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AIRPORT BOARD ACCEPTS GEN. SEALOCK'S RESIGNATION, INTERIM DIRECTOR RYLAND "SKIP" DAVIS RECOMMENDED

(Spokane, WA) – The Spokane Airport Board announced today, during its regular July meeting, the acceptance of Gen. Gratton O'Neal (Neal) Sealock's resignation, effective July 21, 2010. In a letter dated July 2, 2010, Mr. Sealock had cited his need to address family matters and his strong desire to further his academic studies. Sealock stated, "It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Director of Spokane Airports. I believe that as a team we have made substantial progress in reshaping the organization, improving the physical infrastructure and operations, as well as leveraging our facilities for job creation and setting the conditions for developing additional air service for the Spokane region."

David Brukardt, outgoing chair of the Spokane Airport Board's Personnel Committee, said "General Sealock has provided strong leadership during his nearly five years as the Director of our airports. While the Airport Board understands his need to fulfill family commitments and are supportive of his desire to pursue his doctoral degree, we are equally sorry to lose his broad global expertise and foresight. During his tenure, much has been accomplished with significant facilities upgrades, expansion and growth as well as job creation."

In addition, the Spokane Airport Board approved a resolution recommending the appointment of Ryland P. (Skip) Davis to the City and County of Spokane – Spokane Airports' co-owners. He will serve in this capacity until a permanent Director is appointed and approved.

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Davis was Chief Executive Officer of Providence Health Care – a five-hospital, regional delivery network – from 1996 to 2008 and CEO of Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital, a major regional referral center for the Inland Northwest. In his career of 42 years, he worked with for-profit and not-for-profit healthcare organizations spanning the continuum of care, including hospitals, managed care organizations, clinics and hospital management firms and a large reference laboratory. He guided hospitals through reorganization, mergers, joint ventures, expansion and the many changes that are inherent to today's healthcare environment. Skip earned a BA degree from the Virginia Military Institute and completed his MBA with a focus in healthcare management from The George Washington University. He recently served as President of the Spokane Airport Tenants Association, a position he has subsequently resigned to serve as the Interim Airport Director. Skip has been active in aviation for many years, and is a single, multi-engine and instrument rated pilot with 1,500 hours of flight time. He owns an aircraft based at Felts Field Airport.

Jeff Hamilton, incoming chair of the Spokane Airport Board's Personnel Committee, stated, "As a Board, we are committed to ensuring we achieve our mission of providing the public with high-quality, safe and efficient access to the national air transportation system and business communities. Clearly, Skip is an accomplished chief executive officer, an involved member of the Spokane community, and has strong understanding of aviation. In addition, he has spent his professional career administering large organizations that operate in highly regulated business environments where safety and security are of paramount importance. We are delighted to have a person of Skip's caliber, experience, and acumen willing to assume this position on an interim basis. Spokane Airports collectively represent one of the Spokane region's most strategic and important economic assets. We have much confidence in Skip's abilities to guide our facilities and ensure an efficient transition for our employees, tenants, and the traveling public."

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Attachment: Board Resolution