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Richard Parry joins FirstGroup's rail bid team

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FirstGroup has appointed Richard Parry to its rail bid team.

Richard joins FirstGroup from Transport for London (TfL) where he worked for 19 years in a range of senior roles, most recently as Deputy Managing Director and Director of Strategy and Commercial for TfL's London Underground and Rail divisions.

Richard has an 'outstanding record of leadership and delivery with a strong focus on customer service and considerable experience of engaging with a diverse range of stakeholders which will be invaluable in his new role heading the Group's bid for the InterCity West Coast franchise'.

Commenting on the appointment Vernon Barker, Managing Director UK Rail, said:

"I am delighted to have attracted someone of Richard's talent and calibre to the Group.

"The wealth of experience that he brings will be invaluable as we seek to build on our market leadership position in rail and progress the opportunities created by the Department for Transport's new franchising programme."

Commenting, Richard Parry said:

"As the UK's largest rail operator FirstGroup has unrivalled experience of operating different types of franchises.

"I am very pleased to be joining the team and look forward to leading the Group's bid for the InterCity West Coast franchise."

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