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NORTHWEST TO FLY GRAND RAPIDS – NEW YORK NONSTOP ***Largest U.S. city to become Northwest's newest nonstop destination from Grand Rapids***

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. – (September 7, 2006) – Northwest Airlines today announced that it will begin offering its first nonstop service between Grand Rapids' Gerald R. Ford International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport, beginning Nov. 1, 2006.

"Our large and loyal customer base in Grand Rapids will now have a nonstop option to New York on Northwest, enabling them to earn WorldPerks frequent flyer miles," said Phil Haan, executive vice president of international, alliances and information technology at Northwest Airlines and chairman of NWA Cargo.

"Northwest's comprehensive network, convenient and reliable schedules, competitive fares and hassle-free hub airports have made us the leading choice of travelers in Grand Rapids, the state of Michigan and throughout the Heartland of America," Haan added.

The new flight will be operated by Northwest Airlink partner Pinnacle Airlines with a 50-seat Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ).

Grand Rapids is Northwest's second largest Michigan market. The airline offers an all-jet service schedule of up to 18 flights from Grand Rapids, including eight to Northwest's Detroit WorldGateway hub, five to its hub at Minneapolis/St. Paul and one to its Memphis, Tenn. hub. Northwest also offers Grand Rapids' only daily nonstop service to Washington, as well as seasonal service from Grand Rapids to Las Vegas, Orlando and Tampa, Fla., providing the only nonstop service between Grand Rapids and those popular destinations.

Customers currently holding tickets for travel Nov. 1 or beyond on connecting itineraries from Grand Rapids to New York will be able to change to Northwest's new nonstop service without paying an administrative change fee, provided changes are made by Sept. 30, 2006.

"I am pleased that Northwest Airlines will add a new, direct service between Grand Rapids and New York's LaGuardia Airport," said Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids. "Providing this point-to-point service will be a boon to travelers from West Michigan who want to visit the Big Apple, as well as serving as a faster and more efficient link for business travelers between these two areas."

NORTHWEST HAS BEEN SERVING MICHIGAN SINCE 1945

Northwest is the number one carrier in the state of Michigan, serving a total of 13 cities, including Detroit, Alpena, Flint, Grand Rapids, Houghton/Hancock Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marquette, Muskegon, Pellston, Saginaw/Bay City, Sault Ste. Marie and Traverse City – along with its Northwest Airlink partners. Northwest is the leading airline in all of these cities.

BONUS FREQUENT FLYER MILES FOR FLYING NEW GRAND RAPIDS-NEW YORK NONSTOP

Northwest is offering 1,000 bonus miles through its WorldPerks frequent flyer program for travel on the airline's new service between Grand Rapids and New York. The 1,000 bonus miles are being awarded for each of up to three roundtrip flights on a paid ticket between Nov. 1 and Feb. 14, 2007. Registration, which is required prior to travel, as well as ticketing, must occur no later than Feb. 14, 2007.

WorldPerks membership is required to participate. Instant online enrollment is available at www.nwa.com/cgi-bin/wp_enroll.pro. Registration for the bonus mile offer and a complete list of terms and conditions about this offer are available at www.nwa.com/offers/grrlga/.

Northwest's new Grand Rapids-New York service will be available for sale beginning Saturday, Sept. 9 via the Internet at www.nwa.com, by telephone at Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525, or through travel agencies.

New Grand Rapids – New York Service*

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 4750	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

** Operates daily except Sunday*

New New York – Grand Rapids Service*

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 4751	5:35 p.m.	7:42 p.m.

** Operates daily except Saturday*

Northwest Airlines is the world's fifth largest airline with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam, and approximately 1,400 daily departures. Northwest is a member of SkyTeam, an airline alliance that offers customers one of the world's most extensive global networks. Northwest and its travel partners serve more than 900 cities in excess of 160 countries on six continents.

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