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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 164,955 block hours in May 2016, compared to 177,967 block hours in May 2015, a decrease of 13,012 or 7.3%. 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 5,800 additional block hours from its dual class aircraft (E175s, CRJ900s and CRJ700s) and a decrease of approximately 18,800 block hours from fewer single class aircraft (CRJ200s, ERJ135s/145s and EMB120s).

In May 2016, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 43% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 37% for the month of May 2015.

SkyWest reported 812,149 block hours for year-to-date May 2016, compared to 871,452 block hours year-to-date May 2015, a decrease of 59,303, or 6.8%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 35,000 additional block hours from its dual class aircraft and a decrease of approximately 94,300 block hours from fewer single class aircraft.

SkyWest had 98,927 departures in May 2016 compared to 105,011 in May 2015, a decrease of 6,084, or 5.8%. SkyWest generated 2.93 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for May 2016, compared to 3.08 billion ASMs for May 2015, or a 5.0% decrease. Additional flight statistics for May, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

SKYWEST, INC. MAY FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	May 2016	May 2015	% Change	May 2016	May 2015	% Change
E175	17,133	9,428	81.7	75,826	37,066	104.6
CRJ900	16,907	18,123	(6.7)	86,486	85,924	0.7
CRJ700	36,953	37,606	(1.7)	178,861	183,201	(2.4)
Dual class fleet	70,993	65,157	9.0	341,173	306,191	11.4
CRJ200	53,360	57,131	(6.6)	262,638	280,505	(6.4)
ERJ135/145	40,602	55,553	(26.9)	208,338	272,432	(23.5)
EMB-120	-	126	(100.0)	-	12,324	(100.0)
Single class fleet	93,962	112,810	(16.7)	470,976	565,261	(16.7)
Total Block Hours	164,955	177,967	(7.3)	812,149	871,452	(6.8)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	May 2016	May 2015	% Change	May 2016	May 2015	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	94,689	91,021	4.0	457,298	435,194	5.1
ExpressJet Airlines	70,266	86,946	(19.2)	354,851	436,258	(18.7)
Total Block Hours	164,955	177,967	(7.3)	812,149	871,452	(6.8)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	May 2016	May 2015	% Change	May 2016	May 2015	% Change
Departures	98,927	105,011	(5.8)	481,699	514,244	(6.3)
Available Seat Miles	2,927,530,206	3,082,556,926	(5.0)	14,269,227,281	14,813,969,549	(3.7)
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,447,307,959	2,604,800,535	(6.0)	11,476,020,347	12,082,830,949	(5.0)
Passengers	4,666,737	4,936,999	(5.5)	21,747,311	22,884,130	(5.0)
Load Factor	83.6	84.5	(1.1) pts	80.4	81.6	(1.5) 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.