PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
SkyWest Files 90-Day Notice to Terminate Essential Air Service to 29 Cities

FORT DODGE, IA (March 10, 2022) On March 10, 2022 the US DOT released a 90-Day Notice of SkyWest Airlines, Inc.’s Intent to Terminate Essential Air Service to 29 Communities on or before June 10, 2022. (See Attached USDOT 90-Day Notice of SkyWest Airlines, Inc.)

Airport Director, Rhonda Chambers said, “We are extremely disappointed with the news that SkyWest has filed a 90-day notice to terminate air service in Fort Dodge and 28 other communities.” Airport officials have been working with SkyWest Airlines with recent changes, such as a route reduction, to support the airline’s struggles and retain their air service.

The 90-Day Notice states although SkyWest Airlines, Inc. would prefer to continue providing scheduled air service to these cities, the pilot staffing challenges across the airline industry preclude them to doing so.

The 90-Day Notice is the beginning a long process in which the USDOT will send out requests for proposals to air carriers who provide air service to secure a new airline. During this time SkyWest will continue to operate their flights in and out of Fort Dodge.

Chambers added, “The airport commission and I will be working closely with SkyWest and the USDOT in the coming months towards a smooth transition for our customers.”

United Express operated by SkyWest Airlines, Inc. began providing service in Fort Dodge on March 1, 2021 under an USDOT Essential Air Service contract for a three-year term ending February 29, 2024.
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

90-Day Notice of
SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC.

March 10, 2022

to terminate Essential Air Service

90-DAY NOTICE OF SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC.’S INTENT TO TERMINATE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE

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March 10, 2022

NOTE: Objections to this notice of intent to terminate service must be filed on or before March 21, 2022.
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

90-Day Notice of

SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 41734 and 14 C.F.R. 323 of intent to terminate Essential Air Service

Docket OST-See Below

March 10, 2022

90-DAY NOTICE OF SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC’S INTENT TO TERMINATE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE

SkyWest Airlines, Inc. hereby gives 90 days’ notice, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41734 and 14 C.F.R. Part 323, of its intent to terminate Essential Air Service (“EAS”) at:

Alamosa, CO – OST-1997-2960
Pueblo, CO – OST-1999-6589
Fort Dodge, IA – OST-2001-10682
Mason City, IA – OST-2001-10684
Sioux City, IA – OST-2006-23932
Dodge City, KS – OST-1998-3502
Hays, KS – OST-1998-3497
Liberal, KS – OST-1998-3498
Salina, KS – OST-2002-11376
Paducah, KY – OST-2009-0299
Decatur, IL – OST-2006-23929
Houghton, MI – OST-2009-0302
Muskegon, MI – OST-2009-0301
Cape Girardeau, MO – OST-1996-1559
Fort Leonard Wood, MO – OST-1996-1167
Joplin, MO – OST-2006-23932
Meridian, MS – OST-2008-0112
Hattiesburg, MS – OST-2001-10685
Devils Lake, ND – OST-1997-2785
Jamestown, ND – OST-1997-2785
Kearney, NE – OST-1996-1715
North Platte, NE – OST-1999-5173
In support of this notice, SkyWest Airlines, Inc. states as follows:

1. SkyWest Airlines, Inc.’s principal place of business is 444 South River Road, St. George, Utah 84790

2. SkyWest Airlines, Inc. holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing it to engage in scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail.

3. The Department made the most recent EAS determination for SkyWest Airlines, Inc. in the Orders listed above.

4. Although SkyWest Airlines, Inc. would prefer to continue providing scheduled air service to these cities, the pilot staffing challenges across the airline industry preclude us from doing so.

WHEREFORE: SkyWest Airlines, Inc. gives 90 days’ notice of its intent to terminate essential air service on or before June 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing 90-day notice of SkyWest Airlines, Inc’s intent to terminate Essential Air Service to the cities named, has been served this date to the following persons, by first class mail, postage prepaid and electronic mail.

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