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ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND AGREEMENT NO. 1 dated as of May 1, 1975 (hereinafter called this Assignment), by and between FIRST NATIONAL STATE BANK OF NEW JERSEY, acting as a Trustee (hereinafter called the Lessor or the Vendee), under a Trust Agreement dated as of the date hereof with Gould Leasing Services, Inc., and FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS, as Agent (hereinafter called the Vendor) under a Finance Agreement dated as of the date hereof.

WHEREAS the Vendee is entering into a Conditional Sale Agreement No. 1 dated as of the date hereof (hereinafter called the Security Documentation), with General Electric Company (hereinafter called the Builder), providing for the sale to the Vendee of such units of railroad equipment (hereinafter called the Units) described in Annex B thereto as are delivered to and accepted by the Vendee thereunder;

WHEREAS the Lessor and Burlington Northern Inc. (hereinafter called the Lessee) have entered into a Lease of Railroad Equipment No. 1 dated as of the date hereof (hereinafter called the Lease), providing for the leasing by the Lessor to the Lessee of the Units;

WHEREAS, in order to provide security for the obligations of the Lessor under the Security Documentation and as an inducement to the Vendor to invest in the Conditional Sale Indebtedness (as that term is defined in the Security Documentation), the Lessor has agreed to assign for security purposes its rights in, to and under the Lease to the Vendor; and

WHEREAS the Lessee has consented to this Assignment pursuant to a Lessee's Consent and Agreement No. 1 attached hereto as Annex I.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the payments to be made and the covenants hereinafter mentioned to be kept and performed, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 11

hereof, the Lessor hereby assigns, transfers and sets over unto the Vendor, as collateral security for the payment and performance of the obligations of the Lessor as Vendee under the Security Documentation, all the Lessor's right, title and interest, powers, privileges, and other benefits under the Lease, including, without limitation, the immediate right to receive and collect all rentals, profits and other sums payable to or receivable by the Lessor from the Lessee under or pursuant to the provisions of the Lease whether as rent, casualty payment, indemnity, liquidated damages, or otherwise (such moneys being hereinafter called the Payments), 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 Lessor is or may become entitled to do under the Lease. In furtherance of the foregoing assignment, the Lessor hereby irrevocably authorizes and empowers the Vendor in its own name, or in the name of its nominee, or in the name of the Lessor or as its attorney, to ask, demand, sue for, collect and receive any and all Payments to which the Lessor is or may become entitled under the Lease, and to enforce compliance by the Lessee with all the terms and provisions thereof.

The Vendor agrees to accept any Payments made by the Lessee for the account of the Lessor pursuant to the Lease. To the extent received, the Vendor will apply such Payments to satisfy the obligations of the Lessor under the Security Documentation, subject to the limitations contained in the last paragraph of Article 4 and Article 23 of the Security Documentation, and, so long as no event of default or event which with the lapse of time and/or demand provided for in the Security Documentation could constitute an event of default thereunder, shall have occurred and be continuing, any balance shall be paid to the Lessor on the same date such Payment is applied to satisfy such obligations of the Lessor, by check mailed to the Lessor on such date or, upon written request of the Lessor, by bank wire to the Lessor at such address as may be specified to the Vendor in writing, and such balance shall be retained by the Lessor. If the Vendor shall not receive any rental payment under the first paragraph of § 3 of the Lease when due, the Vendor shall notify the Lessor and the Beneficiary at the addresses set forth in the Lease; provided, however, that the failure of the Vendor to so notify the Lessor shall not affect the obligations of the Lessor hereunder or under the Security Documentation.

2. This Assignment is executed only as security.

and, therefore, the execution and delivery of this Assignment shall not subject the Vendor to, or transfer, or pass, or in any way affect or modify the liability of the Lessor under the Lease, it being understood and agreed that notwithstanding this Assignment or any subsequent assignment, all obligations of the Lessor to the Lessee shall be and remain enforceable by the Lessee, its successors and assigns, against, and only against, the Lessor or persons other than the Vendor.

3. The Lessor will faithfully abide by, perform and discharge each and every obligation, covenant and agreement which the Lease provides are to be performed by the Lessor; without the written consent of the Vendor, the Lessor will not anticipate the rents under the Lease or waive, excuse, condone, forgive or in any manner release or discharge the Lessee thereunder of or from the obligations, covenants, conditions and agreements to be performed by the Lessee, including, without limitation, the obligation to pay the rents in the manner and at the time and place specified therein or enter into any agreement amending, modifying or terminating the Lease and the Lessor agrees that any amendment, modification or termination thereof without such consent shall be void.

