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NEW YORK, Oct 6, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- JetBlue Airways Corporation (Nasdaq:JBLU) reported today that its traffic in September decreased 4.8 percent from September 2007, on a capacity decrease of 11.5 percent.

Load factor for September 2008 was 76.7 percent, an increase of 5.3 points from September 2007. JetBlue's preliminary completion factor was 98.9 percent and its on-time (1) performance was 80.9 percent. JetBlue's preliminary passenger revenue per available seat mile for the month of September increased 28 percent year over year.

JETBLUE AIRWAYS TRAFFIC RESULTS

	September 2008	September 2007	% Change
Revenue passenger miles (000)	1,748,493	1,836,911	(4.8)%
Available seat miles (000)	2,279,035	2,573,785	(11.5)%
Load factor	76.7%	71.4%	5.3 pts.
Revenue passengers	1,446,584	1,487,948	(2.8)%
Departures	14,823	15,711	(5.7)%
Average stage length	1,093	1,148	(4.8)%

	Y-T-D 2008	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
Revenue passenger miles (000)	20,167,440	19,525,540	3.3%
Available seat miles (000)	24,931,580	23,790,936	4.8%
Load factor	80.9%	82.1%	(1.2) pts.
Revenue passengers	16,812,158	16,206,105	3.7%
Departures	155,626	146,320	6.4%
Average stage length	1,134	1,128	0.5%

(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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