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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 154,479 block hours in October 2017, compared to 159,241 block hours in October 2016, a decrease of 4,762 or 3.0%. 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 11,600 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 16,300 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In October 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 53% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 43% for the month of October 2016.

SkyWest reported 1,544,162 block hours for year-to-date October 2017, compared to 1,632,997 block hours year-to-date October 2016, a decrease of 88,835, or 5.4%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 129,000 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 218,000 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 91,856 departures in October 2017 compared to 95,551 in October 2016, a decrease of 3,695, or 3.9%. Additional flight statistics for October are included in the accompanying table. SkyWest has discontinued providing available seat miles (ASMs) and revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in monthly traffic releases as ASMs and RPMs are not meaningful metrics in SkyWest’s capacity purchase agreements and business model.

SKYWEST, INC. OCTOBER FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	October 2017	October 2016	% Change	October 2017	October 2016	% Change
E175	32,822	21,238	54.5	301,869	172,610	74.9
CRJ900	15,233	16,941	(10.1)	165,098	172,131	(4.1)
CRJ700	33,580	30,712	9.3	316,475	346,549	(8.7)
Dual class fleet	81,635	68,891	18.5	783,442	691,290	13.3
CRJ200	45,889	49,667	(7.6)	453,538	526,188	(13.8)
ERJ135/145	26,955	40,683	(33.7)	307,182	415,519	(26.1)
Single class fleet	72,844	90,350	(19.4)	760,720	941,707	(19.2)
Total Block Hours	154,479	159,241	(3.0)	1,544,162	1,632,997	(5.4)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	October 2017	October 2016	% Change	October 2017	October 2016	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	111,149	91,582	21.4	1,019,512	927,027	10.0
ExpressJet Airlines	43,330	67,659	(36.0)	524,650	705,970	(25.7)
Total Block Hours	154,479	159,241	3.0	1,544,162	1,632,997	(5.4)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	October 2017	October 2016	% Change	October 2017	October 2016	% Change
Departures	91,856	95,551	(3.9)	917,965	975,442	(5.9)
Passengers	4,502,883	4,519,807	(0.4)	43,363,908	45,132,461	(3.9)
Load Factor	82.5	83.4	(0.9) pts	80.5	82.0	(1.5) 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 nearly 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 17,000 employees. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at inc.skywest.com.