

JETBLUE AIRWAYS CORP
Form 424B5
November 08, 2005
Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5)
Registration No. 333-119549

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus Dated November 4, 2004)

7,500,000 Shares

COMMON STOCK

JetBlue Airways Corporation is offering 7,500,000 shares of common stock by this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the trading symbol "JBLU." On November 4, 2005, the reported last sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market was \$18.32 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-3.

PRICE \$18.00 A SHARE

	Price to Public	Underwriting Discounts	Proceeds to JetBlue
Per Share	\$18.00	\$0.25	\$17.75
Total	\$ 135,000,000	\$ 1,875,000	\$ 133,125,000

We have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional 1,125,000 shares at the price to public less underwriting discounts, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to cover over-allotments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters are offering our common stock as set forth under "Underwriting." Delivery of the shares is expected to be made on November 10, 2005.

MORGAN STANLEY

RAYMOND JAMES

November 7, 2005

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

	Page
Summary	S-1
Risk Factors	S-3
Use of Proceeds	S-11
Underwriting	S-12
Legal Matters	S-14
Experts	S-14
Where You Can Find More Information	S-14

PROSPECTUS

Important Notice to Readers	ii
Special Note About Forward-Looking Statements	ii
Prospectus Summary	1
Risk Factors	3
Use of Proceeds	10
Dividend Policy	10
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	10
Description of Common and Preferred Stock	10
Description of Debt Securities	16
Plan of Distribution	29
Legal Matters	31
Experts	31
Where You Can Find More Information	31

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This document may be used only where it is legal to sell these securities. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this prospectus supplement. Also, you should not assume that there has been no change in the affairs of JetBlue since the date of this prospectus supplement.

i

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION

These offering materials consist of two documents: (1) this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering, and (2) the accompanying prospectus, which provides general information about our securities, some

of which may not apply to the common stock that we are currently offering. The information in this prospectus supplement replaces any inconsistent information included in the accompanying prospectus.

At varying places in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, we refer you to other sections of the documents for additional information by indicating the caption heading of the other sections. The page on which each principal caption included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus can be found is listed in the Table of Contents on the preceding page. All cross references in this prospectus supplement are to captions contained in this prospectus supplement and not in the prospectus, unless otherwise stated.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which represent our management's beliefs and assumptions concerning future events. When used in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding financial forecasts or projections, and our expectations and beliefs, intentions or future strategies that are signified by the words "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "intends" and "believes" or similar language. All forward-looking statements are based upon information available to us on the date such statements are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement after the date of this prospectus supplement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Additional information concerning these and other factors is contained in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus under the caption "Risk Factors."

ii

SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information about our company and this offering. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read carefully this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the "Risk Factors" section, and the other documents that we refer to and incorporate by reference herein for a more complete understanding of us and this offering. In particular, we incorporate by reference important business and financial information into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Unless otherwise noted, information in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their over-allotment option and does not give effect to the three-for-two split of our common stock that will be distributed on December 23, 2005 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 12, 2005.

JETBLUE AIRWAYS

JetBlue Airways Corporation, or JetBlue, is a major low-cost passenger airline that provides high-quality customer service at low fares primarily on point-to-point routes. As of November 4, 2005, we operated a total of 316 daily flights. We focus on serving markets that previously were underserved and large metropolitan areas that have had high average fares. We currently serve 33 destinations in 14 states, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and The Bahamas. We intend to maintain a disciplined growth strategy by increasing frequency on our existing routes, connecting new city pairs and entering new markets. For the year ended December 31, 2004, JetBlue was the 10th largest passenger carrier in the United States based on revenue passenger miles.

We are scheduled to add 101 new Airbus A320 aircraft and 101 new EMBRAER 190 aircraft to our current operating fleet of 82 Airbus A320 aircraft by the end of 2011. We have an experienced management team and a strong company culture with a productive and incentivized workforce that strives to offer high quality customer service, while at the same time operating efficiently and keeping costs low. Our high daily aircraft utilization and low distribution costs contribute to our low operating costs. Our widely available low fares are designed to stimulate demand, which we have demonstrated through our ability to increase passenger traffic in the markets we serve. In addition to our low fares, we offer our customers a differentiated product, including new aircraft, leather seats, reliable operating performance, 36 channels of free LiveTV (a satellite TV service with programming provided by DIRECTV®) and movie selections from Fox InFlight at every seat.

