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Despite Record Fuel Prices, JetBlue Reports First Profitable Year Since 2004

NEW YORK, Jan 29, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- JetBlue Airways Corporation (Nasdaq:JBLU) today reported its results for the fourth quarter and full year 2007:

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* Operating revenues for the quarter totaled $739 million,
  representing growth of 16.6% over operating revenues of $633
  million in the fourth quarter of 2006.  For the full year,
  operating revenues totaled $2.84 billion, representing growth
  of 20.2% over operating revenues of $2.36 billion for the full
  year 2006.

* Operating income for the quarter was $30 million, resulting in a
  4.1% operating margin, compared to an operating income of $64
  million and a 10.2% operating margin in the fourth quarter of
  2006.  For the full year 2007, operating income was $169 million,
  resulting in an operating margin of 6.0%.  This compares with
  operating income of $127 million and a 5.4% operating margin for
  the full year 2006.

* Pre-tax loss for the quarter was $3 million, compared with
  pre-tax income of $30 million in the year-ago period.  For the
  full year, pre-tax income was $41 million, compared with pre-tax
  income of $9 million for the full year 2006.

* Net loss for the quarter was $4 million, representing a net loss
  of $0.02 per diluted share, compared with fourth quarter 2006 net
  income of $17 million, or earnings of $0.10 per diluted share.
  For the full year 2007, net income totaled $18 million, or $0.10
  per diluted share, compared with a net loss of $1 million, or
  $0.00 per diluted share, for the full year 2006.

* Cash and investment securities of $834 million at the end of the
  fourth quarter, which does not include Lufthansa's $300 million
  investment in JetBlue.
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"We are delighted to report a profit for 2007 -- our first full-year profit since 2004 -- especially in light of the operational challenges and record high fuel prices we faced during the year," said Dave Barger, JetBlue's CEO. "Although soaring fuel prices contributed to our fourth quarter loss, we believe we are well positioned as we move into 2008 with a strong brand, superior product and solid financial position."

Operational Performance

For the fourth quarter, revenue passenger miles increased 7.1% year-over-year to 6.2 billion on a capacity increase of 11.5%, resulting in a fourth quarter load factor of 76.6%, a decrease of 3.1 points year over year. Yield per passenger mile in the fourth quarter was 10.89 cents, up 6.7% compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. Passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) for the fourth quarter 2007 increased 2.5% year-over-year to 8.34 cents. For the full year 2007, PRASM increased 6.3% year over year.

JetBlue's operating expense per available seat mile (CASM) for the fourth quarter increased 11.7% year-over-year to 8.73 cents. Excluding fuel, CASM increased 4.5% to 5.48 cents. During the quarter, JetBlue's realized fuel price was $2.34 per gallon, a 21.8% increase over fourth quarter 2006 realized fuel price of $1.92.

Russ Chew, JetBlue's President and COO, commented, "Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our crewmembers, we achieved significant operational improvements during 2007. Our ability to deliver exceptional customer service with a low cost structure continues to differentiate us from the rest of the industry."

Recent JetBlue highlights include:

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* JetBlue and Lufthansa consummated their stock purchase agreement
  transaction, and as a result, Lufthansa now holds a 19 percent
  ownership interest in JetBlue.
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  * JetBlue launched new service from New York (JFK) to St. Maarten
    and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, strengthening its network
    in the Caribbean.  In addition, JetBlue announced that it will
    begin nonstop service from Orlando to Cancun, Mexico and Santo
    Domingo, Dominican Republic in March 2008.  JetBlue now serves
    17 destinations from Orlando.
  * JetBlue continued its focus on innovation with the introduction
    and testing of complimentary in-flight e-mail and instant
    messaging services for its customers on aircraft "BetaBlue."
    JetBlue is the first U.S. domestic carrier to provide such free
    in-flight connectivity.
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LiveTV -- Continental Airlines Agreement

LiveTV, a wholly owned subsidiary of JetBlue, announced today that it has entered into a long-term agreement with Continental Airlines to install and service its inflight entertainment system on Continental's new generation Boeing 737 and 757-300 aircraft. LiveTV has provided live television programming and other services to JetBlue since its inception. LiveTV also serves seven other airlines around the world with its inflight entertainment products, including DIRECTV-based live television programming and XM Satellite Radio, and wireless services, including a handheld platform for in-cabin sales.

First Quarter and Full Year Outlook

Looking ahead, for the first quarter of 2008, JetBlue expects to report an operating margin between zero and two percent based on an assumed aircraft fuel cost per gallon of $2.50, net of hedges. Pre-tax margin for the quarter is expected to be between negative five and negative three percent. PRASM is expected to increase between 10 and 12 percent year over year. CASM is expected to increase between 9 and 11 percent over the year-ago period. Excluding fuel, CASM in the first quarter is expected to decrease between two and zero percent year over year. Capacity is expected to increase between 13 and 15 percent in the first quarter and stage length is expected to increase roughly four percent over the same period last year.

For the full year 2008, JetBlue expects to report an operating margin between six and eight percent based on an assumed aircraft fuel cost per gallon of $2.55, net of hedges. Pre-tax margin for the full year is expected to be between one and three percent. PRASM for the full year is expected to increase between nine and 11 percent year over year. CASM for the full year is expected to increase between 10 and 12 percent over full year 2007. Excluding fuel, CASM in 2008 is expected to increase between three and five percent year over year. Capacity for the full year 2008 is expected to increase between five and eight percent over 2007 and stage length is expected to increase about one percent over full year 2007.

