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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 162,425 block hours in July 2017, compared to 169,513 block hours in July 2016, a decrease of 7,088 or 4.2%. 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 21,700 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In July 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 52% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 43% for the month of July 2016.

SkyWest reported 1,082,209 block hours for year-to-date July 2017, compared to 1,149,722 block hours year-to-date July 2016, a decrease of 67,513 or 5.9%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 91,000 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 158,500 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 97,545 departures in July 2017 compared to 101,935 in July 2016, a decrease of 4,390, or 4.3%. Additional flight statistics for July are included in the accompanying table.

SKYWEST, INC. JULY FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	July 2017	July 2016	% Change	July 2017	July 2016	% Change
E175	33,637	19,032	76.7	203,616	112,644	80.8
CRJ900	17,739	17,662	0.4	116,675	121,198	(3.7)
CRJ700	33,590	35,873	(6.4)	217,082	251,705	(13.8)
Dual class fleet	84,966	72,567	17.1	537,373	485,547	10.7
CRJ200	47,130	52,261	(14.7)	317,880	372,290	(14.6)
ERJ135/145	30,329	41,685	(27.2)	226,956	291,885	(22.2)
Single class fleet	77,459	96,946	(20.1)	544,836	664,175	(18.0)
Total Block Hours	162,425	169,513	(4.2)	1,082,209	1,149,722	(5.9)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	July 2017	July 2016	% Change	July 2017	July 2016	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	110,162	98,042	12.4	691,918	651,201	6.3
ExpressJet Airlines	52,263	71,471	(26.9)	390,291	498,521	(21.7)
Total Block Hours	162,425	169,513	(4.2)	1,082,209	1,149,722	(5.9)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	July 2017	July 2016	% Change	July 2017	July 2016	% Change
Departures	97,545	101,935	(4.3)	641,733	684,864	(6.3)
Passengers	4,699,151	4,886,522	(3.8)	30,084,502	31,470,473	(4.4)
Load Factor	82.0	84.7	(2.7) pts	80.5	81.7	(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.