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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 145,234 block hours in September 2017, compared to 154,095 block hours in September 2016, a decrease of 8,861 or 5.8%. 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 12,100 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 21,000 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In September 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 54% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 42% for the month of September 2016.

SkyWest reported 1,389,684 block hours for year-to-date September 2017, compared to 1,473,756 block hours year-to-date September 2016, a decrease of 84,072, or 5.7%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 118,000 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 202,000 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 87,188 departures in September 2017 compared to 93,140 in September 2016, a decrease of 5,952, or 6.4%. Additional flight statistics for September are included in the accompanying table. SkyWest has discontinued providing available seat miles (ASMs) and revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in monthly traffic releases as ASMs and RPMs are not meaningful metrics in SkyWest’s capacity purchase agreements and business model.

SKYWEST, INC. SEPTEMBER FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

	Month September 2017	Month September 2016	Month % Change	YTD September 2017	YTD September 2016	YTD % Change
By Fleet:						
E175	31,198	19,111	63.2	269,048	151,373	77.7
CRJ900	15,270	16,240	(6.0)	149,865	155,189	(3.4)
CRJ700	31,486	29,482	6.8	282,896	315,837	(10.4)
Dual class fleet	77,954	64,833	20.2	701,809	622,399	12.8
CRJ200	42,114	49,464	(14.9)	407,649	476,521	(14.5)
ERJ135/145	25,166	39,798	(36.8)	280,226	374,836	(25.2)
Single class fleet	67,280	89,262	(24.6)	687,875	851,357	(19.2)
Total Block Hours	145,234	154,095	(5.8)	1,389,684	1,473,756	(5.7)

	Month September 2017	Month September 2016	Month % Change	YTD September 2017	YTD September 2016	YTD % Change
By Airline:						
SkyWest Airlines	103,524	86,818	19.2	908,364	835,445	8.7
ExpressJet Airlines	41,710	67,277	(38.0)	481,320	638,311	(24.6)
Total Block Hours	145,234	154,095	(5.8)	1,389,684	1,473,756	(5.7)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month September 2017	Month September 2016	Month % Change	YTD September 2017	YTD September 2016	YTD % Change
Departures	87,188	93,140	(6.4)	826,109	879,891	(6.1)
Passengers	4,124,412	4,363,058	(5.5)	38,861,025	40,612,654	(4.3)
Load Factor	79.5	82.8	(3.3) pts	80.2	81.9	(1.7) 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 2,500 daily flights carrying more than 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. 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 17,000 employees. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at inc.skywest.com.