



**DATE:** December 18, 2008

**TO:** Watco Team

**FROM:** Kevin Jeter  
General Manager, Louisiana Southern Railroad

**SUBJECT:** **Ed Riley**, Louisiana Southern Railroad Chief Mechanical Officer

I'm pleased to announce Ed Riley has accepted the position of Chief Mechanical Officer for the Louisiana Southern Railroad (LAS).

As CMO, Ed's duties include overseeing the maintenance and repair of the locomotive fleet assigned to the LAS and the El Dorado switching facility.

Prior to coming to Watco, Ed worked for OmniTrax at the BNSF's South Yard facility in Houston, Tex. for two years and was employed by the Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) for 25 years. While employed at the KCS, Ed held numerous positions including laborer, machinist, and diesel supervisor in charge of the service track, and administrative assistant for the Shreveport, La. Diesel Shop.

Ed and his wife Beverly have two daughters: Delanna, 25 and Danielle, 21. They also have a granddaughter, Scarlett, who is two and a half. Ed spends his spare time golfing, fishing, working in his shop and playing with his granddaughter.

Ed will be located in the Minden, La. office and can be reached by cell at 318-514-8167 or by email at [eriley@watcocompanies.com](mailto:eriley@watcocompanies.com)

Please join me in congratulating Ed and wishing him great success as Chief Mechanical Officer.