# Rejected Proposal from JetBlue is Illusory and Not Superior

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## JetBlue's Illusory Offer Is Not Superior

JetBlue's offer is not superior as Spirit believes it is unlikely to be approved by regulators who are already suing JetBlue over the anticompetitive Northeast Alliance ("NEA")

At its core, the JetBlue proposal represents a high-cost, high-fare airline buying a low-cost, low-fare airline with half the synergies coming from reduced capacity and increased fares

JetBlue has not protected Spirit's shareholders through their limited regulatory package and inadequate reverse termination fee given the significant closing risks

JetBlue's acquisition of Spirit would eliminate a key competitor and a vocal public opponent of JetBlue's anticompetitive NEA deal

JetBlue's claim about the so-called "JetBlue Effect" is based on economic modeling that Spirit believes has significant defects and overstates the impact of JetBlue on legacy carriers

The planned Spirit / Frontier merger continues to be the superior transaction for our shareholders



## >>> Spirit Undertook a Rigorous Review of JetBlue Offer

- On March 29, almost 2 months after Spirit and Frontier announced an agreement to combine. Spirit received an unsolicited proposal from JetBlue; after an initial review, Spirit's Board of Directors determined the proposal could reasonably be likely to lead to a "Superior Proposal", entered an NDA with JetBlue and engaged in diligence discussions with JetBlue and its advisors
- Spirit and its advisors subsequently undertook a thorough, careful review to evaluate JetBlue's proposal, including the likelihood of obtaining regulatory clearance:
  - Spirit's antitrust counsel retained prominent economic consultants at Charles River Associates with extensive experience in airline merger analysis, as well as an experienced aviation economist to provide further input and analysis
  - Extensive dialogue between antitrust counsels to Spirit and JetBlue over a four-week period; seven calls and video conferences and a comprehensive review of the data provided by JetBlue's regulatory counsel and economic consultant in support of the so-called "JetBlue Effect"
- At the conclusion of Spirit's investigation, the Spirit's Board determined that JetBlue's original proposal represented an unsatisfactorily high degree of completion risk with inadequate protections for Spirit shareholders
- In order to address the Spirit Board's concerns, on April 25 Spirit proposed strengthened regulatory provisions designed to reduce completion risk; covenant requiring JetBlue to take any action required to obtain regulatory clearance, including abandoning the NEA at closing, and a substantial reverse termination fee intended to partially compensate Spirit if the transaction failed to win antitrust clearance
- JetBlue responded on April 29, failing to address Spirit's concerns, including an unwillingness to terminate the NEA, so Spirit Board determined JetBlue's proposal is not reasonably capable of being consummated and therefore does not constitute a Superior Proposal

Rigorous process undertaken to assess completion risk, which JetBlue failed to address



# JetBlue Deal Unlikely to be Approved with NEA in Place

### **DOJ Opposition to the NEA**

"This extensive combination, which they call the "Northeast Alliance," will not only <u>eliminate important competition</u> in these cities, but will also <u>harm air travelers across the country</u> by significantly diminishing JetBlue's incentive to compete with American elsewhere"

"American Airlines' 'alliance' with JetBlue is, in fact, an unprecedented maneuver to further consolidate the industry. It would result in <u>higher fares, fewer choices, and lower quality</u> service if allowed to continue."

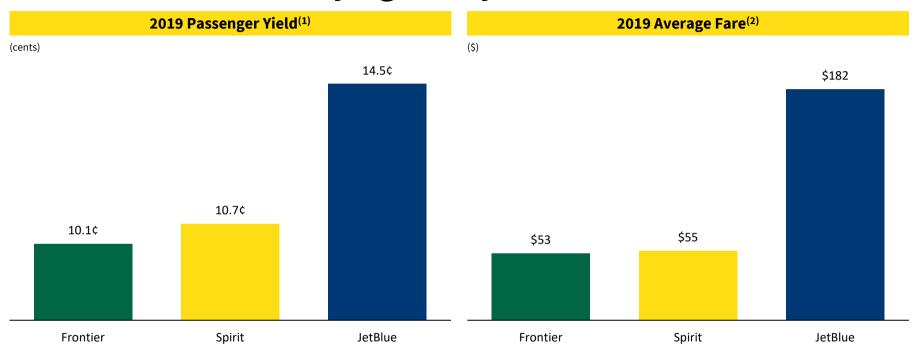
"This sweeping partnership is <u>unprecedented</u> among domestic airlines and amounts to a <u>de facto merger between American</u> <u>and JetBlue</u> in Boston and New York City. The <u>impact on</u> <u>consumers extends far beyond Massachusetts and New York</u>, as evidenced by the participation and our ongoing cooperation with Attorneys General from across the country"

"The Northeast Alliance will cause hundreds of millions of dollars in harm to air passengers across the country through higher fares and reduced choice. If allowed to proceed, the Northeast Alliance would eliminate important existing and future competition"

We asked JetBlue to abandon the NEA if required to obtain approval for an acquisition of Spirit and it has refused to do so...it stretches credulity to believe a JetBlue acquisition would be approved by DOJ while it is suing to block the NEA



