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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES REPORTS JULY TRAFFIC

DALLAS, TEXAS – August 7, 2013 – Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 10.0 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in July 2013, a 0.7 percent decrease from the RPMs flown in July 2012. Available seat miles (ASMs) in July 2013 increased 0.6 percent to 11.9 billion, compared to July 2012. The July 2013 load factor was 83.5 percent, compared to 84.6 percent in July 2012. For July 2013, passenger revenue per ASM (PRASM) is estimated to have increased in the four to five percent range compared to July 2012. For the first seven months of 2013, the Company flew 61.7 billion RPMs, compared to 60.9 billion RPMs flown for the same period in 2012, an increase of 1.2 percent. Year-to-date ASMs increased 1.6 percent to 77.0 billion from the 2012 level of 75.7 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 80.1 percent, compared to 80.5 percent for the same period in 2012.

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Revenue passengers carried	JULY 2013 9,891,676		2012 10,215,812		CHANGE (3.2)%
Enplaned passengers	12,211,777		12,648,746		(3.5)%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	9,977,171		10,043,520		(0.7)%
Available seat miles (000)	11,948,656		11,877,774		0.6	%
Load factor	83.5	%	84.6	%	(1.1) pts	
Average length of haul	1,009		983		2.6	%
Trips flown	117,402		123,184		(4.7)	%
	VEAR TO DATE					
	YEAR-TO-DATE 2013		2012		CHANGE	
Revenue passengers carried			2012 64,635,982		CHANGE (0.9)	%
Revenue passengers carried Enplaned passengers	2013					% %
	2013 64,055,977		64,635,982		(0.9)	
Enplaned passengers	2013 64,055,977 78,455,181		64,635,982 79,013,319		(0.9)	%
Enplaned passengers Revenue passenger miles (000)	2013 64,055,977 78,455,181 61,663,420	%	64,635,982 79,013,319 60,934,885	%	(0.9) (0.7) 1.2	% %
Enplaned passengers Revenue passenger miles (000) Available seat miles (000)	2013 64,055,977 78,455,181 61,663,420 76,981,324	%	64,635,982 79,013,319 60,934,885 75,741,256	%	(0.9)(0.7)1.21.6	% %