566 8.5
 Cargo ton
 miles
 (millions)
 567 493
 15.0
 Passenger
 load
 factor
 75.7%
 74.4% 1.3
 pts.
 Passenger
 revenue
 yield per
 passenger
 mile
 (cents)
 11.69
 11.74
 (0.4)
 Passenger
 revenue
 per
 available
 seat mile
 (cents)
 8.85 8.74
 1.3 Cargo
 revenue
 yield per
 ton mile
 (cents)
 27.24
 28.34
 (3.9)
 Operating
 expenses
 per
 available
 seat mile,
 excluding
 Regional
 Affiliates
 (cents)
 (1) 9.50
 9.59 (0.9)
 Operating
 expenses
 per
 available
 seat mile,
 excluding
 Special
 charges,
 U.S.
 government
 grant and
 Regional
 Affiliates
 (cents)
 (2) 9.57
 10.18
 (6.0) Fuel
 consumption
 (gallons,
 in
 millions)
 762 727
 4.8 Fuel
 price per
 gallon

~~(cents)~~
~~111.2 83.0~~
~~34.0~~
~~Regional~~
~~Affiliates~~
~~Revenue~~
~~passenger~~
~~miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~1,857~~
~~1,389 33.7~~
~~Available~~
~~seat miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~2,665~~
~~2,110 26.3~~
~~Passenger~~
~~load~~
~~factor~~
~~69.7%~~
~~65.8% 3.9~~
~~pts. AMR~~
~~Corporation~~
~~Average~~
~~Equivalent~~
~~Number of~~
~~Employees~~
~~American~~
~~Airlines~~
~~79,900~~
~~92,200~~
~~Other~~
~~12,600~~
~~11,800~~
~~Total~~
~~92,500~~
~~104,000~~

- (1) Excludes \$517 million and \$441 million of expense incurred related to Regional Affiliates in 2004 and 2003, respectively.
- (2) The company believes that excluding Special charges and U.S. government grant receipts provides a measure that is more representative of ongoing costs and therefore more comparable to American's historical operating expenses per ASM. Following is a reconciliation of total operating expenses to operating expenses excluding Special charges, U.S. government grant and Regional Affiliates.

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 NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS
 (Unaudited)

American
 Airlines,
 Inc.
 Mainline Jet
 Operations
 Three Months
 Ended June
 30, (in
 millions,
 except as
 noted) 2004
 2003 Total
 operating
 expenses as
 reported \$
~~4,698~~
~~4,332~~ Less:
 Operating
 expenses
 incurred
 related to
 Regional

Affiliates
517-441
Plus:
Special
charges and
U.S.
government
grant 31-239
Operating
expenses
excluding
Special
charges,
U.S.
government
grant and
expenses
incurred
related to
Regional
Affiliates \$
4,212 \$
4,130
American
mainline jet
operations
available
seat miles
43,997
40,566
Operating
expenses per
available
seat mile,
excluding
Special
charges,
U.S.
government
grant and
Regional
Affiliates
(cents) 9.57
10.18
Operating
expenses
excluding
Special
charges,
U.S.
government
grant and
expenses
incurred
related to
Regional
Affiliates \$
4,212 \$
4,130 Less:
American
Airlines
aircraft
fuel price
variance *
215
Operating
expenses
excluding
Special
charges,
U.S.
government
grant,
aircraft
fuel price
variance and
expenses
incurred
related to
Regional
Affiliates \$

~~3,997~~ \$
~~4,130~~
 American
 mainline jet
 operations
 available
 seat miles
~~43,997~~
~~40,566~~
 Operating
 expenses per
 available
 seat mile,
 excluding
 Special
 charges,
 U.S.
 government
 grant,
 aircraft
 fuel price
 variance and
 Regional
 Affiliates
 (cents) ~~9.08~~
~~10.18~~
 Percent
 change ~~10.8~~
 * Change in
 price times
 current year
 consumption
 (28.2 cents
 x 762
 million
 gallons)
 Note: The
 company
 believes
 that
 operating
 expenses per
 available
 seat mile,
 excluding
 fuel price
 variance,
 assists
 investors in
 understanding
 the impact
 of changes
 in fuel
 prices on
 the
 company's
 operations.

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AMR CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

Six Months
 Ended June
 30, Percent
 2004 2003
 Change
 Revenues
 Passenger—
 American
 Airlines \$
~~7,573~~ \$
~~6,938~~ 9.2—
 Regional
 Affiliates
~~925~~ 713 29.7
 Cargo ~~303~~

274	10.6
Other	
revenues	541
519	4.2
Total	
operating	
revenues	
9,342	8,444
10.6	
Expenses	
Wages,	
salaries and	
benefits	
3,343	3,967
(15.7)	
Aircraft	
fuel	1,725
1,376	25.4
Depreciation	
and	
amortization	
646	682
(5.3)	
Other	
rentals and	
landing fees	
606	589
2.9	
Commissions,	
booking fees	
and credit	
card expense	
575	515
11.7	
Maintenance,	
materials	
and repairs	
476	418
13.9	
Aircraft	
rentals	306
367	(16.6)
Food service	
276	300
(8.0)	
Other	
operating	
expenses	
1,182	1,269
(6.9)	
Special	
charges	(31)
101	*
U.S.	
government	
grant	
(358)	*
Total	
operating	
expenses	
9,104	9,226
(1.3)	
Operating	
Income	
(Loss)	238
(782)	*
Other Income	
(Expense)	
Interest	
income	28
21	
33.3	
Interest	
expense	
(429)	(382)
12.3	
Interest	
capitalized	
38	37
2.7	
Miscellaneous	
— net	(35)
(12)	*
(398)	
(336)	18.5
Loss Before	
Income Taxes	
(160)	
(1,118)	
(85.7)	

