

# Watco Transportation Services Announcement

**Date:** April 23, 2011  
**To:** Watco Team  
**From:** Terry Towner, President and Chief Operating Officer  
**Subject:** Mitch Becker, Senior Vice President of Transportation

I'm pleased to announce that Mitch Becker has been named Senior Vice President of Transportation. As SVP of Transportation Mitch will be responsible for all operations within the transportation division of Watco including the West, Central and Gulf/East Regions. In this position Mitch will report directly to Terry Towner, President & COO of Watco.

Mitch began his rail career in 1988 with the Kyle Railroad, a RailAmerica owned short-line railroad in Phillipsburg, Kan. Throughout his railroad career he has had the opportunity to work in or manage almost every department in the railroad industry. In 1994, Mitch became the Corporate Director of Purchasing and Special Projects for the Kyle Railroad and in 1998 he became the General Manager of the Kiamichi Railroad, another RailAmerica shortline, which is based out of Hugo, Okla. In 2007 he joined the Watco team as the COO of the Gulf/ East Region and in 2009 Mitch assumed the additional COO responsibilities of the Central Region.

Mitch and his wife Hayley, Watco Systems Analyst, have two daughters, Ashley, 23 and Abbi, 20 and a new granddaughter, Ansley Kay Bozarth. In his spare time Mitch enjoys spending time with his family, barbecuing, woodworking and building gun cabinets, cedar chests and other furniture. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Mitch's office will be located in the Pittsburg, Kan., Corporate office and he can be contacted by cell phone at 620-704-7356 or by e-mail at [mbecker@watcocompanies.com](mailto:mbecker@watcocompanies.com).

Please join me in congratulating Mitch on his newest position with Watco.