

## **Press Release**

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### **CLEVELAND ROCKS NONSTOP FROM WRWA OKC Celebrates United's Inaugural Flight**

OKLAHOMA CITY, February 14 –United Airlines' new nonstop flight to Cleveland, Ohio makes its inaugural flight this Thursday morning, February, 14, from Will Rogers World Airport. Airline and airport officials plan to celebrate United's newest addition to Oklahoma City at the departure gate with an official ribbon cutting, refreshments, a souvenir gift for the first passengers and of course, rock and roll, provided by the local band "Electric Avenue."

The new United route supports the growing relationships in the energy sector between Oklahoma City and Northeast Ohio. Additionally, the flight provides more connecting opportunities to key east coast destinations such as New York LaGuardia, Washington Reagan, and Philadelphia.

"We're excited that United has added Cleveland to the Oklahoma City route system," says Mark Kranenburg, director of airports. "It undoubtedly raises the level of service and options for our customers."

The new service reinforces the robust health of Oklahoma City, an important factor when airlines are considering new service. In addition to the new Cleveland flight, United recently added service to San Francisco. United now serves all eight of its domestic hubs from Oklahoma City.

"As an Oklahoma City native, I'm especially pleased that United is adding Cleveland to the list of hubs we serve from Oklahoma City," said John Aynes, managing director of United Express operations. "The new service will not only provide an important link between two vibrant energy regions, but will also give Oklahoma City travelers access to more than 30 other destinations with convenient connections from the Cleveland hub."

"Will Rogers World Airport is one of only a few airports in the country that will be served by all eight of United's domestic hubs," says Kranenburg. "We appreciate United's commitment to the market"

The United Express flights will be operated by ExpressJet using 50-seat regional jet aircraft. The proposed weekday Cleveland schedule is as follows:

**Oklahoma City to Cleveland**

Departs	Arrives
11:03am	2:26pm

**Cleveland to Oklahoma City**

Departs	Arrives
8:41am	10:33am

United Airlines serves Chicago O'Hare, Cleveland, Denver, Houston Intercontinental, New York Newark, Washington Dulles, Los Angeles, and San Francisco from Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport.

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*Will Rogers World Airport is the city's commercial airport and accommodates over three and a half million travelers each year. The airport will now serve 22 nonstop airports with an average of 75 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.*