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**SkyWest, Inc. Reports Combined April 2016 Traffic  
for SkyWest Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines**

**ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/** -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 160,322 block hours in April 2016, compared to 176,711 block hours in April 2015, a decrease of 16,389 or 9.3%. The net decrease was consistent with SkyWest’s fleet transition plan to improve the mix of aircraft in its fleet by adding new dual class aircraft to its fleet, while reducing its single class aircraft.

The year-over-year net change was primarily driven by approximately 4,800 additional block hours from its dual class aircraft (E175s, CRJ900s and CRJ700s) and a decrease of approximately 21,200 block hours from fewer single class aircraft (CRJ200s, ERJ135s/145s and EMB120s).

In April 2016, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 42% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 36% for the month of April 2015.

SkyWest reported 647,194 block hours for year-to-date April 2016, compared to 693,485 block hours year-to-date April 2015, a decrease of 46,291, or 6.7%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 29,100 additional block hours from its dual class aircraft and a decrease of approximately 75,400 block hours from fewer single class aircraft.

SkyWest had 96,297 departures in April 2016 compared to 104,634 in April 2015, a decrease of 8,337, or 8.0%. SkyWest generated 2.84 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for April 2016, compared to 3.04 billion ASMs for April 2015, or a 6.7% decrease. Additional flight statistics for April, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

## SKYWEST, INC. APRIL FLIGHT STATISTICS

### Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	April 2016	April 2015	% Change	April 2016	April 2015	% Change
E175	15,580	8,638	80.4	58,693	27,638	112.4
CRJ900	17,254	17,275	(0.1)	69,579	67,801	2.6
CRJ700	34,927	37,090	(5.8)	141,908	145,594	(2.5)
Dual class fleet	67,761	63,003	7.6	270,180	241,033	12.1
CRJ200	52,520	57,428	(8.5)	209,278	223,374	(6.3)
ERJ135/145	40,041	55,054	(27.3)	167,736	216,880	(22.7)
EMB-120	-	1,226	(100.0)	-	12,198	(100.0)
Single class fleet	92,561	113,708	(18.6)	377,014	452,452	(16.7)
Total Block Hours	160,322	176,711	(9.3)	647,194	693,485	(6.7)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	April 2016	April 2015	% Change	April 2016	April 2015	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	91,073	88,777	2.6	362,609	344,172	5.4
ExpressJet Airlines	69,249	87,934	(21.2)	284,585	349,313	(18.5)
Total Block Hours	160,322	176,711	(9.3)	647,194	693,485	(6.7)

### Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	April 2016	April 2015	% Change	April 2016	April 2015	% Change
Departures	96,297	104,634	(8.0)	382,772	409,233	(6.5)
Available Seat Miles	2,835,342,149	3,039,296,170	(6.7)	11,341,697,075	11,731,412,623	(3.3)
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,307,496,880	2,510,119,218	(8.1)	9,028,712,388	9,478,030,414	(4.7)
Passengers	4,412,028	4,756,594	(7.2)	17,080,574	17,947,131	(4.8)
Load Factor	81.4	82.6	(1.2) pts	79.6	80.8	(1.2) pts

### About SkyWest

SkyWest, Inc. is the holding company for two scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company and is headquartered in St. George, Utah. SkyWest's airline companies provide commercial air service in cities throughout North America with more than 3,000 scheduled daily flights carrying nearly 57 million passengers annually. SkyWest Airlines operates through partnerships with United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and Alaska Airlines. ExpressJet Airlines operates through partnerships with United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and American Airlines. Based in St. George, Utah, SkyWest continues to set the standard for excellence in the regional industry with unmatched value for customers, shareholders and its nearly 20,000 employees. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at [inc.skywest.com](http://inc.skywest.com).