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Bradley International Airport to Welcome Breeze Airways Offering four new, nonstop destinations this summer

Windsor Locks, CT – May 21, 2021 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that Bradley International Airport is one of the launch airports for Breeze Airways. The newly founded carrier announced its official, national debut today with the rollout of a route network across the U.S. At Bradley International Airport, it will launch four new, nonstop destinations this summer, including Charleston, Columbus, Norfolk, and Pittsburgh.

"This is an exciting time for Bradley International Airport and the Connecticut Airport Authority as our state emerges from the pandemic and more travelers are taking to the skies," Governor Ned Lamont said. "This announcement today is further recognition that one of our greatest assets as a state and a region is Bradley International Airport, and these new destinations allow for residents to be connected to new business and tourism travel markets."

Headquartered in Salt Lake City, Breeze Airways was founded by David Neeleman and is his fifth airline start-up, after JetBlue, Brazil's Azul, Canada's WestJet, and Utah-based Morris Air, which was later purchased by Southwest Airlines.

"Breeze is excited to be announcing service to Hartford," said David Neeleman, Founder and CEO of Breeze Airways. "I know Connecticut well from many years living there and we see a significant number of unserved markets from Bradley that will provide us with many years of growth opportunities. And we're thrilled to be able to give Hartford residents nonstop service so they can get where they want to go twice as fast for half the cost."

Affordably connecting passengers to smaller and medium-sized destinations, all four routes offered at Bradley International Airport will serve new nonstop destinations.

"We are thrilled to be part of Breeze Airways' historic launch," said CAA Board Chair Thomas A. "Tony" Sheridan. "While it has been a challenging year for the aviation industry, today's announcement solidifies Bradley International Airport's continued, strong reputation and is a testament to the acumen of the leadership team to pursue new partnerships that will benefit our airport and region."

"Breeze Airways is poised to offer our passengers access to new destinations at a low-cost," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. "We look forward to introducing its innovative model to our market, and we are confident that Breeze Airways will quickly gain in popularity locally, leading to success at Bradley International Airport."

The new nonstops will operate on a single-class Embraer aircraft, with a two-by-two seat configuration. The nonstops will commence as follows:

- Charleston May 27
- Columbus, Norfolk and Pittsburgh July 22

Among its hallmark offerings, Breeze Airways is committed to low fares, with booking flexibility that includes no change or cancellation fees for flights changed or cancelled up to 15 minutes before scheduled departure.

The airline is also dedicated to safety and cleanliness. Breeze's aircraft are cleaned and disinfected frequently, and they are equipped with HEPA filters onboard, which refresh cabin air every few minutes. In accordance with federal law, passengers and crew are required to wear face coverings on the aircraft, except while eating and drinking.

Flights are now on sale at <u>www.flybreeze.com</u> and the Breeze app.

Breeze Photos and Video

About Breeze Airways

Founded by aviation entrepreneur David Neeleman, Breeze Airways is a new low cost airline offering point-to-point flights from smaller secondary airports, bypassing hubs for shorter travel times. Breeze's team is a group of aviation experts and fanatics, working day and night to build a 'Seriously Nice' airline. Breeze's mission is to make the world of travel simple, affordable and convenient, using technology, ingenuity and kindness to improve the travel experience.

About Bradley International Airport

<u>BDL Cares</u> about your safety. In response to COVID-19, the airport has implemented new precautions, and was one of first airports in the nation to open an in-terminal COVID-19 testing site. Recently, the airport's efforts were recognized with a health accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI) World. Bradley International Airport is the second-largest airport in New England. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.flyBDL.org.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.