SKYWEST INC Form 8-K October 21, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 21, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported)

SKYWEST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Utah (State or other

jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-14719 (Commission File No.) 87-0292166 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

444 South River Road St. George, Utah 84790

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (435) 634-3000

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. <u>Results of Operations and Financial Condition</u>.

On October 21, 2004, SkyWest, Inc. (SkyWest" or the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of 2004. The full text of SkyWest s press release, together with related unaudited financial and operating highlights, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit) is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Forward-Looking Statements

In addition to historical information, this release contains forward-looking statements. The Company may, from time-to-time, make written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements encompass the Company s beliefs, expectations, hopes or intentions regarding future events. Words such as expects, intends, believes, anticipates, should. and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this release are made as of the date hereof and are based on information available to the Company as of such date. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement. Actual results will vary, and may vary materially, from those anticipated, estimated, projected or expected for a number of reasons, including, among others: developments associated with fluctuations in the economy and the demand for air travel; bankruptcy proceedings involving United Airlines, Inc.; potential bankruptcy proceedings involving Delta Air Lines, Inc.; ongoing negotiations between the Company and its major partners regarding their contractual relationships; variations in market and economic conditions; employee relations and labor costs; rapidly escalating fuel costs; the degree and nature of competition; SkyWest s ability to expand services in new and existing markets and to maintain profit margins in the face of pricing pressures; aircraft deliveries and the Company s ability to obtain financing; and other unanticipated factors. Risk factors, cautionary statements and other conditions which could cause actual results to differ from the Company s current expectations are contained in the Company s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the section of the Company s Annual Report 10-K, as amended, entitled Factors That May Affect Future Results.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release Issued by SkyWest, Inc., dated October 21, 2004, entitled SkyWest Announces Third Quarter and YTD 2004 Earnings, together with related unaudited financial and operating highlights.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SKYWEST, INC.

By:

/s/ Bradford R. Rich Bradford R. Rich, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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