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Southwest Airlines Reports May Traffic

DALLAS, June 7, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 9.3 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in May 2013, a 4.2 percent increase from the 9.0 billion RPMs flown in May 2012. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 3.4 percent to 11.4 billion from the May 2012 level of 11.0 billion. The May 2013 load factor was 81.9 percent, compared to 81.3 percent in May 2012. For May 2013, passenger revenue per ASM (PRASM) is estimated to have decreased approximately two percent compared to May 2012.

For the first five months of 2013, the Company flew 41.8 billion RPMs, compared to 41.3 billion RPMs flown for the same period in 2012, an increase of 1.4 percent. Year-to-date ASMs increased 1.9 percent to 53.4 billion from the 2012 level of 52.5 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 78.3 percent, compared to 78.7 percent for the same period in 2012.

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PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	MAY		
	2013	2012	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	9,938,557	9,592,865	3.6 %
Enplaned passengers	12,043,070	11,719,287	2.8 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	9,347,628	8,974,274	4.2 %
Available seat miles (000)	11,410,284	11,036,776	3.4 %
Load factor	81.9%	81.3%	0.6 pts
Average length of haul	941	936	0.5 %
Trips flown	115,713	118,403	(2.3)%

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2013	2012	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	44,416,375	44,449,719	(0.1)%
Enplaned passengers	54,004,457	54,120,070	(0.2)%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	41,840,267	41,269,623	1.4 %
Available seat miles (000)	53,444,839	52,464,179	1.9 %
Load factor	78.3%	78.7%	(0.4) pts
Average length of haul	942	928	1.5 %

Trips flown	548,119	567,879	(3.5)%
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SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.