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DFW AIRPORT CONTINUES VITAL GROWTH TREND WITH NEW AIR SERVICE TO U.S. MARKETS

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Delta Connection adds flights, destinations as post 9/11 rebound continues

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas - (January 15, 2002) DFW Airport continues to rank among the nation's top airports in positive performance and traffic rebounds since air transportation came to a halt and slowly resumed after September 11. The strong upward trend continues today as Delta Connection expands regional jet (RJ) service to nine U.S. cities, offering 31 new daily flights to and from DFW.

"Delta and Delta Connection together provide a convenient network of service from our Dallas/Fort Worth hub, offering customers nonstop flights to more than 60 destinations," said Fred Buttrell, president and chief executive officer of Delta Connection, Inc. "We appreciate today's recognition of the Delta Connection carriers that now provide DFW with expanded service and frequency. Many of these flights are operated with our popular Canadair regional jets, which customers find comfortable and convenient."

Since the expansion began September 1, Delta Connection has increased capacity to current DFW markets with service upgrades by 99 percent and daily departures by 76 percent. The additional regional jet service provides more daily departures to and from DFW and supplements current mainline flights, resulting in more passengers on existing carriers flying through DFW Airport to other destinations.

"The re-introduction of Delta's service to these U.S. markets, while adding capacity to existing markets, demonstrates the vitality of our region and Delta Connection's commitment to DFW," said Joe Lopano, executive vice president of Marketing, DFW Airport. "We're optimistic that Delta will gradually add more service this year, further feeding and solidifying the DFW hub."

Cities benefiting from Delta Connection's RJ service include Corpus Christi, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Oklahoma City, OK; Houston, TX (IAH); Salt Lake City, UT; Wichita, KS, Mobile, AL; San Antonio, TX and Memphis, TN.

"New and expanded RJ service means more flight schedule options, more seats and a quality product for our DFW guests," said Lopano. "Offering additional air service boosts competition, gives customers more connection options and results in more people flying through DFW, thus benefiting the local economy."

With the addition of two new cities - Corpus Christi, TX and Indianapolis, IN - DFW passengers have access to more than 100 daily flights on Delta and Delta Connection carriers to 33 U.S. cities, including eight in Texas. Overall, Delta Air Lines and Delta Connection carriers provide nonstop service from DFW to 60 U.S. cities with 209 daily flights.

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