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NEW YORK, June 6, 2006 (PRIMEZONE) -- JetBlue Airways Corporation (Nasdaq:JBLU) reported today that its traffic in May increased 11.3 percent from May 2005, on a capacity increase of 21.9 percent. Load factor for May 2006 was 79.1 percent, a decrease of 7.5 points from May 2005. JetBlue's preliminary completion factor was 99.8 percent and its on-time(1) performance was 81.7 percent.

Commenting on these results, David Neeleman, CEO, said, "We are very pleased with the revenue progress we've made so far this quarter. Our passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) was up by an estimated nine percent in the month of May while April's PRASM was up 18 percent year over year. These improvements reflect the positive impact of changes made to our revenue management process, whereby we are pricing our inventory in order to achieve a higher yield while relinquishing some of our load factor."

(1) The U.S. Department of Transportation considers on-time arrivals to be those domestic flights arriving within 14 minutes of schedule.

JETBLUE AIRWAYS TRAFFIC RESULTS

	May 2006	May 2005	% Change
Revenue passenger miles (000)	1,897,356	1,704,966	11.3
Available seat miles (000)	2,399,501	1,968,274	21.9
Load factor	79.1%	86.6%	(7.5)pts.
Revenue passengers	1,421,421	1,207,057	17.8
Departures	12,345	9,028	36.7
Average stage length	1,276	1,398	(8.7)

	Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2005	% Change
Revenue passenger miles (000)	9,462,304	7,765,394	21.9
Available seat miles (000)	11,345,495	9,000,285	26.1
Load factor	83.4%	86.3%	(2.9)pts.
Revenue passengers	7,360,432	5,855,949	25.7
Average stage length	1,244	1,311	(5.1)

SOURCE: JetBlue Airways Corporation

In the six years since its launch, JetBlue Airways has focused on creating a new airline category -- an airline that offers value, service and style. Based out of New York City, the low-cost carrier currently serves 37 destinations with more than 400 flights daily. Onboard JetBlue, customers enjoy roomy leather seats and 36 channels of free DIRECTV(r) programming (a), the most live TV available on any airline. On flights longer than two hours, a selection of first-run movies and bonus features from FOX InFlight(tm) is also available. JetBlue offers customers generous brand name snacks and beverages, including freshly brewed Dunkin' Donuts coffee, and delicious wines selected by the airline's Low Fare Sommelier, Josh Wesson from Best Cellars. On overnight flights from the West, the airline now offers Shut-Eye Service, with a Shut-Eye Kit(tm) designed exclusively for JetBlue by Bliss Spa and other special amenities including a "good morning" hot towel service. With JetBlue, all seats are assigned, all travel is ticketless, all fares are one-way, and an overnight stay is never required. For information or reservations call 1-800-JETBLUE (1-800-538-2583) or visit www.jetblue.com.

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