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Dulles Offers More Flights to More Places in 2007

Recent statistics show dramatic passenger growth

With new international airlines and expanded international and domestic service, the Airports Authority is predicting strong passenger growth at Dulles in 2007.

The passenger count at Dulles for the first month in 2007 reflects strong growth over the same month in 2006. Dulles served 1.9 million passengers in January, which is a 14% increase over a year ago when Independence Air ceased operations on January 5, 2006.

"This is yet another measure which shows the airlines are expanding service to meet passenger demand at Dulles," said Jim Bennett, President/CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. "We have an extremely well-positioned international gateway and a great market for both the legacy and low-cost carriers. We are expecting 2007 to be a strong year."

Washington Dulles International Airport continues to expand its roster of new nonstop destinations and flight frequencies for passengers. New and expanded passenger air service at Dulles in 2007 will feature four new international cities and two new airlines. Domestic carriers will also expand their service. Highlights include:

- → Korean Airlines expanding service to Seoul five times weekly beginning March 25, then daily service beginning November 4
- → United Airlines new daily service to Beijing beginning March 28
- → United Airlines new daily service to Rome beginning March 30
- → United Airlines new daily service to Oklahoma City beginning June 7
- → **JetBlue** new twice daily service to Orlando beginning May 1
- → **Iberia** new carrier beginning service five times a week to Madrid June 1
- → Ethiopian Airways expanding service to Addis Ababa to six times weekly beginning June 1
- → Qatar Airways new carrier beginning daily service to Doha, Qatar this summer (date to be announced)

Complete statistics through January 2007 are available at www.mwaa.com. The website also includes links and phone numbers to airlines offering the new flights.

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