Recent Developments

Stock Split. On October 19, 2005, our Board of Directors declared a three-for-two split of our common stock. Shares will be distributed on December 23, 2005 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 12, 2005.

EMBRAER 190 Launch. We have taken delivery of our first three EMBRAER 190 aircraft and have received the approval of the Federal Aviation Administration, or FAA, to add the EMBRAER 190 to our operating certificate. We plan to commence revenue service with this new aircraft between New York and Boston on November 8, 2005. These aircraft are equipped with 36 channels of free DirectTV®, movie selections from Fox InFlight and larger 6.8 inch television screens, and are the first of our fleet to have 100 channels of free XM Satellite Radio.

October Traffic. On November 4, 2005, we released our monthly traffic results for October 2005. We reported that our traffic in October 2005 increased 14.4% from October 2004, on a capacity increase of 21.2%. Load factor for October 2005 was 78.4%, a decrease of 4.7 points from October 2004. Our completion factor was 96.8% and our on-time performance was 75.1%. Load factor and operating performance for the month were adversely impacted by Hurricane Wilma, which resulted in our cancellation of 285 flights.

JetBlue was incorporated in Delaware in August 1998. Our principal executive offices are located at 118-29 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, New York 11375 and our telephone number is (718) 286-7900.

S-1

Our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, are accessible free of charge at our website investor.jetblue.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. As used in this prospectus supplement, the terms "JetBlue", "we", "us", "our" and similar terms refer to JetBlue Airways Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise.

THE OFFERING

Common stock offered	7,500,000 shares
Common stock estimated to be outstanding immediately after this offering	113,001,782 shares
Over-allotment option	1,125,000 shares
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and capital

Dividends	expenditures, including capital expenditures related to the purchase of aircraft. See "Use of Proceeds." We have not declared or paid any dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain our future earnings, if any, to finance the further expansion and continued growth of our business.
Risk factors	See "Risk Factors" and other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.
NASDAQ National Market symbol	JBLU

Except as otherwise noted, all information in this prospectus supplement assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

The figures above are based on 105,501,782 shares of common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2005 and assume no exercise of outstanding options since that date. The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding after this offering excludes:

- 22,562,821 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our stock option plan, of which 19,992,816 shares were subject to outstanding options at a weighted average exercise price of \$16.96 per share as of September 30, 2005; and
- 9,675,298 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our crewmember stock purchase plan as of September 30, 2005.

S-2

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves certain risks. You should carefully consider the risks described below, as well as the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making an investment decision. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. In addition, please read "Presentation of Information" in this prospectus supplement and "Special Note About Forward-Looking Statements" in the accompanying prospectus where we describe additional uncertainties associated with our business and the forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Please note that additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business and operations.

The U.S. domestic airline environment continues to be extremely challenging primarily due to record high aircraft fuel prices and sustained price competition, which have had an adverse impact on our business and results of operations. In addition, several major U.S. airlines have recently either filed for bankruptcy or emerged from bankruptcy, providing these companies with the ability to restructure their debt and lower their labor and other operating costs, which could enable them to compete more aggressively. These and other factors affecting the airline industry and us are discussed below as well as under "Outlook" and "Results of Operations" of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial

Condition and Results of Operations in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005.

Risks Related to JetBlue

We operate in an extremely competitive industry.

We currently compete with other airlines on all of our routes. Many of these airlines are larger and have greater financial resources and name recognition than we do. Several of these competitors have chosen to add service in some of our markets following our entry. As we expand our fleet, the extremely competitive nature of the airline industry could prevent us from attaining the level of passenger traffic required to maintain profitable operations in new markets and impede our growth strategy, which would harm our business.

The airline industry also encounters extensive price competition and is characterized by low profit margins and high fixed costs. Our ability to meet this price competition depends on, among other things, our ability to operate at costs equal to or lower than our competitors. Price competition occurs through price discounting, fare matching, targeted sale promotions or frequent flyer travel initiatives, all of which are usually matched by other airlines in order to maintain their level of passenger traffic. Fare sales have been significant and widespread and have affected yields for all airlines, including us. A relatively small change in pricing or in passenger traffic due to other airlines' competitive actions could have a disproportionate effect on an airline's operating and financial results. Unanticipated shortfalls in expected revenues as a result of price competition would negatively impact our financial results and harm our business.

