JetBlue Applauds Civil Aviation Agreement to Resume Scheduled Flights to Cuba

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NEW YORK, NY -- (Marketwired) -- 12/17/15 -- JetBlue (NASDAQ: JBLU) today applauded a landmark civil aviation agreement that will allow scheduled air service to resume between the U.S. and Cuba.

JetBlue will submit its application for new routes to the U.S. Department of Transportation once the airline has fully reviewed terms of the agreement and has clarity on the process and timing of assigning frequencies to U.S. airlines.

"Interest in Cuba has reached levels not seen for a generation," said Scott Laurence, senior vice president airline planning, JetBlue. "We will review the terms of the agreement to understand how JetBlue can expand from charter service to regularly scheduled service. Our years of experience in Cuba and unmatched customer experience positions JetBlue as the carrier of choice for travel to Cuba."

Depending on the number of flight frequencies available to the airline, JetBlue is eager to offer affordable service from numerous U.S. cities to multiple destinations in Cuba.

"We hope the next dot on our Caribbean route map will be Havana, and possibly even other destinations in Cuba," Laurence said. "Cuba is the perfect addition to the JetBlue network. Over the last several years, we have become a leader in the Caribbean with our position as the largest airline in markets like Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic and an expanding presence across the region."

JetBlue is known for its award-winning customer service and competitive fares. JetBlue offers free Fly-Fi broadband internet, the most inflight entertainment, free snacks and soft drinks, and the most legroom in coach[(a)].

JetBlue first began operating charters to Cuba in 2011 and now flies to Havana and Santa Clara from New York, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, and Tampa. JetBlue plans to continue operating charter flights with its partners as the process of assigning frequencies for scheduled service flights proceeds.

About JetBlue

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(a) JetBlue offers the most legroom in coach based on average fleet-wide seat pitch for U.S. airlines.

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