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## **Mesa Airlines Appoints Jeffrey Domrese Vice President of Maintenance and Engineering**

**PHOENIX, August 11, 2015** – Mesa Airlines, Inc. today announced the promotion of Jeffrey Domrese, previously Director of Engineering and Planning, to the position of Vice President of Maintenance and Engineering. Domrese joined Mesa in January 2014 to develop the maintenance program for the Embraer 175 and to serve as the company's FAA interface for successful certification of the aircraft. Mesa began operating the E175 in the United Express system in June 2014, and now has 30 aircraft in its E175 fleet.

"Jeff's extensive knowledge, industry experience and respect within the maintenance and regulatory communities made him an excellent choice for this important position," said Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein. "In his time at Mesa, Jeff has played a significant role and done an outstanding job with every responsibility he has taken on. We are very pleased he will oversee Mesa's maintenance program and will build on the company's strong tradition of maintenance and operational excellence."

Domrese has more than 30 years of aircraft maintenance experience, including 12 years with Republic Airways Holdings, serving as Director of Maintenance from 2000 until 2005 and as Vice President of Maintenance and Technical Operations from 2005 until 2012. His responsibilities at Republic included maintenance oversight for five airlines (Frontier, Chautauqua, Shuttle America, Republic and Midwest). He served as Manager of Reliability at PSA Airlines from 1994

until 1997. Domrese's airline career began with American Eagle in 1988. He previously served as a C-141 Crew Chief in the United States Air Force from 1984 until 1988. He holds his Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) License and attended Advanced Airframe and Powerplant training at Trident Technical College.

Since April 2013, Mesa has expanded its fleet with 30 new Embraer E175 aircraft, operating for United, and 19 Bombardier CRJ900 aircraft operating for American. By September 2015, seven additional factory-new CRJ900s will be in service for American. Deliveries are currently underway. In 2015, for the third consecutive year, Mesa Airlines' Maintenance and Engineering Department was awarded the FAA's prestigious Diamond Award of Excellence.

### **About Mesa Airlines**

A multiple-time 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 American Eagle and US Airways Express from hubs in Phoenix and Dallas/Fort Worth and as United Express from Washington Dulles and Houston. Founded on a mesa in New Mexico in 1982 by Larry and Janie Risley, Mesa currently operates 110 aircraft, with more than 550 daily system departures to 94 cities, 36 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico. The company has approximately 2,600 employees and plans to hire an additional 1,000 in the next two years. For more information, go to [www.mesa-air.com](http://www.mesa-air.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mesaairlines](http://www.facebook.com/mesaairlines).