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Mesa Airlines Announces Career Path Program for Pilots with United Airlines

PHOENIX, AZ – March 21, 2018 – Mesa Airlines announced today an exciting new Career Path Program (CPP) with United Airlines, designed to provide qualified current and future United Express pilots at Mesa a clear path to the flight deck with United Airlines. The CPP will both help attract qualified individuals to staff Mesa’s expanding fleet and retain existing pilots looking to advance to a major airline.

“We are excited to announce this opportunity for our pilots, which will allow them to participate in a program that provides a clear way forward to employment at United Airlines,” said Jonathan Ornstein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mesa Airlines. “Our partnership with United has grown exponentially over the past few years, and we appreciate their support of our company and also the confidence in our qualified, aviation professionals to represent the United brand.”

Captain Mike Ferwerda, Mesa’s Chief Operating Officer added, “Having flown the line for many years with a major airline, I feel our Mesa pilots are particularly well-suited to meet the challenges of the United Airlines flight deck.”

Mesa currently operates 60 Embraer EJET 175s (E175) and 20 Bombardier Canadair Regional Jet 700s (CRJ700) as United Express. Mesa has significantly expanded its flying for United over the past three years, almost tripling its fleet size under the United banner.

About Mesa Airlines

A multiple-time recipient of *Air Transport World's* Regional Airline of the Year Award, Phoenix-based Mesa Airlines operates as American Eagle from 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 Riskey, Mesa currently operates 145 aircraft, with more than 600 daily system departures to 124 cities, 38 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico, and The Bahamas. The Company has approximately 3,100 employees and plans to hire an additional 1,000 in the next two years. For more information, go to www.mesa-air.com or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/mesaairlines.