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Percy Fields Takes Helm at Belt Railway of Chicago

Brings decades of RXR experience to post

CHICAGO - Railroad veteran Percy E. Fields III, 42, has assumed the position of President and General Manager of The Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC), the largest intermediate switching terminal railroad in the country. Fields brings more than 22 years of railroad experience to the job, most recently as General Manager of BRC. Fields began his career as a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad more than two decades ago.

"I am excited and challenged to take this position as the leader of Belt Railway and I am confident we can continue to move rail freight traffic through Chicago in a safe and efficient manner," Fields said.

Fields succeeds Mike Grace who served as President since 2018 and will now move to a transition role as Executive Advisor until his retirement in May of 2023. Grace will retire after a 43 year career in the railroad industry.



Percy E. Fields III



Mike Grace

"I am confident that Percy will capably lead Belt Railway into the future as Chicago continues to evolve as the dominant and largest railroad hub in the country," Grace said.

Percy Fields' experience includes three years as Director of Transportation Services for Union Pacific and one year with UP as Northern Region Superintendent of Dispatching. His most recent position prior to coming to BRC in 2020 was General Manager of the Alton and Southern Railway.

Fields holds an MBA from Benedictine University, and he is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

The Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC) is the largest intermediate switching terminal railroad in the United States employing approximately 400 people. The Belt Railway dispatches more than

8400 rail cars per day through its Clearing Yards located just south of Midway Airport in Chicago. BRC operates 28 miles of mainline track with more than 300 miles of switching track.

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