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ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND AGREEMENT dated as of September 1, 1974, by and between UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY, an Illinois corporation (hereinafter called the Company), and BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION as Trustee (hereinafter called the Trustee), under an Equipment Trust Agreement dated as of October 1, 1971*(hereinafter called the Equipment Trust Agreement), by and among the Trustee, the Company, United States Railway Equipment Co., an Illinois corporation (hereinafter called the Equipment Co.) and U.S. Railway Mfg. Co., an Illinois corporation (hereinafter called Railco).

WHEREAS, the Company and Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern Railway (hereinafter called the Lessee) have entered into a Lease Agreement dated January 14, 1974 (hereinafter called the Lease), providing for the leasing by the Company to the Lessee of the 12 units of railroad equipment (hereinafter called Units) described in the Lease, which has been filed and recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission and bears Recordation Number 7394, an executed counterpart of the Lease being delivered to the Trustee concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, this Assignment of Lease and Agreement is being made pursuant to Section 4.09 of the Equipment Trust Agreement to secure the payment and performance by the Company of all obligations arising under the Equipment Trust Agreement, including, but not limited to, the obligations arising under the guaranty endorsed or to be endorsed on the Equipment Trust Certificates issued or to be issued under the Equipment Trust Agreement (all such obligations being hereinafter called the Liabilities);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of $10 duly paid by the Trustee to the Company and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. As security for the payment and performance of the Liabilities, the Company hereby assigns, transfers, and sets over unto the Trustee all the Company's right, title and interests as lessor under the Lease, together with all rights, powers, privileges, and other benefits of the Company as lessor under the Lease, including, without limitation, the immediate right to receive and collect all rentals, profits and other sums

*as amended by Supplemental Agreement dated as of September 1, 1974

payable to or receivable by the Company under or pursuant to the provisions of the Lease, the right to receive all proceeds from the sale of any unit of Trust Equipment payable to the Company pursuant to the Lessee's exercise of an option to purchase any such unit pursuant to the Lease, and the right to make all waivers and agreements, to give all notices, consents and releases, to take all action upon the happening of an event of default specified in the Lease, and to do any and all other things whatsoever which the Company, as lessor, is or may become entitled to do under the Lease; *provided, however,* that until an Event of Default under the Equipment Trust Agreement, or any event which with notice or lapse of time or both, could constitute such an Event of Default, shall occur, it is understood that the Company shall be entitled for the benefit of the Trustee to give all notices and to take all action upon the happening of an event of default specified in the Lease provided that the Trustee is first advised of such action proposed to be taken. In furtherance of the foregoing assignment, the Company hereby irrevocably authorizes and empowers the Trustee in its own name, or in the name of its nominee, or in the name of the Company or as its attorney, to ask, demand, sue for, collect and receive any and all sums to which the Company is or may become entitled under the Lease, and to enforce compliance by the Lessee with all the terms and provisions thereof.

Until such time as, to the actual knowledge of the Trustee (obtained at its Corporate Trust Office as that term is defined in the Equipment Trust Agreement), the Company shall be in default under any provision of the Equipment Trust Agreement, the Company shall be entitled to receive all rentals, profits and other sums payable to or receivable by the Company under or pursuant to the provisions of the Lease (hereinafter called Rentals).

If, to the actual knowledge of the Trustee (obtained as provided above), the Company shall be in default under any provision of the Equipment Trust Agreement, the Company, during the continuance of such default, shall forthwith, upon written notice thereof from the Trustee, direct the Lessee to pay all Rentals directly to the Trustee and the Company shall, if it receives the same, forthwith deposit the same with the Trustee, which payments shall be applied by the Trustee

to the payment of all amounts then or thereafter due and payable under the Equipment Trust Agreement.

2. The assignment made hereby is executed only as security and, therefore, the execution and delivery of this Assignment shall not subject the Trustee to, or transfer, or pass, or in any way affect or modify the liability of the Company under the Lease, it being understood and agreed that notwithstanding such assignment or any subsequent assignment all obligations of the Company to the Lessee shall be and remain enforceable by the Lessee, its successors and assigns, against, and only against, the Company.

