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Wilmington Airport (ILG) Marks Two Years of Landline Connection Service *Coincides with American Airlines' Centennial Year*

NEW CASTLE, Del. – Today, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) marks the two-year anniversary of American Airlines' Landline connection service at Wilmington Airport (ILG). Launched in October 2024, the luxury motorcoach service provides a seamless link between ILG and American's global hub at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL).

"The Landline connection at ILG offers area travelers an exceptionally convenient, hassle-free, and cost-effective way to begin their journey," said Ben Clendaniel, DRBA Director of Airport Operations. "Wilmington Airport gives our local community effortless access to over 100 destinations in the American Airlines global network, perfectly complementing the non-stop routes served by Avelo Airlines."

Through the tarmac-to-tarmac service, local passengers check in, drop their bags, and clear TSA security at Wilmington Airport's streamlined terminal before boarding a premium motorcoach directly to their departure gate at PHL. Checked bags are handled automatically through to the passenger's final destination.

The two-year milestone comes during a banner year for both airport operations and the airline partner. Earlier this year, the ILG Landline service surpassed 20,000 total passengers, while American Airlines celebrated its centennial milestone, marking 100 years since its inaugural flight in April 1926.

Key Features of the ILG-to-PHL Landline Service:

- **Seamless Booking:** Fully integrated into American Airlines itineraries—travelers simply select Wilmington Airport (ILG) as their starting point when booking via aa.com or the American Airlines app.
- **Tarmac-to-Tarmac Convenience:** Passengers clear security once at ILG and arrive airside directly at their PHL gate, bypassing security queues at Philadelphia.

- **Premium Comfort:** Motorcoaches feature 35 leather seats with generous legroom, complimentary Wi-Fi, and power outlets at every seat.
- **Loyalty Benefits:** Travelers earn and redeem AAdvantage® miles and qualify for status credits on all Landline segments.

For schedule information and booking, visit aa.com or flyILG.com.

About Wilmington Airport (ILG)

Wilmington Airport (ILG), operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA), is Delaware Valley's most convenient and traveler-friendly airport. At ILG, Avelo Airlines provides low-fare, nonstop service to popular, sunny destinations in the Southern U.S. With its easy-to-navigate terminal, affordable parking, and short lines, ILG offers a stress-free alternative to larger, more congested airports. The airport also hosts the innovative Landline service in partnership with American Airlines, which provides seamless bus connections to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) for global travel. Learn more at www.flyilg.com.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages two airports in New Jersey (Millville Executive Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.