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Chicago Rockford International Airport Announces Sale of Nonstop Denver Flights

Frontier Airlines to Provide Service to Mile High City Starting in December

ROCKFORD, III. – Tickets are now on sale for nonstop flights to Denver from Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD). The announcement was made today during a press conference at the airport. Frontier Airlines has officially announced it will begin flying three times a week between RFD and Denver International Airport (DIA) starting on December 16.

Denver is one of the top ten leisure destinations for Midwest travelers. With the addition of Denver flights, RFD will now be flying to six of the top 10 destinations including Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Orlando, Tampa and Ft. Myers.

"Passengers have been asking for the return of Denver flights and we've heard their requests loud and clear," said Amy Ott, acting interim Executive Director of Chicago Rockford International Airport. "We are thrilled that Frontier Airlines has chosen Rockford to be among the 80 destinations it serves."

Frontier Airlines' motto is "a whole different animal." The airline is making it easy for passengers and offering them a *different* flying experience; combining that with RFD's free parking, curb-side baggage checking and short check-in times makes for an overall hassle-free flying experience for passengers.

"We're very happy to add Rockford to the growing list of mid-sized cities getting the full benefits of Frontier's low-fare, high-value service," said Daniel Shurz, Vice President of strategy and planning for Frontier.

Frontier will use 138-passenger Airbus A319s on the route between RFD and DIA.

"We're very pleased the deal with Frontier came together in less than 30 days. One of our strategic goals has been to bring in more low-cost carriers," said Bharat Puri, Greater Rockford Airport Authority Chairman. "Frontier Airlines fits this bill for us and allows regional passengers access to many destinations in the West."

The Brookings Institution ranks Denver as the fourth most walkable downtown in the nation with numerous attractions for visitors to see. With eight professional sports teams, one of the top five botanic gardens in America and miles of shopping - there is surely something for everyone. Soon this leisure destination will be a short two-hour flight from Rockford.



"We're excited to build a relationship with the city of Denver," said John Groh, President and CEO of the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Not only are there many exciting attractions for Rockford area residents to take advantage of in Denver, but we believe Denver residents have several good reasons to visit Rockford and we want to bring them here and show them what we have to offer as well."

Tickets will start at \$99 each way and can be purchased online at <u>www.flyrfd.com</u> or by calling 1-800-432-1359.

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Terms and Conditions for Denver-Rockford Nonstop Introductory Fares

Tickets must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, September 30, 2011. Fares shown are each way for travel December 15, 2011 through March 18, 2012. A 14-day advance purchase is required. Seats are limited at these fares and certain flights and/or days of travel may be unavailable, especially during busy travel periods. Tickets are nonrefundable and nontransferable, but may be reissued for up to a \$50 change fee (depending on the fare type purchased) as well as a possible fare increase to a non-promotional fare type. Previously purchased tickets may not be exchanged for these special fare tickets. Flight segment(s) must be cancelled prior to scheduled departure time or the ticket(s) and all monies will be forfeited.

Fares shown reflect purchase at FrontierAirlines.com. Tickets purchased on Frontier's website must be paid for at the time the reservation is made. Depending on the fare type purchased, a \$20 fee may be charged each way for the first and for the second pieces of checked baggage. Fares do not include passenger facility fees of up to \$9 each way, the September 11th Security Fee of up to \$5 each way, or fees of \$3.70 per segment (one takeoff/one landing), and are subject to change without notice.

Some markets do not offer daily connections. Due to schedule changes, markets may not connect throughout the valid travel period. Denver-Rockford nonstop service begins December 15, 2011. (The first Rockford to Denver flight is December 16, 2011)

Flights are operated by Frontier Airlines, Republic Airlines or Chautauqua Airlines. Fares and schedules are subject to change without notice. Other restrictions may apply.