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**SkyWest, Inc. Reports Combined April 2017 Traffic
for SkyWest Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines**

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 152,128 block hours in April 2017, compared to 160,322 block hours in April 2016, a decrease of 8,194 or 5.1%. 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 12,600 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 20,800 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In April 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 50% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 42% for the month of April 2016.

SkyWest reported 604,810 block hours for year-to-date April 2017, compared to 647,194 block hours year-to-date April 2016, a decrease of 42,384, or 6.5%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 49,400 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 91,800 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 90,600 departures in April 2017 compared to 96,297 in April 2016, a decrease of 5,697, or 5.9%. SkyWest generated 2.72 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for April 2017, compared to 2.84 billion ASMs for April 2016, or a 4.0% decrease. Additional flight statistics for April, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

SKYWEST, INC. APRIL FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

| By Fleet: | Month | Month | Month | YTD | YTD | YTD |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|
| | April 2017 | April 2016 | % Change | April 2017 | April 2016 | % Change |
| E175 | 28,181 | 15,580 | 80.9 | 108,109 | 58,693 | 84.2 |
| CRJ900 | 16,201 | 17,254 | (6.1) | 65,045 | 69,579 | (6.5) |
| CRJ700 | 31,596 | 34,927 | (9.5) | 119,611 | 141,908 | (15.7) |
| Dual class fleet | 75,978 | 67,761 | 12.1 | 292,765 | 270,180 | 8.4 |
| CRJ200 | 44,214 | 52,520 | (15.8) | 177,490 | 209,278 | (15.2) |
| ERJ135/145 | 31,936 | 40,041 | (20.2) | 134,555 | 167,736 | (19.8) |
| Single class fleet | 76,150 | 92,561 | (17.7) | 312,045 | 377,014 | (17.2) |
| Total Block Hours | 152,128 | 160,322 | (5.1) | 604,810 | 647,194 | (6.5) |

| By Airline: | Month | Month | Month | YTD | YTD | YTD |
|---------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|
| | April 2017 | April 2016 | % Change | April 2017 | April 2016 | % Change |
| SkyWest Airlines | 97,445 | 91,073 | 7.0 | 375,279 | 362,609 | 3.5 |
| ExpressJet Airlines | 54,683 | 69,249 | (21.0) | 229,531 | 284,585 | (19.3) |
| Total Block Hours | 152,128 | 160,322 | (5.1) | 604,810 | 647,194 | (6.5) |

Other Flight Statistics:

| | Month | Month | Month | YTD | YTD | YTD |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| | April 2017 | April 2016 | % Change | April 2017 | April 2016 | % Change |
| Departures | 90,600 | 96,297 | (5.9) | 354,462 | 328,772 | (7.4) |
| Available Seat Miles | 2,721,023,164 | 2,835,342,149 | (4.0) | 10,679,306,554 | 11,341,697,075 | (5.8) |
| Revenue Passenger Miles | 2,203,784,258 | 2,307,496,880 | (4.5) | 8,460,188,950 | 9,028,712,388 | (6.3) |
| Passengers | 4,250,019 | 4,412,028 | (3.7) | 16,270,396 | 17,080,574 | (4.7) |
| Load Factor | 81.0 | 81.4 | (0.4) pts | 79.2 | 79.6 | (0.4) pts |

About SkyWest

SkyWest, Inc. is the holding company for two scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company. SkyWest's airline companies provide commercial air service in cities throughout North America with more than 3,000 daily flights carrying more than 53 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 across the regional industry with unmatched value for customers, shareholders and its more than 19,000 employees.