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WRWA WELCOMES ALASKA AIRLINES TO OKLAHOMA CITY CARRIER BEGINS NONSTOP SERVICE TO SEATTLE

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 1, 2015 – Oklahoma: say hello to Alaska Airlines. The west coast carrier begins new nonstop service today from Will Rogers World Airport to Seattle, Washington. Alaska Airlines, with the iconic Eskimo on the tail of its planes, is the seventh-largest carrier in the U.S. and is new to the Oklahoma City market.

“We are very pleased to welcome Alaska Airlines to Oklahoma City,” says Mark Kranenburg, director of airports. “Not only does Alaska bring great travel opportunities for our customers, they also bring their excellent reputation for innovation and customer service.”

“We’re excited to add the first ever non-stop service from the Big Friendly to the Emerald City” said John Kirby, Alaska’s vice president of capacity planning. “Oklahoma City passengers will enjoy our brand new Embraer 175 service complete with first class, onboard meals, and Wi-Fi.”

Oklahoma City’s robust energy and aerospace sectors were factors in the airline’s decision to fly to OKC, along with a growing leisure market to the Pacific Northwest and the numerous Alaska Airlines destinations.

“Adding this new airline and nonstop service to Seattle is valuable for our business community,” said Roy Williams, President and CEO of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. “This flight will enhance access to the Pacific Northwest. We welcome this new valuable business partner to our city.”

Alaska Airlines begins service with one daily, nonstop flight to Seattle utilizing a new Embraer 175 jet. The new jet has 12 seats in first class and 64 in coach. The E175 is roomier, boasting cabin dimensions on par with the Boeing 737. Onboard amenities will include Alaska Beyond Entertainment, which offers free and premium entertainment direct to customer devices, Alaska Beyond Delicious, featuring food and beverages sourced with items from iconic Pacific Northwest brands, and Inflight Internet access. First class customers will also enjoy power outlets at each seat.

The daily Seattle/Oklahoma City schedule is as follows:

Seattle to Oklahoma City			Oklahoma City to Seattle	
Departs	Arrives		Departs	Arrives
10:30 AM	4:23 PM		5:05 PM	7:14 PM

The daily flights are open for sale through alaskaair.com, Alaska Airlines reservations at 1-800-252-7522 or through travel agencies.

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Will Rogers World Airport is the city’s commercial airport and accommodates over 3.8 million travelers each year. The airport will now serve 22 nonstop airports with an average of 73 daily departures. Will Rogers World Airport is owned by the City of Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma City Airport Trust oversees the management and operation of the airport.