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NEW YORK, Sep 5, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- JetBlue Airways Corporation (Nasdaq:JBLU) reported today that its traffic in August increased 1.9 percent from August 2007, on a capacity increase of 1.2 percent.

Load factor for August 2008 was 87.1 percent, an increase of 0.7 points from August 2007. JetBlue's preliminary completion factor was 96.8 percent and its on-time (1) performance was 64.7 percent. JetBlue's preliminary passenger revenue per available seat mile for the month of August increased 12 percent year over year.

JETBLUE AIRWAYS TRAFFIC RESULTS

	August 2008	August 2007	% Change
Revenue passenger miles (000)	2,562,297	2,514,727	1.9%
Available seat miles (000)	2,943,014	2,909,016	1.2%
Load factor	87.1%	86.4%	0.7 pts.
Revenue passengers	2,106,670	2,025,331	4.0%
Departures	18,211	17,430	4.5%
Average stage length	1,147	1,163	(1.4)%

	Y-T-D 2008	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
Revenue passenger miles (000)	18,418,947	17,688,629	4.1%
Available seat miles (000)	22,652,545	21,217,151	6.8%
Load factor	81.3%	83.4%	(2.1) pts.
Revenue passengers	15,365,574	14,718,157	4.4%
Departures	140,803	130,609	7.8%
Average stage length	1,138	1,126	1.1%

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

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