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Aer Lingus Arrives at Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA — The first Aer Lingus flight arrived from Dublin at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) today. The fleet B-757 aircraft passed under a traditional water cannon salute as it taxied to its gate.

City and Airport officials including Mayor Jim Kenney, Airport CEO Chellie Cameron and local elected officials greeted the arrival of Flight EI 115. Passengers awaiting to board their flight enjoyed music, shepherd's pie, Philly cheese steaks and cake to celebrate the event.

Aer Lingus is the second foreign flag carrier to introduce service at PHL within 12 months and sixth foreign airline overall.

"We are happy to welcome Aer Lingus as our newest foreign flag carrier," said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. "Our goal is to provide passengers with flight options and we're proud that our new airline, Aer Lingus, provides people with a competitive flight to Dublin. We are excited to welcome both leisure and business travelers to our city that is home to some of the nation's top universities, businesses and tourism sites."

Marking the new service to Philadelphia, Aer Lingus Chief Operating Officer Mike Rutter said, "We are delighted to commence our brand new service to Philadelphia which marks the beginning of our Summer 2018 programme. We remain focused on growing our transatlantic network and further strengthening our Dublin base as a leading gateway to North America. Aer Lingus' transatlantic offering not only leads the way in our home market but our connecting options via Dublin also continue to gain pace in the UK and Europe as the smartest route to North America."

From Dublin, Aer Lingus passengers can connect to 21 destinations in Europe and Abu Dhabi.

EI 115 departs DUB 1:50 p.m. and arrives at PHL at 4:15 p.m. EI 114 departs PHL 5:30 p.m. and arrives DUB at 5:10 a.m. the next morning. The flight is set for four times weekly and will become daily on May 18.

PHL offers service to 37 international destinations, including flights to 16 capital cities.

American Airlines also provides non-stop flights to Dublin.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.