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### **SkyWest, Inc. Reports Combined December 2015 Traffic for SkyWest Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines**

**ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/** -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 166,536 block hours in December 2015, compared to 185,491 block hours in December 2014, a decrease of 18,955, or 10.2%. The net decrease was consistent with SkyWest’s fleet transition plan to improve the mix of aircraft in its fleet by adding new dual class aircraft to its fleet, while reducing its 50-seat and 30-seat aircraft.

The year-over-year net change was primarily driven by approximately 8,600 additional block hours from its incremental 76-seat E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 27,200 block hours from fewer 50-seat jet (CRJ200s and ERJ135s/145s) and 30-seat turboprop (EMB-120) aircraft.

In December 2015, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft (CRJ700s, CRJ900s and E175s) represented approximately 42% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 33% for the month of December 2014.

SkyWest reported 2,074,804 block hours for year-to-date December 2015, compared to 2,275,560 block hours year-to-date December 2014, a decrease of 200,756, or 8.8%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 103,000 additional block hours from SkyWest’s E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 293,000 block hours from fewer 50-seat jet and 30-seat turboprop aircraft.

SkyWest had 96,315 departures in December 2015 compared to 107,112 in December 2014, a decrease of 10,797, or 10.1%. SkyWest generated 2.90 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for December 2015, compared to 3.13 billion ASMs for December 2014, or a 7.4% decrease. Additional flight statistics for December, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

## SKYWEST, INC. DECEMBER FLIGHT STATISTICS

### Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	December 2015	December 2014	% Change	December 2015	December 2014	% Change
CRJ200	51,540	56,761	(9.2)	659,358	719,937	(8.4)
CRJ700	37,491	38,418	(2.4)	446,736	460,718	(3.0)
CRJ900	18,138	17,552	3.3	207,628	204,414	1.6
ERJ135/145	45,150	61,869	(27.0)	622,650	774,171	(19.6)
E175	14,217	5,587	154.4	126,108	23,076	446.5
EMB-120	-	5,304	(100.0)	12,324	93,244	(86.8)
<b>Total Block Hours</b>	<b>166,536</b>	<b>185,491</b>	<b>(10.2)</b>	<b>2,074,804</b>	<b>2,275,560</b>	<b>(8.8)</b>

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	December 2015	December 2014	% Change	December 2015	December 2014	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	91,070	88,904	2.4	1,074,809	1,060,147	1.4
ExpressJet Airlines	75,466	96,587	(21.9)	999,995	1,215,413	(17.7)
<b>Total Block Hours</b>	<b>166,536</b>	<b>185,491</b>	<b>(10.2)</b>	<b>2,074,804</b>	<b>2,275,560</b>	<b>( 8.8)</b>

### Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	December 2015	December 2014	% Change	December 2015	December 2014	% Change
Departures	96,315	107,112	(10.1)	1,226,897	1,357,454	(9.6)
Available Seat Miles	2,899,201,124	3,130,128,253	(7.4)	35,902,503,098	38,220,150,276	(6.1)
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,382,595,687	2,577,882,531	(7.6)	29,671,910,545	31,499,396,743	(5.8)
Passengers	4,450,219	4,746,121	(6.2)	56,228,593	58,962,010	(4.6)
Load Factor	82.2	82.4	(0.2) pts	82.6	82.4	0.2 pts

### About SkyWest

SkyWest, Inc. was named on Forbes 'America's Best Employers 2015' list and was Air Transport World's Regional Airline of the Year in 2014. SkyWest, Inc. is the holding company for two scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company and is headquartered in St. George, Utah. SkyWest's airline companies provide commercial air service in cities across the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean with more than 3,500 scheduled daily flights. 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. SkyWest continues to set the standard for excellence in the regional industry with unmatched value for customers, shareholders and its nearly 20,000 employees. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at [inc.skywest.com](http://inc.skywest.com).