If we fail to successfully implement our growth strategy, our business could be harmed.

Our growth strategy involves increasing the frequency of flights to markets we currently serve, expanding the number of markets served and increasing flight connection opportunities. Achieving our growth strategy is critical in order for our business to achieve economies of scale and to sustain or increase our profitability. Increasing the number of markets we serve depends on our ability to access suitable airports located in our targeted geographic markets in a manner that is consistent with our cost strategy. We will also need to obtain additional gates at some of our existing destinations. Any condition that would deny, limit or delay our access to airports we seek to serve in the future will constrain our ability to grow. Opening new markets requires us to commit a substantial amount of resources, even before the new services commence. Expansion is also dependent upon our ability to maintain a safe and secure operation and will require additional personnel, equipment and facilities.

S-3

An inability to hire and retain personnel, timely secure the required equipment and facilities in a cost-effective manner, efficiently operate our expanded facilities, or obtain the necessary regulatory approvals may adversely affect our ability to achieve our growth strategy. In addition, our competitors have often chosen to add service, reduce their fares and/or offer special promotions following our entry into a new market. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully expand our existing markets or establish new markets in this increased competitive environment, and if we fail to do so our business could be harmed.

Expansion of our markets and services may also strain our existing management resources and operational, financial and management information systems and controls to the point that they may no longer be adequate, requiring us to make significant expenditures in these areas. We expect that we will need to develop further financial, operational and

management reporting systems, controls and procedures to accommodate our future growth. While we believe our current systems, controls and procedures are adequate, we cannot assure you that we will be able to develop such additional systems, controls or procedures to accommodate our expansion on a timely basis, and the failure to do so could harm our business.

We have a significant amount of fixed obligations and we will incur significantly more fixed obligations, which could harm our ability to meet our growth strategy and impair our ability to service our fixed obligations.

As of September 30, 2005, our debt of \$2.19 billion accounted for 73.6% of our total capitalization. Most of our long-term and short-term debt has floating interest rates. In addition to long-term debt, we have a significant amount of other fixed obligations under operating leases related to our aircraft, airport terminal space, other airport facilities and office space. As of September 30, 2005, future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year were approximately \$535 million for 2005 through 2009 and an aggregate of \$727 million for the years thereafter.

As of September 30, 2005, we had commitments of approximately \$6.84 billion to purchase 200 additional aircraft and other flight equipment over the next seven years, including estimated amounts for contractual price escalations. We also plan to commence construction of a new terminal at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, or JFK, later in 2005. We will incur additional debt and other fixed obligations as we take delivery of new aircraft and other equipment and continue to expand into new markets. We typically finance our aircraft through either secured debt or lease financing. Although we believe that debt and/or lease financing should be available for our aircraft deliveries, we cannot assure you that we will be able to secure such financing on terms acceptable to us or at all.

Our high level of debt and other fixed obligations could:

- impact our ability to obtain additional financing to support capital expansion plans and for working capital and other purposes on acceptable terms or at all;
- divert substantial cash flow from our operations and expansion plans in order to service our fixed obligations;
- require us to incur significantly more interest or rent expense than we currently do, since most of our debt has floating interest rates and five of our aircraft leases have variable-rate rent; and
- place us at a possible competitive disadvantage compared to less leveraged competitors and competitors that have better access to capital resources.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on our debt and other fixed obligations will depend on our future operating performance and cash flow, which in turn will depend on prevailing economic and political conditions and financial, competitive, regulatory, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that we will be able to generate sufficient cash flow from our operations to pay our debt and other fixed obligations as they become due, and if we fail to do so our business could be harmed. If we are unable to make payments on our debt and other fixed obligations, we could be forced to renegotiate those obligations or obtain additional equity or debt financing. To the

S-4

extent we finance our activities with additional debt, we may become subject to financial and other covenants that may restrict our ability to pursue our growth strategy. We cannot assure you that our renegotiation efforts would be successful or timely or that we could refinance our obligations on acceptable terms, if at all.

Our maintenance costs will increase as our fleet ages.

Because the average age of our aircraft is 2.6 years, our aircraft require less maintenance now than they will in the future. We have incurred lower maintenance expenses because most of the parts on our aircraft are under multi-year warranties. Our maintenance costs will increase significantly, both on an absolute basis and as a percentage of our operating expenses, as our fleet ages and these warranties expire.

