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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) ("SkyWest") reported a 44.0 percent increase in departures to 115,990 for October compared to 80,530 for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for October increased 44.6 percent to 4,782,142 compared to 3,306,720 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 51.7 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for October, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 49.4 percent compared to October 2010. The combined airlines generated 2.49 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 3.09 billion. Load factor was 80.6 percent compared to 79.4 percent, up 1.2 percentage points compared to October 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 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 727 regional aircraft. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at www.skywest.com.

FLIGHT STATISTICS

SkyWest, Inc. October Traffic

	2011	2010	% Change
Passengers	4,782,142	3,306,720	44.6
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,489,883,260	1,641,541,684	51.7
Available Seat Miles	3,087,510,431	2,066,197,974	49.4
Load Factor	80.6%	79.4%	1.2 pts
Block Hours	185,368	122,974	50.7
Departures	115,990	80,530	44.0

Calendar Year-To-Date

	2011	2010	% Change
Passengers	46,833,562	31,987,414	46.4
Revenue Passenger Miles	24,369,759,107	15,896,795,225	53.3
Available Seat Miles	30,728,287,046	19,975,751,391	53.8
Load Factor	79.3%	79.6%	(0.3) pts
Block Hours	1,884,840	1,203,903	56.6
Departures	1,167,086	789,367	47.9