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## **AIRPORT ANNOUNCES NEW NONSTOP SEASONAL SERVICE TO CHICAGO ON UNITED AIRLINES**

(Spokane, WA) – Spokane International Airport (GEG) announced that United Airlines will commence nonstop seasonal service to Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport on June 4, 2009. Tickets went on sale Thursday, February 26, 2009. The daily United Express flight operated by Shuttle America will be on 70-seat, Embraer 170 jets as follows:

### **Chicago/Spokane**

Depart Spokane 2:46 p.m.; arrive Chicago 8:06 p.m.

Depart Chicago 12:20 p.m.; arrive Spokane 2:12 p.m.

Resumption of air service to United’s hometown and global hub was a significant priority since its discontinuation was announced in August 2008. United previously flew the Spokane/Chicago route until November 2, 2008. Neal Sealock, Airport Director, Spokane International Airport, commented; “We are gratified that United Airlines took the time to listen to us and respond favorably to the business case we presented to them in Chicago. In addition, during this time of unprecedented economic uncertainty, we are delighted to be

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able to re-establish connectivity to one of the country’s most significant transportation hubs. The daily service will allow for more efficient business travel and connections to major domestic and international commercial centers. During this month, United Airlines has rewarded our region with new nonstop service to San Francisco and Chicago. Now the challenge is for our travelers to reward United for their risk and investment and actively utilize these new flights.”

In addition, United Airlines also operates two daily departures to Denver and three to Seattle from Spokane. Commencing June 4, they will also begin providing 2 flights per day to San Francisco. United has provided continuous service to the Spokane market since 1929, when the company began as Varney Air Lines, an airmail carrier.

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