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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 169,939 block hours in August 2016, compared to 180,436 block hours in August 2015, a decrease of 10,497 or 5.8%. The net decrease was consistent with SkyWest’s fleet transition plan to improve the mix of aircraft in its fleet by adding new E175 aircraft, while reducing its 50-seat jets.

The year-over-year net change was primarily driven by approximately 6,500 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 17,000 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In August 2016, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 42% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 39% for the month of August 2015.

SkyWest reported 1,319,661 block hours for year-to-date August 2016, compared to 1,411,622 block hours year-to-date August 2015, a decrease of 91,961, or 6.5%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 59,500 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 151,500 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 101,887 departures in August 2016 compared to 107,724 in August 2015, a decrease of 5,837, or 5.4%. SkyWest generated 2.98 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for August 2016, compared to 3.19 billion ASMs for August 2015, or a 6.5% decrease. Additional flight statistics for August, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

SKYWEST, INC. AUGUST FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	August 2016	August 2015	% Change	August 2016	August 2015	% Change
E175	19,617	13,126	49.5	132,262	72,773	81.7
CRJ900	17,752	18,032	(1.6)	138,949	140,453	(1.1)
CRJ700	34,650	39,337	(11.9)	286,355	298,814	(4.2)
Dual class fleet	72,019	70,495	2.2	557,566	512,040	8.9
CRJ200	54,767	57,077	(4.0)	427,057	452,835	(5.7)
ERJ135/145	43,153	52,864	(18.4)	335,038	434,423	(22.9)
EMB-120	-	-	-	-	12,324	(100.0)
Single class fleet	97,920	109,941	(10.9)	762,095	899,582	(15.3)
Total Block Hours	169,939	180,436	(5.8)	1,319,661	1,411,622	(6.5)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	August 2016	August 2015	% Change	August 2016	August 2015	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	97,427	95,795	1.7	748,627	717,243	4.4
ExpressJet Airlines	72,512	84,641	(14.3)	571,034	694,379	(17.8)
Total Block Hours	169,939	180,436	(5.8)	1,319,661	1,411,622	(6.5)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	August 2016	August 2015	% Change	August 2016	August 2015	% Change
Departures	101,887	107,724	(5.4)	786,751	835,425	(5.8)
Available Seat Miles	2,978,204,519	3,185,369,526	(6.5)	23,188,223,704	24,264,573,759	(4.4)
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,461,850,478	2,666,670,171	(7.7)	18,965,916,986	20,086,374,790	(5.6)
Passengers	4,779,123	5,056,084	(5.5)	36,249,596	38,095,133	(4.8)
Load Factor	82.7	83.7	(1.0) pts	81.8	82.8	(1.0) 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.