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SkyWest, Inc. Reports Combined December 2018 Traffic for SkyWest Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines

ST. GEORGE, UT, January 7, 2019 – SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 147,300 block hours in December 2018, compared to 151,400 block hours in December 2017, a decrease of 4,100 or 2.7%. The net decrease was consistent with SkyWest’s fleet transition plan to improve the mix of aircraft in its fleet.

The year-over-year net change was primarily driven by approximately 11,000 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 15,100 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In December 2018, SkyWest’s E175 aircraft represented approximately 30% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 22% for the month of December 2017.

SkyWest reported 1,757,000 block hours for the 2018 year, compared to 1,840,000 block hours for the 2017 year, a decrease of 83,000, or 4.5%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 90,000 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 173,000 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 80,900 departures in December 2018 compared to 84,900 in December 2017, a decrease of 4,000, or 4.7%. Additional flight statistics for December are included in the accompanying table.

SKYWEST, INC. DECEMBER FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month December 2018	Month December 2017	Month % Change	YTD December 2018	YTD December 2017	YTD % Change
E175	44,913	33,889	32.5	457,285	367,601	24.4
CRJ900	10,132	13,103	(22.7)	119,355	191,629	(37.7)
CRJ700	26,503	32,764	(19.1)	362,818	380,308	(4.6)
Dual class fleet	81,548	79,756	2.2	939,458	939,538	(0.0)
CRJ200	44,242	45,947	(3.7)	543,165	543,195	(0.0)
ERJ135/145	21,506	25,734	(16.4)	274,424	357,046	(23.1)
Single class fleet	65,748	71,681	(8.3)	817,589	900,241	(9.2)
Total Block Hours	147,296	151,437	(2.7)	1,757,047	1,839,779	(4.5)

By Airline:	Month December 2018	Month December 2017	Month % Change	YTD December 2018	YTD December 2017	YTD % Change
SkyWest Airlines	121,657	112,043	8.6	1,380,420	1,237,547	11.5
ExpressJet Airlines	25,639	39,394	(34.9)	376,627	602,232	(37.5)
Total Block Hours	147,296	151,437	(2.7)	1,757,047	1,839,779	(4.5)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month December 2018	Month December 2017	Month % Change	YTD December 2018	YTD December 2017	YTD % Change
Departures	80,946	84,936	(4.7)	1,010,053	1,087,052	(7.1)
Passengers	3,851,404	4,042,576	(4.7)	48,350,470	51,483,552	(6.1)
Load Factor	78.0	80.9	(2.9) pts	80.5	80.4	0.1 pts

About SkyWest

Based in St. George, Utah, SkyWest, Inc. is the holding company for two scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company with more than 17,000 employees. SkyWest's airline companies provide commercial air service in cities throughout North America with nearly 3,000 daily flights carrying nearly 50 million passengers annually. SkyWest Airlines operates through partnerships with United Airlines ("United"), Delta Air Lines ("Delta"), American Airlines ("American") and Alaska Airlines. ExpressJet Airlines operates through partnerships with United, Delta and American. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at inc.skywest.com.

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