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Upstate gets new air link to New York

US Air will use commuter jets for flights from GSP

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US Airways, which provides service to three destinations from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, is adding service to New York-LaGuardia on Oct. 31.

The Tempe, Ariz.-based airline is introducing new service to seven cities and expanding service from three others to New York's LaGuardia. Greenville and Columbia are among the cities receiving new service, and Charleston is among those gaining expanded service.

"We are always excited when an airline adds or expands service," said Rosylin Weston, GSP spokeswoman.

New York is in the top 10 destinations of passengers flying from GSP and often makes it into the top five, Weston said.

"We are making these enhancements to our New York service in response to the growing demand for air travel to this important and popular business and leisure destination," said Andrew Nocella, senior US Airways' vice president, marketing and planning.

Plans are to provide daily round trip service five days a week — Monday through Friday, Wunder said.

Greenville-Spartanburg currently has service to New York-LaGuardia six days a week via Delta Airlines.

US Air's service, using commuter jets, will be operated by US Airways Express partners Air Wisconsin, Chautauqua Airlines, Piedmont Airlines, PSA Airlines and Republic Airways.

Customers may book flights now at www.usairways.com by calling US Airways Reservations at 1-800-428-4322 or through their travel agent.

After a steep decline during the recession, passenger traffic at GSP is stabilizing, Weston said. It was positive in June and dropped 1.66 percent to 123,929 passengers departing and arriving in July.