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SkyWest Airlines Announces the Appointment of Russell (Chip) Childs as Vice President - Controller

St. George, UT, December 5, 2001 - - SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (Nasdaq: SKYW), has announced the promotion of Russell (Chip) Childs to the position of Vice President - Controller. Chip joined SkyWest in January 2001 as Senior Director - Controller.

Prior to his employment with SkyWest, Chip worked with Arthur Andersen for 5½ years as an audit manager, assisting many large Utah corporations with financial accounting and SEC reporting. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Master's Degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University.

Chip will continue to be responsible for financial planning, accounting, SEC reporting, internal controls, and managing various contract issues with SkyWest's major partners, Delta & United.

"We're very pleased to make this announcement," commented SkyWest Executive Vice President and CFO, Brad Rich. "Chip has demonstrated excellent leadership skills internally as well as in developing productive relationships within our industry. We are fortunate to have his experience and dedication that have already proved to be valuable assets to SkyWest."

Chip resides in St. George, Utah, with his wife, Jennifer Childs, and their two children, Jacob (5 years) and Seth (2 years).

SkyWest Airlines is the nation's largest independent regional airline and is based in St. George, Utah. This press release, as well as media information, can be accessed on the SkyWest Internet site at www.skywest.com.

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