If we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel at reasonable costs or fail to maintain our company culture, our business could be harmed.

Our business is labor intensive, with labor costs representing approximately one-third of our operating expenses. We expect salaries, wages and benefits to increase on a gross basis and these costs could increase as a percentage of our overall costs. Since we compete against the other major U.S. airlines for pilots, mechanics and other skilled labor and many of them offer wage and benefit packages that exceed ours, we may be required to increase wages and/or benefits in order to attract and retain qualified personnel or risk considerable employee turnover. If we are unable to hire, train and retain qualified employees at a reasonable cost, our business could be harmed and we may be unable to complete our expansion plans.

In addition, as we hire more people and grow, we believe it may be increasingly challenging to continue to hire people who will maintain our company culture. One of our principal competitive strengths is our service-oriented company culture that emphasizes friendly, helpful, team-oriented and customer-focused employees. Our company culture is important to providing high quality customer service and having a productive workforce that helps keep our costs low. As we grow, we may be unable to identify, hire or retain enough people who meet the above criteria, including those in management or other key positions. Our company culture could otherwise be adversely affected by our growing operations and geographic diversity. If we fail to maintain the strength of our company culture, our competitive ability and our business may be harmed.

If we fail to successfully take delivery of, place into service and integrate into our operations the new EMBRAER 190 aircraft we agreed to purchase, our business could be harmed.

In June 2003, we placed an order for 100 new EMBRAER 190 jet aircraft, with options for an additional 100 new aircraft (which was amended in July 2005 to firmly order one additional aircraft). Acquisition of an all-new type of aircraft, such as the EMBRAER 190, involves a variety of risks relating to its ability to be successfully placed into service, including:

- delays in meeting the agreed upon aircraft delivery schedule;
- difficulties in obtaining financing on acceptable terms to complete our purchase of all of the firmly ordered aircraft;
- inability of the aircraft and all of its components to comply with agreed upon specifications and performance standards; and
- difficulties in outfitting the aircraft with LiveTV.

In addition, we also face risks in integrating a second type of aircraft into our existing infrastructure and operations, including, among other things, the additional costs, resources and time needed to hire and train new pilots, technicians and other skilled support personnel. If we fail to successfully take delivery of, place into service and integrate into our operations the new EMBRAER 190 aircraft, our business could be harmed.

We rely on maintaining a high daily aircraft utilization rate to keep our costs low, which makes us especially vulnerable to delays.

One of our key competitive strengths is to maintain a high daily aircraft utilization rate, which is the amount of time

that our aircraft spend in the air carrying passengers. High daily aircraft utilization allows

S-5

us to generate more revenue from our aircraft and is achieved in part by reducing turnaround times at airports so we can fly more hours on average in a day. The expansion of our business to include a new fleet type, new destinations, more frequent flights on current routes and expanded facilities could increase the risk of delays. Aircraft utilization is reduced by delays and cancellations from various factors, many of which are beyond our control, including adverse weather conditions, security requirements, air traffic congestion and unscheduled maintenance. Reduced aircraft utilization may limit our ability to achieve and maintain profitability as well as lead to customer dissatisfaction.

Our business is highly dependent on the New York metropolitan market and increases in competition or a reduction in demand for air travel in this market would harm our business.

We maintain a large presence in the New York metropolitan market, with approximately 75% of our daily flights having JFK, New York's LaGuardia Airport, or LaGuardia, or Newark Liberty International Airport, or Newark, as either their destination or origin. Our business would be harmed by any circumstances causing a reduction in demand for air transportation in the New York metropolitan area, such as adverse changes in local economic conditions, negative public perception of the city, additional terrorist attacks or significant price increases linked to increases in airport access costs and fees imposed on passengers. Our business could also be harmed by an increase in the amount of direct competition we face at JFK, LaGuardia or Newark, or by an increase in congestion or delays at these airports. As a result, we remain highly dependent on the New York metropolitan market.

We may be subject to unionization, work stoppages, slowdowns or increased labor costs.