Income tax —
~~Net Loss~~
~~\$ (160)~~
~~\$(1,118)~~
~~(85.7) Basic~~
~~and Diluted~~
~~Loss Per~~
~~Share \$~~
~~(1.00) \$~~
~~(7.11)~~
~~Number of~~
~~Shares Used~~
~~in~~
~~Computation~~
~~Basic and~~
~~Diluted 160~~
~~157~~

* Greater than 100%

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AMR CORPORATION
 OPERATING STATISTICS
 (Unaudited)

Six Months
 Ended June
 30,
 Percent
 2004 2003
 Change
~~American~~
~~Airlines,~~
~~Inc.~~
~~Mainline~~
~~Jet~~
~~Operations~~
~~Revenue~~
~~passenger~~
~~miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~63,613~~
~~58,019 9.6~~
~~Available~~
~~seat miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~86,594~~
~~80,840 7.1~~
~~Cargo ton~~
~~miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~1,088 983~~
~~10.7~~
~~Passenger~~
~~load~~
~~factor~~
~~73.5%~~
~~71.8% 1.7~~
~~pts.~~
~~Passenger~~
~~revenue~~
~~yield per~~
~~passenger~~
~~mile~~
~~(cents)~~
~~11.90~~
~~11.96~~
~~(0.5)~~
~~Passenger~~
~~revenue~~
~~per~~
~~available~~
~~seat mile~~
~~(cents)~~
~~8.75 8.58~~
~~2.0 Cargo~~
~~revenue~~
~~yield per~~

~~ton-mile~~
~~(cents)~~
~~27.83~~
~~27.86~~
~~(0.1)~~
~~Operating~~
~~expenses~~
~~per~~
~~available~~
~~seat-mile,~~
~~excluding~~
~~Regional~~
~~Affiliates~~
~~(cents)~~
~~(1) 9.49~~
~~10.49~~
~~(0.5)~~
~~Operating~~
~~expenses~~
~~per~~
~~available~~
~~seat-mile,~~
~~excluding~~
~~Special~~
~~charges,~~
~~U.S.~~
~~government~~
~~grant and~~
~~Regional~~
~~Affiliates~~
~~(cents)~~
~~(2) 9.53~~
~~10.75~~
~~(11.3)~~
~~Fuel~~
~~consumption~~
~~(gallons,~~
~~in~~
~~millions)~~
~~1,503~~
~~1,453 3.4~~
~~Fuel price~~
~~per gallon~~
~~(cents)~~
~~106.2 88.5~~
~~20.0~~
~~Regional~~
~~Affiliates~~
~~Revenue~~
~~passenger~~
~~miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~3,396~~
~~2,554 33.0~~
~~Available~~
~~seat miles~~
~~(millions)~~
~~5,118~~
~~4,096 25.0~~
~~Passenger~~
~~load~~
~~factor~~
~~66.3%~~
~~62.3% 4.0~~
~~pts.~~

- (1) Excludes \$1.0 billion and \$865 million of expense incurred related to Regional Affiliates in 2004 and 2003, respectively.
- (2) The company believes that excluding Special charges and U.S. government grant receipts provides a measure that is more representative of ongoing costs and therefore more comparable to American's historical operating expenses per ASM. Following is a reconciliation of total operating expenses to operating expenses excluding Special charges, U.S. government grant and Regional Affiliates.

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NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS
(Unaudited)

American
Airlines, Inc.
Mainline Jet
Operations Six
Months Ended
June 30, (in
millions, except
as noted) 2004
~~2003 Total~~
~~operating~~
~~expenses as~~
~~reported \$ 9,226~~
~~\$ 9,343 Less:~~
~~Operating~~
~~expenses~~
~~incurred related~~
~~to Regional~~
~~Affiliates 1,004~~
~~865 Plus:~~
~~Special charges~~
~~and U.S.~~
~~government grant~~
~~31 214 Operating~~
~~expenses~~
~~excluding~~
~~Special charges,~~
~~U.S. government~~
~~grant and~~
~~expenses~~
~~incurred related~~
~~to Regional~~
~~Affiliates \$~~
~~8,253 \$ 8,692~~
~~American~~
~~mainline jet~~
~~operations~~
~~available seat~~
~~miles 86,594~~
~~80,840 Operating~~
~~expenses per~~
~~available seat~~
~~mile, excluding~~
~~Special charges,~~
~~U.S. government~~
~~grant and~~
~~Regional~~
~~Affiliates~~
~~(cents) 9.53~~
~~10.75 ###~~
~~Current AMR Corp~~
~~news releases~~
~~can be accessed~~
~~via the~~
~~Internet. The~~
~~address is~~
~~<http://www.aa.com>~~