## At Its Core, The JetBlue Proposal Represents a High-Fare Carrier Trying to Buy a Low-Fare Carrier



## JetBlue has stated it will reduce capacity and raise fares on Spirit routes

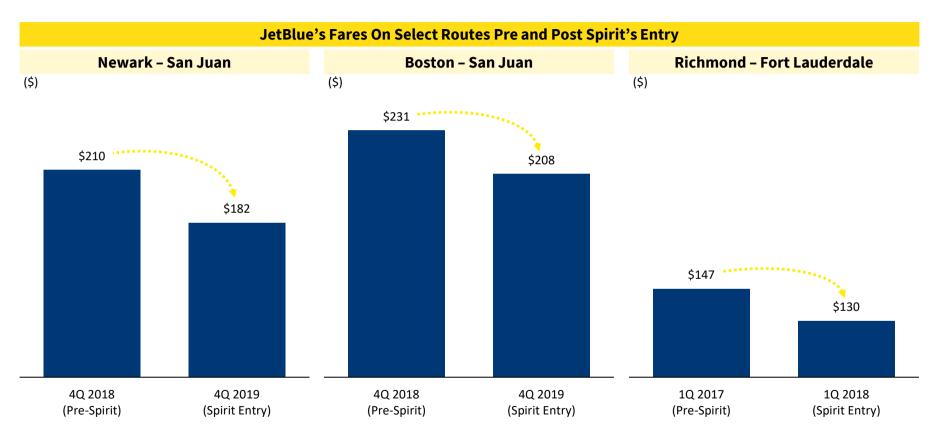
Source: Company filings.

<sup>1. 2019</sup> Passenger Revenue / Revenue Passenger Miles.

<sup>2.</sup> Spirit and Frontier based on 2019 fare revenue per passenger and JetBlue based on disclosed 2019 Average Fare.

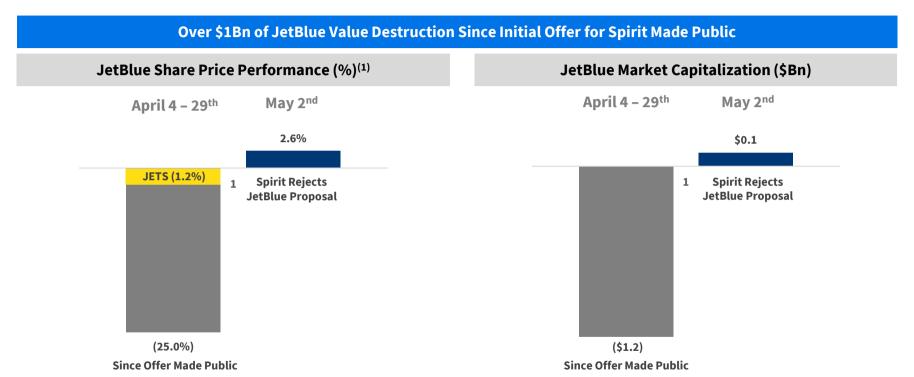


## Spirit Continues to Be a Check on JetBlue's Fares





## JetBlue Shareholders Don't See Value in a Deal



JetBlue has continued to pursue a disruption to the Spirit / Frontier combination despite clear concern from JetBlue shareholders



# Analysts Agree JetBlue Faces Substantial Regulatory Risk...

- " JetBlue sees this **as a way to take out a budget airline competitor** and one where the two compete extensively
  between Fort Lauderdale and Central and South
  America"
- Analyst A

- "We struggle with the idea given both airlines are concentrated on the East Coast with significant operations in Fort Lauderdale, and would suspect there will be heavy regulatory pushback"
- Analyst C

- "A big surprise to us...greater regulatory hurdles for JBLU since it's bigger with higher fares (i.e. JBLU/SAVE would eliminate a ULCC with lower fares)"
- Analyst B

- "The deal eliminates one of the lowest fare airlines in the US, which likely increases regulatory scrutiny"
- Analyst D

Consistent and vocal commentary from informed market participants: a JetBlue / Spirit combination faces substantial completion risk

Source: Analyst Reports, Press Articles.



# >>> ...in Stark Contrast to General Support for **Frontier / Spirit Merger**

- "We think once combined, these two airlines can focus on adjusting their networks to give consumers a better schedule than either can alone"
- Analyst E

- "This is a merger between two small airlines joining forces to drive greater competition, while the NEA is about JetBlue helping a large (big = bad) airline"
- Analyst G

- "The regulatory process doesn't look **challenging**...for example, of 86 overlapping nonstop domestic markets, none will consolidate to solely the combined entity"
- Analyst F

- "Little route overlap should lead to few regulatory **issues**...Other mergers have focused on network carriers with large hub exposures...not the case in this deal, and we anticipate few regulatory hurdles"
- Analyst D

Third parties agree: a Frontier / Spirit merger is expected to deliver far greater closing certainty. Combined, Frontier and Spirit will "drive greater competition" in the U.S. airline industry

Source: Analyst Reports.



## Frontier + Spirit = A Winning Formula

### Consumers & Communities

- Delivers \$1 billion in annual consumer savings
- Expands access to more ultra-low fares for more people in more places
- Creates a more effective ultra-low fare competitor, especially against the Big Four and JetBlue
- Provides nationwide access to sustainable, affordable travel

### Team Members

- Improves career opportunities and stability
- Fuels addition of 10,000 direct jobs by 2026
- Supports thousands of additional new jobs at business partners

#### **Shareholders**

- Combines two highly complementary businesses to create the lowest cost U.S. airline
- Unlocks \$500 million in annual run-rate operating synergies
- Opportunity for Spirit shareholders to participate in full pandemic recovery and upside from synergies

