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Southwest Airlines Reports November Traffic

DALLAS, Dec. 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 5.3 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in November 2008, an 8.3 percent decrease from the 5.7 billion RPMs flown in November 2007. Available seat miles (ASMs) were essentially flat at 8.3 billion for November 2007 and November 2008. The load factor for the month was 63.2 percent, compared to 69.3 percent for the same period last year.

For the eleven months ended November 30, 2008, Southwest flew 67.7 billion RPMs, compared to the 66.6 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2007, an increase of 1.7 percent. Available seat miles increased 4.1 percent to 95.0 billion from the 2007 level of 91.2 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 71.3 percent, compared to 73.0 percent for the same period last year.

This release, as well as past news releases on Southwest, are available online at <http://www.southwest.com/?src=INVRINVNOTR000000081202>.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	NOVEMBER		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	6,516,903	7,295,981	(10.7)%
Enplaned passengers	7,447,468	8,271,795	(10.0)%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	5,263,208	5,742,499	(8.3)%
Available seat miles (000)	8,325,287	8,289,678	0.4%
Load factor	63.2%	69.3%	(6.1)pts.
Average length of haul	808	787	2.7%
Trips flown	95,355	97,326	(2.0)%

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	81,747,398	81,710,320	0.0%

Enplaned passengers	93,955,783	93,830,916	0.1%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	67,697,300	66,590,250	1.7%
Available seat miles (000)	94,952,996	91,231,699	4.1%
Load factor	71.3%	73.0%	(1.7)pts.
Average length of haul	828	815	1.6%
Trips flown	1,095,338	1,062,436	3.1%

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.