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SKYWEST, INC., REPORTS COMBINED AUGUST 2011 TRAFFIC FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES, ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES AND EXPRESSJET AIRLINES

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) ("SkyWest") reported a 45.9 percent increase in departures to 125,196 for August compared to 85,788 for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for August increased 46.0 percent to 5,109,862 compared to 3,500,779 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 53.4 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for August, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 53.0 percent compared to August 2010. The combined airlines generated 2.68 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 3.32 billion. Load factor was 80.8 percent compared to 80.6 percent, up 0.2 percentage points compared to August 2010. The substantial increases for each of the items are due primarily to the acquisition of ExpressJet Airlines on November 12, 2010.

About SkyWest

SkyWest is the holding company for three scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company and is headquartered in St. George, Utah. SkyWest's scheduled passenger airline operations include SkyWest Airlines also based in St. George, Utah, Atlantic Southeast based in Atlanta, Georgia and recently acquired ExpressJet Airlines based in Houston, Texas. SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express, and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United and Delta. Also, SkyWest Airlines operates flights for Alaska under a contractual agreement. Atlantic Southeast operates as United Express and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United and Delta. ExpressJet Airlines operates as Continental Express and United Express under contractual agreements with Continental Airlines, Inc. and United and is a subsidiary of Atlantic Southeast. System-wide, SkyWest serves markets in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean with approximately 4,000 daily departures and a fleet of approximately 725 regional aircraft. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at www.skywest.com.

FLIGHT STATISTICS
SkyWest, Inc. August Traffic

	2011	2010	% Change
Passengers	5,109,862	3,500,779	46.0
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,681,927,326	1,748,653,000	53.4
Available Seat Miles	3,318,753,417	2,169,194,985	53.0
Load Factor	80.8%	80.6%	0.2 pts
Block Hours	200,235	130,307	53.7
Departures	125,196	85,788	45.9

Calendar Year-To-Date

	2011	2010	% Change
Passengers	37,464,479	25,505,054	46.9
Revenue Passenger Miles	19,492,233,113	12,682,455,721	53.7
Available Seat Miles	24,652,787,748	15,916,705,934	54.9
Load Factor	79.1%	79.7%	(0.6) pts
Block Hours	1,519,353	961,772	58.0
Departures	938,650	630,350	48.9