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AIR TRAN, FRONTIER TO BEGIN NEW NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN N.O. INTERNATIONAL AND TWO MIDWEST CITIES

Officials at Louis Armstrong/New Orleans International Airport announced today that Frontier Airlines will begin daily nonstop service to Kansas City starting Thursday with an inaugural flight at 10:40 a.m.



Airport spokesman Michelle Wilcut said that while Frontier's Kansas City service settles in, Frontier is also planning to inaugurate another nonstop service between New Orleans and Denver next month.

Also Tuesday, AirTran Airways announced the pending launch of nonstop service between New Orleans and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. That new nonstop service begins October 7, 2010. AirTran operates a Boeing 717 with 117 seats and a Boeing 737 that seats 137 in mixed class configurations.

The AirTran Airways announcement will increase its daily non-stop destinations from New Orleans to three. The other cities served directly are Atlanta and Baltimore/Washington. Milwaukee serves as a mini-hub for AirTran which opens on-going service to the Midwest on their carriers.

Dan Packer, Chairman, New Orleans Aviation Board, said airport officials are pleased with the increased activity by the airlines.

He said Air Tran's announcement of new non-stop service to Milwaukee marks its second new destination added in a twelve month period. He added that Milwaukee is a key city to add to the roster of destinations served from Armstrong because it provides more connecting opportunities, and therefore more choices for travelers to and from the New Orleans region.

Wilcut said the airport has ongoing dialogue and face-to-face meetings with airlines now serving the New Orleans market as well as those who potentially could serve it to deliver the message that New Orleans continues to be a vibrant city with a growing demand for air service.

Kenner Mayor Ed Muniz said the new nonstop services indicate that growth at the airport as predicted by air industry experts some two years ago continues to take shape.

“It’s greatd economic development news for Kenner and the New Orleans region,” he said.

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