Unlike most airlines, we have a non-union workforce. If our employees unionize, it could result in demands that may increase our operating expenses and adversely affect our profitability. Each of our different employee groups could unionize at any time and require separate collective bargaining agreements. If any group of our employees were to unionize and we were unable to reach agreement on the terms of their collective bargaining agreement or we were to experience widespread employee dissatisfaction, we could be subject to work slowdowns or stoppages. In addition, we may be subject to disruptions by organized labor groups protesting our non-union status. Any of these events would be disruptive to our operations and could harm our business.

Our results of operations will fluctuate.

We expect our quarterly operating results to fluctuate due to price changes in aircraft fuel as well as the timing and amount of maintenance and advertising expenditures. Seasonality also impacts our revenues and operations, with high vacation and leisure demand occurring on the Florida routes between October and April and on our transcontinental routes during the summer. Actions of our competitors may also contribute to fluctuations in our results. We are more susceptible to adverse weather conditions, including hurricanes and snow storms, as a result of our operations being concentrated on the East Coast, than are some of our competitors. As we enter new markets, we could be subject to additional seasonal variations along with any competitive responses to our entry by other airlines. As a result of these factors, quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results may not be a good indicator of our future performance. In addition, it is possible that in any future quarter our operating results could be below the expectations of investors and any published reports or analyses regarding JetBlue. In that event, the price of our common stock could decline, perhaps substantially.

We rely heavily on automated systems and technology to operate our business and any failure of these systems could harm our business.

We are increasingly dependent on automated systems and technology to operate our business, enhance customer service and achieve low operating costs, including our computerized airline reservation system, telecommunication systems, website, check-in kiosks and in-flight entertainment systems. Since we issue only electronic tickets, our website and reservation system must be able to accommodate a high volume of traffic and deliver important flight information. Substantial or repeated website, reservations system, telecommunication systems, kiosk or in-flight entertainment systems failures, could reduce the attractiveness of our services and could result in our customers purchasing tickets from another airline. Any disruption in these systems could result in the loss of important data, increase our expenses and generally harm our business.

S-6

Our lack of an established line of credit or borrowing facility makes us highly dependent upon our operating cash flows.

We have no lines of credit, other than a short-term borrowing facility for certain aircraft predelivery deposits, and rely primarily on operating cash flows to provide working capital. Unless we secure a line of credit, borrowing facility or equity financing, we will be dependent upon our operating cash flows to fund our operations and to make scheduled payments on our debt and other fixed obligations. If we fail to generate sufficient funds from operations to meet these cash requirements or are unable to secure a line of credit, other borrowing facility or equity financing, we could default on our debt and other fixed obligations.

We are subject to the risks of having a limited number of suppliers for our aircraft, engines and a key component of our in-flight entertainment system.

Our current dependence on a single type of aircraft and engine for all of our flights makes us particularly vulnerable to any problems associated with the Airbus A320 or the IAE International Aero Engines V2527-A5 engine, including design defects, mechanical problems, contractual performance by the manufacturers, or adverse perception by the public that would result in customer avoidance or in actions by the FAA resulting in an inability to operate our aircraft. Carriers that operate a more diversified fleet are better positioned than we are to manage such events. While our decision to acquire a new fleet of EMBRAER 190 aircraft may lessen our exposure to this risk, we are subject to a similar set of risks with the aircraft manufacturer, EMBRAER, and the manufacturer of the related engines, General Electric, now that we have begun to take delivery of these aircraft.

One of the unique features of our fleet is that every seat in each of our aircraft is equipped with free LiveTV. An integral component of the system is the antenna, which is supplied to us by EMS Technologies, Inc. If EMS were to stop supplying us with its antennas for any reason, we would have to incur significant costs to procure an alternate supplier.

Our business could be harmed if we lose the services of our key personnel.

Our business depends upon the efforts of our Chief Executive Officer, David Neeleman, and our President and Chief Operating Officer, David Barger. The loss of the services of either of these individuals could harm our business.

We could be subject to liability arising from claims or other actions relating to our handling of customer data.

Through our computerized reservation system, we are provided with and maintain data regarding our customers and their travel itineraries. Various federal and state laws and regulations impose limitations on the dissemination of that information by us.

Beginning in September 2003, multiple lawsuits were commenced against us alleging various causes of action, including fraudulent misrepresentation, breach of contract, violation of privacy rights, as well as violations of consumer protection statutes and federal electronic communications laws. These claims arose out of our providing access to limited customer data to a government contractor in connection with a test project for military base security. The lawsuits filed to date against us have been dismissed, although one of these actions is currently on appeal.

