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NORTHWEST AIRLINES ANNOUNCES NEW NON-STOP SERVICE BETWEEN MEMPHIS AND COLUMBIA, MO. *Offers Special WorldPerks® Bonus Miles*

EAGAN, Minn. – (May 24, 2008) – Northwest Airlines (NYSE: NWA) announced today it will offer daily nonstop service between its Memphis hub and Columbia, Mo. beginning August 19, 2008. Northwest Airlines was granted the Essential Air Service (EAS) route in late April.

“Northwest Airlines is pleased to accept the Essential Air Service award by the Department of Transportation. The ability to offer service to Columbia, Mo. and the surrounding area is great for the community, the airport and surrounding communities it serves, “said Dennis Newman, vice president of network planning and scheduling. “We will offer central Missouri customers direct service to our Memphis hub, connecting to the rest of our U.S. and international destinations.”

Customers can purchase tickets beginning Saturday, May 24, 2008.

The new service will be operated by Northwest Airlink partner Mesaba with passengers flying the 34-seat SAAB 340.

Northwest will fly three daily flights between Memphis and Columbia, with the exception of weekend service. The Memphis-Columbia route on flight 3171 will not fly on Saturday nights. Flight 3174 from Columbia to Memphis will not be available on Sunday mornings.

Memphis-Columbia		
<i>Flight Number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 3175	9:25 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
NW 3172	2:25 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
NW 3171*	7:40 p.m.	9:20 p.m.

*Daily except Saturday

Columbia-Memphis		
<i>Flight Number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 3174*	6:00 a.m.	7:44 a.m.
NW 3170	11:25 a.m.	1:09 p.m.
NW 3173	4:25 p.m.	6:08 p.m.

*Daily except Sunday

Northwest is offering 1,000 WorldPerks Bonus Miles for roundtrip travel between Memphis and Columbia from August 19 through September 30, 2008. Registration is required prior to travel. Additional terms and conditions apply. Details can be found at www.nwa.com/offers/memcou08.

The new flights between Memphis and Columbia are available for booking at www.nwa.com, through travel agencies or by calling Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525.

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.

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