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CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW DAILY
NONSTOP UNITED AIRLINES SERVICE TO HOUSTON STARTING
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WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT – May 14, 2014 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce the debut of new daily, nonstop United Airlines service between Bradley International Airport (BDL) and Houston-George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) beginning October 6, 2014. This addition to Bradley's route structure continues the CAA's commitment to provide its customers with a robust menu of service offerings.

“Anytime an airline announces new routes at Bradley, that’s good news for Connecticut and the Greater Hartford regional economy. By offering additional options for airlines, routes and non-stop service, Bradley is quickly becoming the go-to for more and more travelers and tourists alike,” said Governor Dannel P. Malloy. “In turn, this increase in activity translates to new jobs, economic development and business opportunities for the state.”

“We’re pleased to add new United Express service between Houston and Hartford,” said Jim Compton, United’s vice chairman and chief revenue officer. “The new flights complement our existing service to Bradley from our Chicago, New York and Washington hubs, providing Greater Hartford-area travelers with more nonstop flight options, as well as convenient connections via the Houston hub to more than 75 other destinations in Texas, the U.S. West Coast and Latin America.”

“The CAA strives to provide its travelers with access to the nation’s most desirable destinations,” said CAA Board Chair Mary Ellen Jones. “The addition of daily, nonstop United Express service to Houston provides evidence of the CAA’s focus on providing the highest level of customer service.”

“The decision by United to increase its footprint at Bradley International Airport with such a popular route is indicative of the airport’s high standing in the region,” said CAA Executive Director Kevin Dillon. “The CAA will continue exploring these types of opportunities to bolster Bradley’s offerings and connect our passengers to new adventures in our nation’s top cities.”

The flights will be operated by Mesa Airlines using Embraer 175 aircraft with 76 seats – 12 in United First and 64 in United Economy, including 16 Economy Plus extra-legroom seats. Service will commence with the first flight from Houston to

Bradley at 3:40 PM on October 5, 2014. Bradley's inaugural departure to Houston will commence on October 6, 2014 at 7:20 AM.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast. According to the most recent economic impact analysis, Bradley International Airport contributes \$4 billion in economic activity to the state of Connecticut and the surrounding region, representing \$1.2 billion in wages and 18,000 full-time jobs.

About Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.