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

**ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/** -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 154,095 block hours in September 2016, compared to 162,742 block hours in September 2015, a decrease of 8,647 or 5.3%. 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 6,600 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 15,200 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In September 2016, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 42% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 39% for the month of September 2015.

SkyWest reported 1,473,756 block hours for year-to-date September 2016, compared to 1,574,364 block hours year-to-date September 2015, a decrease of 100,608, or 6.4%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 66,100 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 166,700 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 93,140 departures in September 2016 compared to 98,005 in September 2015, a decrease of 4,865, or 5.0%. SkyWest generated 2.72 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for September 2016, compared to 2.87 billion ASMs for September 2015, or a 5.1% decrease. Additional flight statistics for September, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

## SKYWEST, INC. SEPTEMBER FLIGHT STATISTICS

### Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	September 2016	September 2015	% Change	September 2016	September 2015	% Change
E175	19,111	12,514	52.7	151,373	85,287	77.5
CRJ900	16,240	15,494	4.8	155,189	155,946	(0.5)
CRJ700	29,482	35,329	(16.6)	315,837	334,143	(5.5)
Dual class fleet	64,833	63,337	2.4	622,399	575,376	8.2
CRJ200	49,464	51,703	(4.3)	476,521	504,539	(5.6)
ERJ135/145	39,798	47,702	(16.6)	374,836	482,125	(22.3)
EMB-120	-	-	-	-	12,324	(100.0)
Single class fleet	89,262	99,405	(10.2)	851,357	998,988	(14.8)
Total Block Hours	154,095	162,742	(5.3)	1,473,756	1,574,364	(6.4)

  

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	September 2016	September 2015	% Change	September 2016	September 2015	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	86,818	86,498	0.4	835,445	803,741	3.9
ExpressJet Airlines	67,277	76,244	(11.8)	638,311	770,623	(17.2)
Total Block Hours	154,095	162,742	(5.3)	1,473,756	1,574,364	(6.4)

### Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	September 2016	September 2015	% Change	September 2016	September 2015	% Change
Departures	93,140	98,005	(5.0)	879,891	933,430	(5.7)
Available Seat Miles	2,722,297,031	2,869,841,174	(5.1)	25,910,520,735	27,134,414,933	(4.5)
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,254,278,867	2,353,571,168	(4.2)	21,220,195,853	22,439,945,958	(5.4)
Passengers	4,363,058	4,518,515	(3.4)	40,612,654	42,613,648	(4.7)
Load Factor	82.8	82.0	(0.8) pts	81.9	82.7	(0.8) 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](http://inc.skywest.com).