

Watco Transportation Services, Inc. Announcement

Date: January 29, 2010
To: Watco Team
From: Keith Barksdale, Gulf Region Director of Railroad Operations
Subject: Gulf Region Car Repair Manager, Linn Herman
Baton Rouge Southern Railroad General Manager, Jesse Gath

I am pleased to announce that Linn Herman has accepted the position of Gulf Region Car Repair Manager and Jesse Gath will take the position of General Manager for the Baton Rouge Southern Railroad (BRS).

As Gulf Region Car Repair Manager, Herman will be responsible for supporting the mobile car repair services within the Gulf Region and overseeing the progress of the mobile repair locations on the Arkansas Southern, Alabama Southern, Louisiana Southern, Mississippi Southern, Timber Rock and Vicksburg Southern railroads.

Herman began his career with Watco in November 1983 cleaning boxcars in DeRidder, La. However, since that time he has worked in many locations and positions including switching in El Paso, Texas and Pasco, Wash. before joining railroad operations. Linn has served as General Manager of the Blue Mountain Railroad in Wash., Operations Manager, Trainmaster and General Manager of the South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (SKOL) in Kansas and General Manager of the Alabama Southern Railroad (ABS). He has also served as Director of Railcar Repair for the Vicksburg Southern (VSOR) and the Mississippi Southern (MSR) and was key in the 2005 start-up of the MSR in Bay Springs, Miss. Most recently Herman served as the General Manager for the BRS.

Herman and his wife Paula have been married 24 years and have 4 children: twins Annette and Paige, 23; Lydia 20; and Jon-Max, 18. They also have a three year-old granddaughter, Addison. Besides spending time with his family Herman enjoys storytelling and cheering on the LSU Tigers.

Herman will be working out of the Baton Rouge, La. office and can be reached by phone at 225-771-3285, by cell at 225-362-7730 or by e-mail at lherman@watcocompanies.com.

As BRS General Manager, Gath's responsibilities will include the daily supervision of operations; specifically focusing on improving productivity, efficiency and safety. Gath joins the Watco family after working in the rail industry for CN Railway.

Gath and his wife Rebecca have a daughter Charli, 2. He enjoys spending time with his family in his free time.

Gath will also be working out of Baton Rouge and can be contacted at the office at 225-771-3285 or by e-mail at jgath@watcocompanies.com.

Please join me in congratulating Herman and Gath on their new roles with the Watco Team.