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SkyWest Airlines Announces Orders for 64 New Jets

St. George, UT, January 15, 2001 - - SkyWest, Inc. (Nasdaq : SKYW) announced today an order for 64 additional Canadair Regional Jets (CRJ). This brings the total number of regional jets on firm order with solid delivery dates for SkyWest Airlines to 114. When deliveries are complete in 2004, SkyWest will operate 46 CRJs in partnership with Delta Air Lines and 84 CRJs with United Airlines, for a total of 130 Canadair Regional Jets. SkyWest also has options to purchase an additional 119 CRJs with delivery dates beyond 2004. Today, SkyWest operates 107 aircraft, including 16 CRJs and 91 Embraer Brasilias.

Bombardier Aerospace, the leading manufacturer of regional aircraft, developed and produces the Canadair Regional Jet. The CRJ200LR is the most environmentally sound jet in the world and provides improved performance and fuel savings, as well as state-of-the-art digital technology systems. The jet ensures passenger comfort by providing two-by-two seating while cruising at 530 miles per hour at altitudes as high as 41,000 feet.

“The aircraft covered in today’s announcement will provide SkyWest with the ability to expand our planned United Express operations,” said Jerry Atkin, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer for SkyWest Airlines. “With the CRJ regional jet as the core of our fleet, we are able to realize significant savings in flight and maintenance training, spare parts provisioning, and economy of operation,” he said.

“We are clearly delighted to be SkyWest’s partner in their dynamic growth,” said Steven A. Ridolfi, President of Bombardier Aerospace, Regional Aircraft. “In the very earliest days of the CRJ program, SkyWest had the vision and understanding to commit to the product before any other airline in the U.S. We are very proud that SkyWest’s confidence in Bombardier and our products has endured and grown since those early days,” he said.

SkyWest Airlines will fly the new order of 64 jets in United colors as United Express. The markets to be served by the new CRJs have yet to be determined, but will include Denver and West Coast operations. The new order has scheduled delivery dates between mid-2002 and December of 2004. Twenty-nine of the CRJ deliveries are scheduled for 2004 and remain conditional orders, subject to an agreement between SkyWest and United, which is expected to be finalized in 2001.

SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express and Delta Connection under marketing agreements with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, respectively. SkyWest serves 67 cities with nearly 1,000 daily flights in fifteen Western States and two Canadian Provinces. SkyWest Airlines is the nation’s fourth largest regional carrier and is based in St. George, Utah.

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