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Spirit Airlines Announces New Seasonal Service to Minneapolis-St. Paul

PHILADELPHIA – Spirit Airlines today announced that it will begin operating new seasonal service from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) to Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) beginning April 14, 2016.

From April 14 to November 9, Spirit will operate one daily flight to the Twin Cities.

The Florida-based airline, which frequently touts its “Ultra-Low Fares,” began service out of Philadelphia in 2013 with non-stop flights to Dallas-Fort Worth. Spirit has since added non-stop service to Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, and Myrtle Beach, S.C. Spirit will also launch non-stop service to Los Angeles, Detroit and Fort Lauderdale in April 2016.

“This new service to Minneapolis–St. Paul will increase competition, which generally results in more affordable fares. This is good news for business and leisure travelers to the upper Midwest region,” Airport CEO Mark Gale said. “Nearly all of Minnesota’s Fortune 500 headquarters are located in the Twin Cities.”

Currently, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Frontier Airlines offer non-stop flights between PHL and MSP.

Retail giants Target and Best Buy and consumer foods manufacturer General Mills are located in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. The Mall of America, the largest shopping mall in the country, is also located just outside the Twin Cities.

Gale said affordable costs, convenience and connectivity are essential to PHL’s success and continued growth as a vital transportation hub.

PHL was ranked as the 14th-most-connected airport in the world, and No. 11 in the United States, by The British-based aviation data firm, OAG. PHL offers non-stop service to 91 domestic and 39 international destinations. The most popular domestic destinations include Atlanta, Orlando, Chicago, Boston and Dallas-Fort Worth. The most popular international destinations include Cancun, London, Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, Toronto and Frankfurt, Germany.

“The expansion of service of Spirit Airlines is in line with our vision and mission of increasing the travel options of our business travelers and tourists,” Gale said.

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75th anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 130 destinations around the world.

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 \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.