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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 155,758 block hours in May 2017, compared to 164,955 block hours in May 2016, a decrease of 9,197 or 5.6%. 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 13,200 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 22,400 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In May 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 50% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 43% for the month of May 2016.

SkyWest reported 760,569 block hours for year-to-date May 2017, compared to 812,149 block hours year-to-date May 2016, a decrease of 51,580, or 6.4%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 62,600 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 114,200 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 93,736 departures in May 2017 compared to 98,927 in May 2016, a decrease of 5,191, or 5.2%. SkyWest generated 2.78 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for May 2017, compared to 2.93 billion ASMs for May 2016, 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 2017	May 2016	% Change	May 2017	May 2016	% Change
E175	30,303	17,133	76.9	138,412	75,826	82.5
CRJ900	16,494	16,907	(2.4)	81,539	86,486	(5.7)
CRJ700	31,828	36,953	(13.9)	151,441	178,861	(15.3)
Dual class fleet	78,625	70,993	10.8	371,392	341,173	8.9
CRJ200	45,748	53,360	(14.3)	223,237	262,638	(15.0)
ERJ135/145	31,385	40,602	(22.7)	165,940	208,338	(20.4)
Single class fleet	77,133	93,962	(17.9)	389,177	470,976	(17.4)
Total Block Hours	155,758	164,955	(5.6)	760,569	812,149	(6.4)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	May 2017	May 2016	% Change	May 2017	May 2016	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	101,116	94,689	6.8	476,396	457,298	4.2
ExpressJet Airlines	54,642	70,266	(22.2)	284,173	354,851	(19.9)
Total Block Hours	155,758	164,955	(5.6)	760,569	812,149	(6.4)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	May 2017	May 2016	% Change	May 2017	May 2016	% Change
Departures	93,736	98,927	(5.2)	448,198	481,699	(7.0)
Available Seat Miles	2,782,260,532	2,927,530,206	(5.0)	13,461,567,086	14,269,227,281	(5.7)
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,265,959,980	2,447,307,959	(7.4)	10,726,148,930	11,476,020,347	(6.5)
Passengers	4,446,369	4,666,737	(4.7)	20,716,765	21,747,311	(4.7)
Load Factor	81.4	83.6	(2.2) pts	79.7	80.4	(0.7) 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 53 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 19,000 employees. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at inc.skywest.com.