

**Statement from John C. Mok, CEO  
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport  
RE: Reduction in Comair's Aircraft Fleet Size**

**September 1, 2010** - The announcement released today by Comair to reduce its aircraft fleet size and staffing is very disheartening to our community and the many friends and neighbors we all know that have worked to grow Comair into our hometown regional airline.

From an air service perspective, Delta has stated that flight levels at CVG will not be impacted by this reduction. The passenger experience will be seamless as Delta shifts other regional carriers to CVG to operate affected Comair routes over the next two years as these aircraft are taken off-line.

This announcement further underscores the significance of the Airport Board's strategic objectives to increase service diversity, through new carriers and markets, and to increase price stability.

While working with Delta to retain its hub operations and significant employment base at CVG remains a top priority for the Board, the Airport and its many business partners have been actively discussing air service growth opportunities with our other CVG airlines and prospective new entrants. We are working aggressively with elected officials and community leaders to bring new air service to our region.

Carriers have communicated to us their interest in entering CVG, but factors outside the airport's control will delay their commencement of new service. The most significant factor to overcome is the shortage of available aircraft to deploy to CVG. Network carriers have collectively reduced domestic seat capacity to the level offered in 1991, essentially stripping out of the air two decades of capacity expansion. Until we see a sustained economic recovery, airlines are reluctant to grow their fleet size and aircraft availability will remain constrained. Nonetheless, CVG will continue to execute a proactive business development agenda to obtain additional air service for our community – increasing service diversity and price stability to return service choices and jobs to the Region.

I would like to thank this community for its ongoing support of CVG during these challenging times. More than 200,000 of our local neighbors have come back to CVG in the last year as a result of lower air fares. Your patronage of CVG, our parking facilities and concessions helps to lower an airline's cost of doing business making CVG more attractive for new entrants to commence air service. Thank you for "Thinking CVG First." Please visit [CVGfirst.com](http://CVGfirst.com) to learn about our new airport-wide customer loyalty program, CVG First, our way of giving back and thanking our loyal customers.

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