Our reputation and financial results could be harmed in the event of an accident or incident involving our aircraft.

An accident or incident involving one of our aircraft, or an aircraft containing LiveTV equipment, could involve significant potential claims of injured passengers or others in addition to repair or replacement of a damaged aircraft and its consequential temporary or permanent loss from service. We are required by the Department of Transportation, or DOT, to carry liability insurance. Although we believe we currently maintain liability insurance in amounts and of the type generally consistent with

S-7

industry practice, the amount of such coverage may not be adequate and we may be forced to bear substantial losses from an accident. Substantial claims resulting from an accident in excess of our related insurance coverage would harm our business and financial results. Moreover, any aircraft accident or incident, even if fully insured, could cause a public perception that we are less safe or reliable than other airlines, which would harm our business.

Risks Associated with the Airline Industry

The airline industry has incurred significant losses resulting in airline restructurings and bankruptcies, which could result in changes in our industry.

Since 2001, domestic airlines have experienced a decline in demand resulting in extensive industry-wide financial losses. While domestic passenger traffic has returned to previous levels, the airline industry has continued to add or restore capacity, resulting in strong price competition. Financial losses have continued into 2005 resulting in airlines renegotiating or attempting to renegotiate labor contracts, reconfiguring flight schedules, furloughing or terminating employees, as well as other efficiency and cost-cutting measures. Despite these actions, several airlines have sought or threatened reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code permitting them to reduce labor rates, restructure debt, terminate pension plans and generally reduce their cost structure. Such factors may have a greater impact during time periods when the industry encounters continued financial losses, as airlines under financial pressures may institute pricing structures to achieve near-term survival rather than long-term viability. It is foreseeable that further airline reorganizations, bankruptcies or consolidations may occur, the effects of which we are unable to predict. We cannot assure you that the occurrence of these events, or potential changes resulting from these events, will not harm our business or the industry.

Continued high fuel costs or a fuel supply shortage would harm our business.

Fuel costs, which have been at unprecedented high levels, constitute a substantial portion of our total operating expenses and have become our single largest operating expense. There have been significant increases in fuel costs in

2005, which have adversely affected our operating results. Continued high fuel costs or further increases would harm our financial condition and results of operations. Historically, fuel costs have been subject to wide price fluctuations based on geopolitical issues and supply and demand. Fuel availability is also affected by demand for home heating oil, gasoline and other petroleum products. Additionally, Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita caused significant disruption to oil production, refinery operations and pipeline capacity in the U.S. Gulf Coast. Because of the effect of these events on the price and availability of fuel, the cost and future availability of fuel cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. In the event of a fuel supply shortage or further increases in fuel prices, a curtailment of scheduled service could result. Some of our competitors may have more leverage than we do in obtaining fuel. In addition, although we utilize a fuel hedging program, under which we enter into crude oil option contracts and swap agreements to partially protect against significant increases in fuel prices, our fuel hedging program does not completely protect us against price increases and is limited in fuel volume and duration.

A future act of terrorism, the threat of such acts or escalation of U.S. military involvement overseas could adversely affect our industry.

Even if not directed at the airline industry, a future act of terrorism, the threat of such acts or escalation of U.S. military involvement overseas could have an adverse effect on the airline industry. In the event of a terrorist attack, the industry would likely experience significantly reduced demand. We cannot assure you that these actions, or consequences resulting from these actions, will not harm our business or the industry.

Changes in government regulations imposing additional requirements and restrictions on our operations or the U.S. government ceasing to provide adequate war risk insurance could increase our operating costs and result in service delays and disruptions.

Airlines are subject to extensive regulatory and legal requirements, both domestically and internationally, that involve significant compliance costs. In the last several years, Congress has passed laws, and

S-8

the DOT, FAA and the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, have issued regulations relating to the operation of airlines that have required significant expenditures. We expect to continue to incur expenses in connection with complying with government regulations. Additional laws, regulations, taxes and airport rates and charges have been proposed from time to time that could significantly increase the cost of airline operations or reduce the demand for air travel. If adopted, these measures could have the effect of raising ticket prices, reducing revenue and increasing costs. We cannot assure you that these and other laws or regulations enacted in the future will not harm our business.

The U.S. government currently provides insurance coverage