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Matt Johnson named VP-Government Affairs at Reading & Northern RR

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March 17, 2023 – Port Clinton PA – Reading & Northern Railroad (R&N) is pleased to announce the appointment of Matt Johnson to the new position of VP-Government Affairs. Johnson will report directly to CEO/Owner Andy Muller, Jr.

Johnson has been with the railroad in a variety of roles since 2005. In those roles, he has seen the entire railroad, dealt with numerous property issues, and worked closely with many local communities. His performance as a police officer, as head of the R&N police force, managing real estate and personally handling R&N's community affairs has made him the perfect choice to be R&N's first Government Affairs official.

As R&N continues to experience rapid growth in both its freight and passenger excursion business the need for an experienced hand to oversee R&N's interactions with government at every level, local, state and federal, has become apparent. In his new position, Johnson will work closely with CEO Muller and the rest of the R&N management team to ensure that R&N is always meeting the needs of our employees for a safe working environment, our customers for superior freight and passenger service, and the local communities we proudly serve.

In addition to his 18 year career at R&N, Johnson was a Deputy Sheriff for five years, and was a Police Officer for a little over a year prior to that. Johnson grew up and lives in Kutztown, PA. Outside of work, Matt enjoys spending time with his two sons, Elliot and Adyson.

Reading & Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving over 70 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties (Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Wyoming). It has expanded its operations over the last 40 years and now handles over 34,000 carloads of freight and 250,000 excursion train riders over 400 miles of track. Reading & Northern operates both freight services and steam and diesel-powered excursion passenger services, owns over 1,700 freight cars, and employs nearly 300 dedicated employees. Reading & Northern has repeatedly been honored as one of the premier railroads in the nation including being named Regional Railroad of the year in 2020 by Railway Age Magazine.