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## **Chicago Replaced with 4<sup>th</sup> DFW Flight**

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American Airlines and its regional affiliate, American Eagle, announced yesterday additional details of their capacity reductions for the fourth quarter of 2008. Among those reductions was Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport's (GPT) service to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) effective November 2008. GPT is one of eight airports in the region to lose ORD service. Other airports include BTR, SHV, JAN, MOB, PNS, TLH, and BHM.

"Service to Chicago from the Gulf Coast region is a long haul on a regional jet and difficult to make profitable given the current cost of fuel," said Bruce Frallic, Executive Director of GPT.

On a positive note, American Eagle will begin its fourth daily flight to Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport (DFW) on July 15, 2008 thus filling the lost capacity to Chicago with additional seats to DFW.

"DFW is a strong market for us and this fourth daily flight will offer even better connectivity for our passengers to the west coast and beyond. We appreciate American Eagle's support of our market and are committed to growing our relationship with them," said Frallic.

The changes are in line with American's previously announced plans of cutting fourth quarter domestic capacity by 11 to 12 percent and regional affiliate capacity by 10 to 11 percent versus fourth quarter 2007 levels. The changes are being instituted to reduce costs and create a more sustainable supply-and-demand balance in today's high fuel-cost environment.

The only other announcement recently affecting GPT is a frequency reduction made by Continental Airlines. GPT currently has six flights daily to George Bush Intercontinental/Houston Airport (IAH) and will have five daily flights beginning in September 2008.