

American Airlines Will Fly Out of Regional Airport

As expected, American Airlines announced yesterday that they will be flying out of Regional Airport, three other airports in the state and two in South Carolina.

The flights will be going to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, American's hub and headquarters, and to Chicago, another American hub, to feed other flights.

American, the second-largest airline in the country, announced yesterday that it will begin service on April 11 at Regional Airport, Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham Airport and Fayetteville Airport.

Also on April 11, American will begin serving the airports in Columbia and Charleston, S.C.

Dan White, an American spokesman in Dallas, called the Carolinas one of the finest, most rapidly expanding travel markets.

The new flights "are primarily designed to help people get to our two

hubs — Chicago and Dallas-Fort Worth — to hopefully make connecting flights there," White said.

With the addition of American, all gates at Regional Airport are now in use.

The other airlines serving Regional are Piedmont, Eastern, Delta, United, U.S. Air, People Express, Wheeler and Ozark.

Donald F. McGuire, vice president for Piedmont, said that American's arrival probably will have more effect on other airlines, such as Eastern or Delta, and their traffic west of Dallas, rather than on Piedmont.

Currently, Eastern and Delta direct much of their western traffic through Atlanta, McGuire said.

The new daily flights from Regional Airport are: one non-stop to Dallas-Fort Worth and two to Raleigh that continue to Dallas-Fort Worth.

The other flights include four from Raleigh-Durham, two from Fayetteville and 12 from Charlotte.