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2009 Activity Disappointing at Port Columbus, Rickenbacker Despite Year-End Stabilization

COLUMBUS – Annual statistics demonstrate that Port Columbus International Airport and Rickenbacker International Airport were significantly impacted by the economic recession of 2009.

A total of 6,233,485 passengers used Port Columbus in 2009, making it the slowest year since 2004 when 6,232,332 passengers traveled through the airport. Meanwhile, 158 million pounds of cargo moved through Rickenbacker last year, making it the lowest annual volume since 135 million pounds moved through the airport in 1994.

“By the end of 2009 activity levels had stabilized but it was impossible for the airports to recover from the significant reduction in activity experienced earlier in the year,” said David Whitaker, Vice President of Business Development & Communications. “Activity is expected to continue stabilizing in 2010 but we anticipate it will take time to return to record activity levels.”

Port Columbus provides 146 daily departures to 32 airports. The 10 air carriers at Port Columbus include Air Canada Jazz, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, Midwest Connect, Southwest, United, US Airways and seasonal service by USA3000. Rickenbacker is a multi-modal cargo airport that features an impressive network of freight forwarders and cargo airlines such as FedEx, UPS, Evergreen International, Kalitta and Atlas as well as a U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone. Below are charts reflecting recent activity levels at Port Columbus and Rickenbacker:

**Annual Passengers Through
Port Columbus**

2009	6,233,485	2001	6,670,897
2008	6,910,045	2000	6,882,485
2007	7,719,340	1999	6,541,851
2006	6,733,990	1998	6,420,037
2005	6,611,575	1997	6,517,222
2004	6,232,332	1996	6,275,587
2003	6,252,061	1995	5,636,549
2002	6,741,354	1994	5,439,820

**Annual Pounds of Cargo
Through Rickenbacker**

2009	158,450,106	2001	213,359,995
2008	199,814,163	2000	212,094,289
2007	220,529,131	1999	183,519,650
2006	250,748,061	1998	245,977,011
2005	248,917,975	1997	243,052,304
2004	215,926,925	1996	167,665,956
2003	204,675,711	1995	163,466,981
2002	218,945,356	1994	135,464,664

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