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Airport adds non-stop flight to Minneapolis

RENO, NV – Reno-Tahoe International Airport is pleased to announce non-stop service between Reno and Minneapolis-St. Paul beginning June 6 on Delta Airlines.

Minneapolis (MSP) is a hub airport in the recently-merged Delta-Northwest system and will provide excellent connections to international flights in Europe and Canada.

The Saturday-only service will be offered between June 6 and Sept. 6 and will feature a 124-seat Airbus 319. In the wake of the Delta-Northwest Airlines merger, the new flight is an example of the airline's new business approach to schedule flights based on peak day and peak season.

The once-a-week flight provides an opportunity to prove to the airlines that the Reno-Tahoe community deserves a daily non-stop flight.

"This new seasonal service is a test for our community," Krys T. Bart, President/CEO of Reno-Tahoe International Airport, said. "It's truly a case of use it or lose it. We have delivered a new flight and now it's up to our community to fill the seats."

Airport officials have been working feverishly to maintain and enhance air service during these challenging economic times.

"Adding a flight to a hub airport in these economic times is a huge accomplishment for Reno-Tahoe International," Bart said. "And we are

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committed to working diligently to add more flights. We have 25 airline meetings set this year.”

There is currently no non-stop airline service between Reno and Minneapolis. In 2005, Northwest Airlines discontinued a highly successful daily non-stop flight between Reno and Minneapolis as a result of the airline’s bankruptcy.

“Our community filled seats to Minneapolis before, and I know we can do it again,” Bart said.

The flight will depart MSP at 9:15 a.m. arriving in Reno at 11 a.m. The return flight will depart Reno at noon arriving in MSP at 5:20 p.m.

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