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**SkyWest, Inc. Reports Combined August 2017 Traffic
for SkyWest Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines**

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 162,241 block hours in August 2017, compared to 169,939 block hours in August 2016, a decrease of 7,698 or 4.5%. 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 14,600 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 22,300 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In August 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 53% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 42% for the month of August 2016.

SkyWest reported 1,244,450 block hours for year-to-date August 2017, compared to 1,319,661 block hours year-to-date August 2016, a decrease of 75,211, or 5.7%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 105,600 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 180,800 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 97,188 departures in August 2017 compared to 101,887 in August 2016, a decrease of 4,699, or 4.6%. Additional flight statistics for August are included in the accompanying table. SkyWest has discontinued providing available seat miles (ASMs) and revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in its monthly traffic releases as ASMs and RPMs are not meaningful metrics in SkyWest’s capacity purchase agreements and business model.

SKYWEST, INC. AUGUST FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

	Month August 2017	Month August 2016	Month % Change	YTD August 2017	YTD August 2016	YTD % Change
By Fleet:						
E175	34,234	19,617	74.5	237,849	132,262	79.8
CRJ900	17,919	17,752	0.9	134,594	138,949	(3.1)
CRJ700	34,329	34,650	(0.9)	251,412	286,355	(12.2)
Dual class fleet	86,482	72,019	20.1	623,855	557,566	11.9
CRJ200	47,654	54,767	(13.0)	365,534	427,057	(14.4)
ERJ135/145	28,105	43,153	(34.9)	255,061	335,038	(23.9)
Single class fleet	75,759	97,920	(22.6)	620,595	762,095	(18.6)
Total Block Hours	162,241	169,939	(4.5)	1,244,450	1,319,661	(5.7)

	Month August 2017	Month August 2016	Month % Change	YTD August 2017	YTD August 2016	YTD % Change
By Airline:						
SkyWest Airlines	112,921	97,427	15.9	804,840	748,627	7.5
ExpressJet Airlines	49,320	72,512	(32.0)	439,610	571,034	(23.0)
Total Block Hours	162,241	169,939	(4.5)	1,244,450	1,319,661	(5.7)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month August 2017	Month August 2016	Month % Change	YTD August 2017	YTD August 2016	YTD % Change
Departures	97,188	101,887	(4.6)	738,921	786,751	(6.1)
Passengers	4,652,111	4,779,123	(2.7)	34,736,613	36,249,596	(4.2)
Load Factor	80.9	82.7	(1.8) pts	80.6	81.8	(1.2) pts

About SkyWest

SkyWest, Inc. is the holding company for two scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company. SkyWest's airline companies provide commercial air service in cities throughout North America with more than 3,000 daily flights carrying more than 50 million passengers annually. SkyWest Airlines operates through partnerships with United Airlines ("United"), Delta Air Lines ("Delta"), American Airlines ("American") and Alaska Airlines. ExpressJet Airlines operates through partnerships with United, Delta and American. Based in St. George, Utah, SkyWest continues to set the standard for excellence across the regional industry with unmatched value for customers, shareholders and its more than 18,000 employees. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at inc.skywest.com.