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### **SKYWEST, INC., REPORTS COMBINED MAY 2011 TRAFFIC FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES, ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, AND EXPRESSJET AIRLINES.**

**ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/** -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) ("SkyWest") reported a 49.6 percent increase in departures to 118,078 for May compared to 78,943 for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for May increased 53.0 percent to 4,883,414 compared to 3,192,484 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 60.8 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for May, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 57.4 percent compared to May 2010. The combined airlines generated 2.53 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 3.11 billion. Load factor was 81.4 percent compared to 79.7 percent, up 1.7 percentage points compared to May 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, 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 Airlines 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 707 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. May Traffic**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers	4,883,414	3,192,484	53.0
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,534,700,147	1,576,764,703	60.8
Available Seat Miles	3,114,393,192	1,978,054,157	57.4
Load Factor	81.4%	79.7%	1.7 pts
Block Hours	190,917	119,274	60.1
Departures	118,078	78,943	49.6

**Calendar Year-To-Date**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers	21,983,865	15,007,651	46.5
Revenue Passenger Miles	11,333,717,289	7,451,739,361	52.1
Available Seat Miles	14,729,358,080	9,539,841,139	54.4
Load Factor	76.9%	78.1%	(1.2)pts
Block Hours	917,500	578,386	58.6
Departures	565,960	377,678	49.9