

Horizon Air takes over Cascade

SEATTLE (AP) — Horizon Airlines Inc. announced Friday it will purchase the outstanding shares of Cascade Airways Inc. stock and operate it as a subsidiary.

Horizon has agreed to purchase 82 percent of the outstanding shares from Cascade's majority shareholder, American Investors Corporation of Greenwich, Conn., said George A. Chestnutt, former board chairman of American Investors.

His son, Mark Chestnutt, is chairman of Cascade Airways, headquartered in Spokane.

Horizon also has agreed to purchase the remaining 18 percent of the outstanding shares of Cascade.

A purchase price was not disclosed, Chestnutt said.

The carriers expect the transaction to be completed within 30 days, upon satisfaction of terms and conditions.

Cascade, which has been in operation since 1969, serves 15 airports in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The airline transports a greater number of passengers each year than Horizon, Chestnutt said.

Horizon serves 14 locations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The airline announced Jan. 28 it had acquired an option to purchase all outstanding shares of Transwestern Airlines of Utah Inc., and planned to operate it as a wholly owned subsidiary.

Also within the past year, Horizon merged with Air Oregon.