

# Watco Transportation Services Announcement



**Date:** October 6, 2010  
**To:** Watco Team  
**From:** Rob Thrall, West Region Director of Railroad Operations  
**Subject:** Mark Ready, Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad General Manager

I'm pleased to announce that Mark Ready has agreed to serve as General Manager for the Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad (PCC).

Mark has been with Watco Transportation Services since 2008 when he began working for the Pacific Sun Railroad. In September 2009 he was promoted to Track Supervisor and in December of 2009 he was promoted to Trainmaster. He became a Locomotive Engineer in April of 2010 and took a position in September as Manager Trainee before becoming the new PCC and Wallula General Manager.

Before joining the West Region Team Mark worked for Union Pacific Railroad from May 2005 thru October 2008 where he worked primarily as a thru Freight Conductor. Mark also had a temporary assignment as a work train coordinator, coordinating the crews, equipment and materials for concrete tie replacement projects in Omaha and Southern California.

He worked in retail management and construction management from 1987 thru 2005.

Mark has a son Daniel, daughter-in-law Chelsea and a grandson Landon; a son Kyle, 19, who is attending Texas A&M Corpus Christi and a 9 year-old daughter named Samantha who lives with her mother in Marrietta, Ohio.

Mark's office will be in Wallula, Wash., and he can be reached by phone at 509-845-7686, by fax at 509-544-0828, by cell at 951-205-3551. His e-mail address is [mready@watcocompanies.com](mailto:mready@watcocompanies.com).

Please join me in wishing Mark much success in his new position.