3. Upon the full discharge and satisfaction of the Liabilities, the assignment made hereby shall terminate, and all estate, right, title and interest of the Trustee in and to the Lease shall revert to the Company.

Upon transfer by the Trustee of title to any of the Units pursuant to Section 4.06 of the Equipment Trust Agreement, the Trustee shall execute and deliver to the Company a relase or reassignment as to such Units.

4. The Company warrants and covenants that (a) the execution and delivery by the Company of the Lease and this Assignment have each been duly authorized, and the Lease and this Assignment are and will remain the valid and binding obligations of the Company in accordance with their terms; (b) the Company has not executed any other assignment of the Lease or of its right to receive all payments under the Lease and the Lease will continue to be free and clear of any and all claims, liens, agreements, security interests or other encumbrances (except this Assignment and except to the extent the Company is contesting the validity of the same in good faith by appropriate proceedings), (c) notwithstanding this Assignment, the Company will conform and comply with each and all of the covenants and conditions in the Lease set forth to be complied with by it and (d) to the knowledge of the Company, it has performed all obligations on its part to be performed under the Lease on or prior to the date hereof.

Unless the Lease is an Existing Lease (as defined in the Equipment Trust Agreement), the Company will, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Assignment, deliver to the Trustee the opinion of Messrs. Rosenthal and Schanfield, counsel for the Company, or an opinion of other counsel satisfactory to the Trustee, to the effect set forth in subparagraph (e) of Section 3.04 of the Equipment Trust Agreement relating to the Assignment of the Lease.

5. The Company covenants and agrees with the Trustee that in any suit, proceeding or action brought by the Trustee under the Lease for any Rental, or to enforce any provisions of the Lease, the Company will save, indemnify and keep the Trustee harmless from and against (a) all expense, loss or damage suffered by reason of any defense, setoff, counterclaim or recoupment whatsoever of the Lessee or its successors, arising out of a breach by the Company of any obligation under the Lease or arising out of any other indebtedness or liability at any time owing to the Lessee or its successors from the Company and (b) all liability, loss, expense or damage under or arising out of any provisions of the Lease. Any and all such obligations of the Company shall be and remain enforceable against the Company and shall not be enforceable against the Trustee or any party or parties in whom any of the rights of the Company under the Lease shall vest by reason of the successive assignments or transfers.

6. The Trustee may assign all or any of its rights under the Lease, including the right to receive any payments due or to become due to it from the Lessee thereunder. In the event of any such assignment, any such subsequent or succeessive assignee or assignees shall, to the extent of such assignment, enjoy all the rights and privileges and be subject to all the obligations of the Trustee hereunder.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 1 of this Assignment, the Company agrees that it will not, without the prior written consent of the Trustee, enter into any agreement amending, modifying or terminating the Lease (except any Lease with Evans Products Company if the cars subject thereto are leased to another lessee) and that any amendment, modification or termination thereof,

except as aforesaid without such consent shall be void. The Trustee shall consent to any such agreement if (a) it does not reduce the Rentals or the term or any other provision which the Trustee or its counsel deems to materially and adversely affect the security provided hereby or (b) the holders of more than 50% in aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Trust Certificates then outstanding consent in writing thereto.

9. This Assignment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, but the parties shall be entitled to all rights conferred by Section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act.

In witness whereof, the Company and the Trustee have caused this instrument to be signed in their respective names by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

United States Railway Leasing Company,

by .....

Vice President.

Attest:

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Assistant Secretary.

[corporate seal]

Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association

by .....

Vice President.

Attest:

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Assistant Secretary.

[corporate seal]

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK } ss.:

On this 24th day of September, 1974, before me personally appeared Ralph E. Bell, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is a Vice President of UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Mary Ellen Sander
Notary Public

[NOTARIAL SEAL]
My Commission expires June 11, 1975

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO } ss.:

On this 30th day of September 1974 before me personally appeared R. F. KELLY, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is a Vice President of BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said banking corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said national banking association by authority of its Board of Directors and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Edmond Lee Kelly
Notary Public

[NOTARIAL SEAL]
My Commission expires
1/22/76

EDMOND LEE KELLY
NOTARY PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
My Commission Expires Jan. 22, 1976