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### **SKYWEST, INC., REPORTS COMBINED DECEMBER TRAFFIC FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES, ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, AND EXPRESSJET AIRLINES.**

**ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/** -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) ("SkyWest") SkyWest reported a 59.3 percent increase in departures to 114,102 for December compared to 71,607 for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for December increased 58.6 percent to 4,466,253 compared to 2,815,678 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 63.1 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for December, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 62.7 percent compared to December 2009. The combined airlines generated 2.32 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 2.99 billion. Load factor was 77.6 percent compared to 77.4 percent, up .2 percentage points compared to December 2009. 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, Inc. ("SkyWest Airlines") also based in St. George, Utah, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. ("Atlantic Southeast") based in Atlanta, Georgia and recently acquired ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. (ExpressJet Airlines") based in Houston, Texas. SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines. SkyWest also operates flights for AirTran Airways under a marketing agreement. Atlantic Southeast operates as United Express and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines. ExpressJet Airlines operates as Continental Express and United Express under contractual agreements with Continental Airlines and United Airlines and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Atlantic Southeast. System-wide, SkyWest serves markets in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean with approximately 3,950 daily departures and a fleet of approximately 705 regional aircraft. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at [www.skywest.com](http://www.skywest.com)

**FLIGHT STATISTICS**  
**SkyWest, Inc. December Traffic**

|                         | <b>2010</b>   | <b>2009</b>   | <b>% Change</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Passengers              | 4,466,253     | 2,815,678     | 58.6            |
| Revenue Passenger Miles | 2,316,018,612 | 1,420,360,051 | 63.1            |
| Available Seat Miles    | 2,985,104,590 | 1,835,037,294 | 62.7            |
| Load Factor             | 77.6%         | 77.4%         | .2 pts          |
| Block Hours             | 187,464       | 114,477       | 63.8            |
| Departures              | 114,102       | 71,607        | 59.3            |

**Calendar Year-To-Date**

|                         | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>    | <b>% Change</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Passengers              | 40,411,089     | 34,544,772     | 17.0            |
| Revenue Passenger Miles | 20,227,219,872 | 17,448,958,077 | 15.9            |
| Available Seat Miles    | 25,503,845,155 | 22,142,650,268 | 15.2            |
| Load Factor             | 79.3%          | 78.8%          | 0.5 pts         |
| Block Hours             | 1,547,562      | 1,363,257      | 13.5            |
| Departures              | 996,766        | 870,761        | 14.5            |