

Watco Transportation Services Announcement



Date: February 18, 2010
To: Watco Team
From: Keith Barksdale, Director of Railroad Operations – Gulf Region
Subject: Bill Richmond, Austin Western Railroad General Manager

I am pleased to announce that Bill Richmond has accepted the position of General Manager for the Austin Western Railroad (AWRR). Richmond will be responsible for supervising daily operations, specifically focusing on improving productivity, efficiency and safety. He previously served as Assistant General Manager for the South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad after joining the Watco Team in April of 2009.

Richmond began his career in railroading in 1994 with the Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) and worked out of Pittsburg, Kans., New Orleans, La., and Shreveport, La. While with the KCS Richmond served as conductor, trainmaster, engineer, assistant trainmaster and manager of operating practices. After 12 years with the KCS he went to work for the Canadian National Railroad where he served as divisional trainmaster for three years on the Mobile, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., line.

Richmond received a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla., and taught and coached high school in Tulsa, Okla., prior to joining the rail industry.

He and his wife Christie have three children: sons Alec, 15 and Spencer, 12 and daughter Riley, 10. When not working Richmond enjoys playing golf and attending family sporting events.

Richmond can be reached at 512-246-0738 or by cell at 512-497-1378. His e-mail address is wrichmond@watcocompanies.com.

Please join me in wishing him much success on the Austin Western.