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Dubuque, IA – (February 7, 2008) – The Dubuque Regional Airport Commission, airport management and City of Dubuque are pleased to announce that Northwest Airlines will begin providing two, daily, non-stop flights from Minneapolis/ St. Paul to Dubuque in the summer 2008.

“We’re really happy to offer this service to our passengers,” said Robert Grierson, Dubuque Regional Airport Manager. “With the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, Dubuque Chamber, and the business community all placing air service as a top priority, it’s a pleasure to have Northwest back after a five year hiatus.”

Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol said “Dubuque has been recognized regionally and nationally as a leader in job growth and economic development. Transportation infrastructure, including increased air connectivity, is essential to our growing economy. The return of Northwest Airlines to Dubuque is truly great news for our many business, leisure and convention travelers to support our growing tourist destination.”

Dubuque Regional Airport Commission Chair, Steve Accinelli, states: “Dubuque is a different community since Northwest’s departure in 2003. This service will enhance the viability of our business community and offer more options to our leisure travelers.”

Grierson noted that several individuals were instrumental in bringing this expanded air service to Dubuque. “We would especially like to thank DBQ Airport Commissioner Charlie Daoud, Dubuque Assistant City Manager Teri Goodmann, Dawn Colby of Prudential Financial, Mike Santillo of Flexsteel Industries, Kent Peterson of McGraw-Hill Publishing, Martin Hannig of John Deere Dubuqueworks, and Maureen McDonough of Andersen Windows – Minneapolis for their help throughout this process.”

Northwest Airlines is one of the world’s largest airlines with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam, and approximately 1,400 daily departures. Northwest is a member of SkyTeam, an airline alliance that offers customers one of the world’s most extensive global networks. Northwest and its travel partners serve more than 1,000 cities in excess of 160 countries on six continents.

A press conference will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at the Dubuque Regional Airport Terminal Building, 11000 Airport Road at 1:30 p.m. A representative from Northwest Airlines is scheduled to attend with the official date and flight schedules.