

Watco Transportation Services Announcement



Date: December 16, 2011
To: Watco Team
From: Keith Barksdale, Director of Operations, Gulf Region
Subject: Justin Rhodes, Arkansas Southern Railroad, Mississippi Southern Railroad, and Vicksburg Southern Railroad, General Manager

I am pleased to announce that Justin Rhodes has accepted the position of General Manager for the Arkansas Southern (ARS), Mississippi Southern (MSR) and Vicksburg Southern railroads (VSOR). Justin will be responsible for the daily operations of all three railroads; specifically focusing on improving safety, productivity, efficiency and developing team members. Justin will be taking the place of Darrell Thompson who has been named Operations Zone Manager in the Albany area for Watco's Western Australia Rail Team.

Justin began his railroad career with the start-up of the Mississippi Southern Railroad in 2005 as a Conductor. He has since held the position of Engineer (MSR), Track Inspector (MSR/VSOR) and Trainmaster (MSR/VSOR).

Prior to joining the Watco Team Justin served five years in the United States Marines Corps based out of Yuma, Ariz. He was an Avionics Technician for Huey and Cobra helicopters and was also a Marksmanship Instructor.

Justin and his wife Wendy have two boys, Drew, 17 and Houston, 6. In his spare time Justin enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

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Please join me in wishing Justin success as General Manager of these three Gulf Region short lines.