JetBlue will conduct a conference call to discuss its quarterly earnings today, January 29, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. A live broadcast of the conference call will be available via the internet at http://investor.jetblue.com.

About JetBlue

New York-based JetBlue Airways has created a new airline category based on value, service and style. Known for its award-winning service and free TV as much as its low fares, JetBlue is now pleased to offer customers the most legroom throughout coach (based on average fleet-wide seat pitch for U.S. airlines). JetBlue introduced complimentary in-flight e-mail and instant messaging services on aircraft "BetaBlue," a first among U.S. domestic airlines. JetBlue is also America's first and only airline to offer its own Customer Bill of Rights, with meaningful and specific compensation for customers inconvenienced by service disruptions within JetBlue's control. Visit www.jetblue.com/promise for details. JetBlue serves 53 cities with 550 daily flights. 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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                JETBLUE AIRWAYS CORPORATION
           CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
     (in millions, except share and per share amounts)
                      (unaudited)

  Three Months Ended          Twelve Months Ended
     December 31,                 December 31,
  -----------------  Percent  -----------------  Percent
    2007     2006    Change     2007     2006    Change
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OPERATING REVENUES							
Passenger	$ 677	$ 592	14.3	$ 2,636	$ 2,223	18.6	
Other	62	41	48.6	206	140	46.9	
Total operating revenues	739	633	16.6	2,842	2,363	20.2	
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Salaries, wages and benefits	167	147	13.6	648	553	17.3	
Aircraft fuel	264	188	40.8	929	752	23.6	
Landing fees and other rents	44	41	7.3	180	158	14.4	
Depreciation and amortization	47	41	13.4	176	151	16.3	
Aircraft rent	32	29	9.0	124	103	19.6	
Sales and marketing	29	27	8.6	121	104	16.4	
Maintenance materials and repairs	28	20	36.4	106	87	21.4	
Other operating expenses	98	76	28.8	389	328	18.5	
Total operating expenses	709	569	24.5	2,673	2,236	19.5	
OPERATING INCOME	30	64	(52.9)	169	127	32.8	
Operating margin	4.1%	10.2%	(6.1) pts.	6.0%	5.4%	0.6 pts.	
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)							
Interest expense	(59)	(49)	23.2	(225)	(173)	30.5	
Capitalized interest	13	8	82.4	43	27	62.2	
Interest income and other	13	7	99.2	54	28	96.2	
Total other income (expense)	(33)	(34)	(3.2)	(128)	(118)	8.2	
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(3)	30		41	9		
Pre-tax margin	(0.4)%	4.7%	(5.1) pts.	1.4%	0.4%	1.0 pts.	
Income tax expense (benefit)	1	13		23	10		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	$ (4)	$ 17		$ 18	$ (1)		

EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE:				
Basic	$ (0.02)	$ 0.10	$ 0.10	$ --
Diluted	$ (0.02)	$ 0.10	$ 0.10	$ --
Weighted average shares outstanding (thousands):				
Basic	181,156	176,822	179,766	175,113
Diluted	181,156	197,204	184,260	175,113

JETBLUE AIRWAYS CORPORATION

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATISTICS

	Three Months Ended December 31,			Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	Percent Change	2007	2006	Percent Change
Revenue passengers (thousands)	5,181	4,932	5.0	21,387	18,565	15.2
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	6,211	5,798	7.1	25,737	23,320	10.4
Available seat miles (ASMs) (millions)	8,113	7,278	11.5	31,904	28,594	11.6
Load factor	76.6%	79.7%	(3.1) pts.	80.7%	81.6%	(0.9) pts.
Breakeven load factor(a)	78.4%	76.0%	2.4 pts.	80.7%	81.4%	(0.7) pts.
Aircraft utilization (hours per day)	12.6	12.5	1.4	12.8	12.7	0.7
Average fare	$ 130.61	$ 120.01	8.8	$ 123.23	$ 119.73	2.9
Yield per passenger mile (cents)	10.89	10.21	6.7	10.24	9.53	7.4
Passenger revenue per ASM (cents)	8.34	8.13	2.5	8.26	7.77	6.3
Operating revenue per ASM (cents)	9.10	8.71	4.6	8.91	8.26	7.8
Operating expense per ASM (cents)	8.73	7.82	11.7	8.38	7.82	7.1
Operating expense per ASM, excluding fuel (cents)	5.48	5.24	4.5	5.47	5.19	5.3
Airline						

operating expense per ASM (cents)(a)	8.54	7.75	10.2	8.27	7.76	6.6
Departures	50,274	44,736	12.4	196,594	159,152	23.5
Average stage length (miles)	1,133	1,087	4.2	1,129	1,186	(4.7)
Average number of operating aircraft during period	132.1	115.8	14.1	127.8	106.5	20.0
Average fuel cost per gallon	$ 2.34	$ 1.92	21.8	$ 2.09	$ 1.99	5.0
Fuel gallons consumed (millions)	113	98	15.6	444	377	17.7
Percent of sales through jetblue.com during period	78.1%	76.2%	1.9 pts.	75.7%	79.1%	(3.4) pts.
Full-time equivalent employees at period end(a)				9,909	9,265	7.0

(a) Excludes operating expenses and employees of LiveTV, LLC, which are unrelated to our airline operations

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA
(in millions)

	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
Cash, cash equivalents and investment securities	$ 834	$ 699
Total assets	5,598	4,843
Total debt	3,048	2,840
Stockholders' equity	1,036	952

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