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## **Mesa Airlines Takes Delivery of First of 30 Embraer E175s for its United Express Fleet**

**PHOENIX, April 10, 2014** -- [Mesa Air Group](#), Inc. recently took delivery of its first Embraer E175 at a celebratory event at Embraer's headquarters in São José dos Campos, Brazil. The aircraft is the first of 30 on order by United to incorporate into Mesa's growing United Express fleet. Employees from United Airlines, Mesa and Embraer celebrated the inaugural flight together.

"This is an exciting time at Mesa Airlines and the E175 will play a pivotal role in our strategic growth plan going forward," said Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein. "Our relationship with Embraer began as a United Express carrier more than 20 years ago and I'm thrilled for the opportunity to incorporate these spectacular new aircraft into our fleet. Mesa is in a unique position to take full advantage of the opportunity to fly larger capacity regional jets for our partners as they replace their existing fleets of smaller, less efficient 50-seat aircraft."

Mesa currently operates as United Express from hubs in Washington Dulles and Chicago O'Hare with a fleet of 20 Bombardier CRJ-700 regional aircraft. The first E-175s will enter service in June 2014 and are configured in the United Express dual class 76-seat layout.

"At United, we are focused on modernizing our fleet, and we look forward to introducing the E175 to our United Express service. Compared to the 50-seat aircraft we are replacing, these aircraft provide a superior customer experience and are more fuel efficient," said Jim Compton, United's vice chairman and chief revenue officer.

The delivery encompassed four flights: the first from São José dos Campos in southern Brazil to the northern Brazil city of Manaus. From Manaus, the aircraft was flown to Panama City, Panama and then to Houston, TX. The E175 arrived in Phoenix, Mesa's headquarters city, on Thursday, April 3.

## **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.