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

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) today reported 137,136 block hours in February 2017, compared to 152,822 block hours in February 2016, a decrease of 15,686 or 10.3%. 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 11,000 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 26,700 block hours from its other aircraft types.

In February 2017, SkyWest’s dual class aircraft represented approximately 48% of SkyWest’s total block hour production for the month compared to approximately 41% for the month of February 2016.

SkyWest reported 290,799 block hours for year-to-date February 2017, compared to 315,229 block hours year-to-date February 2016, a decrease of 24,430, or 7.7%. This net change was primarily driven by approximately 23,500 additional block hours from its E175 aircraft and a decrease of approximately 48,000 block hours from its other aircraft types.

SkyWest had 80,385 departures in February 2017 compared to 89,975 in February 2016, a decrease of 9,590, or 10.7%. SkyWest generated 2.43 billion available seat miles (ASMs) for February 2017, compared to 2.67 billion ASMs for February 2016, or a 8.7% decrease. Additional flight statistics for February, including passengers enplaned, revenue passenger miles, and passenger load factors, are included in the accompanying table.

SKYWEST, INC. FEBRUARY FLIGHT STATISTICS

Block Hour Summary:

By Fleet:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	February 2017	February 2016	% Change	February 2017	February 2016	% Change
E175	24,511	13,420	82.6	50,807	27,328	85.9
CRJ900	14,739	16,314	(9.7)	31,223	34,099	(8.4)
CRJ700	26,704	33,548	(20.4)	55,798	69,499	(19.7)
Dual class fleet	65,954	63,282	4.2	137,828	130,926	5.3
CRJ200	39,733	49,244	(19.3)	84,212	101,337	(16.9)
ERJ135/145	31,449	40,296	(22.0)	68,759	82,966	(17.1)
Single class fleet	71,182	89,540	(20.5)	152,971	184,303	(17.0)
Total Block Hours	137,136	152,822	(10.3)	290,799	315,229	(7.7)

By Airline:	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	February 2017	February 2016	% Change	February 2017	February 2016	% Change
SkyWest Airlines	84,089	84,972	(1.0)	176,214	175,964	0.1
ExpressJet Airlines	53,047	67,850	(21.8)	114,585	139,265	(17.7)
Total Block Hours	137,136	152,822	(10.3)	290,799	315,229	(7.7)

Other Flight Statistics:

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	February 2017	February 2016	% Change	February 2017	February 2016	% Change
Departures	80,385	89,975	(10.7)	167,852	184,580	(9.1)
Available Seat Miles	2,432,654,163	2,665,918,669	(8.7)	5,102,896,698	5,498,805,759	(7.2)
Revenue Passenger Miles	1,896,348,371	2,080,897,557	(8.9)	3,942,115,644	4,261,430,493	(7.5)
Passengers	3,634,100	3,937,591	(7.7)	3,131,359	7,997,792	(60.8)
Load Factor	78.0	78.1	(0.1) pts	77.3	77.5	(0.2) pts

About SkyWest

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 throughout North America with more than 3,000 scheduled daily flights carrying nearly 54 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 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.