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## **Mesa Air Group Adds E175 to Certificate**

**PHOENIX, June 9, 2014** -- [Mesa Air Group](#), Inc. announced today it received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to add the Embraer E175 to its operating certificate, a critical accomplishment in its goal of having the aircraft “on line on time.” Mesa will begin its E-Jet operations this summer with the first of 30 aircraft scheduled for delivery as part of its United Express operation.

“We are pleased to add this new generation aircraft to our fleet,” said Mesa Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein. “I would like to thank all our people involved with the E-Jet program, especially project leader Mike Ferwerda. Many thanks to our friends at United Airlines who were incredibly supportive of this project as well as the folks at the FAA for their assistance throughout the process. We look forward to seeing the aircraft on line and creating new opportunities to expand our E175 fleet.”

“Our E175 certification program started more than 10 months ago and took team work, attention to detail and professionalism,” said Mike Ferwerda, Senior Vice President of Aircraft Programs. “In particular, I would like to recognize our E-Jet operational group leaders, Artemis Bayandor, Timothy Boldt, Jeffrey Domrese, Tara Holland, Bryan Johnson and Craig McDannell for their outstanding efforts.

## **About Mesa Airlines**

A multiple recipient of *Air Transport World's* Regional Airline of the Year Award and ranked No. 1 Regional Airline three consecutive years by the DOT Air Travel Consumer Report, Phoenix-based [Mesa Airlines](#) operates as US Airways Express from hubs in Charlotte and Phoenix and as United Express from Washington Dulles and Chicago O'Hare. Founded on a mesa in New Mexico in 1982 by Larry and Janie Risley, Mesa currently operates 69 aircraft with more than 400 daily system departures to 85 cities, 36 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico. The company has approximately 2,200 employees and plans to hire an additional 1,000 in the next two years.