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Watco Team:

Last week Watco Companies was honored to be recognized by the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce as the 2009 Employer of the Year. Also, my father, our company's founder, was recognized by posthumously being awarded the 2009 Spirit of Pittsburg award. Both awards were presented during the Chamber's annual banquet.

It is an honor to receive these awards, but what makes them even more special is they serve as a perfect final tribute to our 25th Anniversary Year. The Watco Team is the best team in the industry and although the Employer of the Year award was presented in Pittsburg, Kans., it belongs to the entire Watco Family. You, our great people, are the reason we are successful and have the many opportunities we do to continue to serve great Customers across the United States. Your hard work and dedication to our company gives us the foundation to be the greatest transportation service provider and for that, I thank you.

I hope you share the pride that I have to be a part of this great Watco Team. During the past 25 years we have worked hard each day to not only meet, but exceed our Customers expectations. By continuing to work safely and efficiently each day we will continue to grow and create success for not only our company, but our Customers and our Team. As we approach July 1st and our 26th year of serving Customers, remember my father's vision for our great company, work with pride and keep making great things happen.

Here's to our next 25 years,

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