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Mesa Names Chris Pappaioanou Senior Vice President of East Coast Operations

PHOENIX, May 5, 2014 -- [Mesa Air Group](#), Inc. today announced the promotion of Chris Pappaioanou to the newly-created post of Senior Vice President of East Coast Operations, overseeing Mesa hubs in Charlotte, N.C. and Washington Dulles.

Pappaioanou has served in a variety of leadership positions with the company since 2001, including President of go!, its low-cost interisland operation in Hawaii and Vice President and General Counsel. He started his aviation career at Mesa as a ramp agent in Telluride, Colorado.

“Chris is a key member of our management team and I’m delighted he will lead our East Coast growth and operations,” said Mesa Air Group Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein. “Like every senior operations manager at Mesa, Chris began his career in an entry level position. With his management and operations experience, he’s the perfect fit for this important new role.”

Prior to Mesa, Pappaioanou served as an associate attorney in the Charleston, S.C. office of national law firm Ogletree Deakins, one of the largest labor and employment law firms representing management. Pappaioanou holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University and a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana.

About Mesa Airlines

A multiple recipient of *Air Transport World's* Regional Airline of the Year Award and ranked No. 1 Regional Airline three consecutive years by the DOT Air Travel Consumer Report, Phoenix-based [Mesa Airlines](#) operates as US Airways Express from hubs in Charlotte and Phoenix and as United Express from Washington Dulles and Chicago O’Hare. Founded on a mesa in New Mexico in 1982 by Larry and Janie Risley, Mesa currently operates 69 aircraft with more than 400 daily system departures to 85 cities, 36 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico. The company has approximately 2,200 employees and plans to hire an additional 1,000 in the next two years.