4. The Lessor does hereby constitute the Vendor the Lessor's true and lawful attorney, irrevocably, with full power (in the name of the Lessor, or otherwise), to ask, require, demand, receive, compound and give acquittance for any and all Payments due and to become due under or arising out of the Lease to which the Lessor is or may become entitled, to enforce compliance by the Lessee with all the terms and provisions of the Lease, to endorse any checks or other instruments or orders in connection therewith and to file any claims or take any action or institute any proceedings which to the Vendor may seem to be necessary or advisable in the premises.

5. Upon the full discharge and satisfaction of all sums due from the Lessor under the Security Documentation (without regard to any limitation of liability of the Lessor contained therein), this Assignment and all rights herein assigned to the Vendor shall terminate, and all estate, right, title and interest of the Vendor in and to the Lease shall revert to the Lessor.

6. On the Closing Date (as defined in the Security Documentation) the Lessor will furnish the Vendor with an

opinion of counsel that this Assignment has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Lessor and is a legal and valid agreement binding on the Lessor.

7. The Lessor will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all further instruments required by law or reasonably requested by the Vendor in order to confirm or further assure, the interest of the Vendor hereunder.

8. The Vendor may assign all or any of the rights assigned to it hereby or arising under the Lease, including, without limitation, the right to receive any Payments due or to become due. In the event of any such assignment, any such subsequent or successive 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 Vendor hereunder.

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

10. The Lessor shall cause copies of all notices received in connection with the Lease and all payments hereunder to be promptly delivered or made to the Vendor at its address set forth in Article 22 of the Security Documentation, or at such other address as the Vendor shall designate.

11. The Vendor hereby agrees with the Lessor that the Vendor will not, so long as no event of default under the Security Documentation or Event of Default under the Lease has occurred and is continuing, exercise or enforce, or seek to exercise or enforce, or avail itself of, any of the rights, powers, privileges, authorizations or benefits assigned and transferred by the Lessor to the Vendor by this Assignment, except the right to receive and apply the Payments as provided in Paragraph 1 hereof, and that, subject to the terms of the Lease and the Security Documentation, the Lessor may, so long as no event of default under the Security Documentation or Event of Default under the Lease has occurred and is continuing, exercise or enforce, or seek to exercise or enforce or avail itself of, such rights, powers, privileges, authorizations or benefits.

12. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Assignment (including, but not limited to, any provision of

the first paragraph of Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 3 hereof), (a) the terms of this Assignment shall not impose any obligations on the Lessor in addition to the obligations of the Lessor under the Lease or under the Security Documentation or in any way limit the effect of the last paragraph of Article 4 of the Security Documentation, Article 23 of the Security Documentation or § 22 of the Lease, (b) so long as there is no event of default under the Security Documentation, and to the extent that the Vendor does not seek to receive and collect any Payments under the Lease in excess of the amounts required to discharge the obligations of the Lessor under the Security Documentation, the terms of this Assignment shall not limit or in any way affect the Lessor's right to receive and collect any Payments under the Lease in excess of the obligations of the Lessor under the Security Documentation, or empower the Vendor in any way to waive or release the Lessee's obligation to pay such excess amounts, and the Lessor shall continue to be empowered to ask, demand, sue for, collect and receive any and all of such excess amounts and (c) each and all of the representations, undertakings and agreements herein made on the part of the Lessor are each and every one of them made and intended not as personal representations, undertakings and agreements by First National State Bank of New Jersey, or for the purpose or with the intention of binding said bank personally but are made and intended for the purpose of binding only the Trust Estate as such term is used in the Trust Agreement referred to in the first paragraph hereof, and this Assignment is executed and delivered by the said bank solely in the exercise of the powers expressly conferred upon said bank as trustee under said Trust Agreement, and that no personal liability or personal responsibility is assumed by or shall at any time be asserted or enforceable against said bank, except for wilful misconduct or gross negligence, or against the Beneficiary under such Trust Agreement or on account of any representation, undertaking or agreement of the Lessor or such Beneficiary, either expressed or implied, all such personal liability, if any, being expressly waived and released by the Vendor and by all persons claiming by, through or under the Vendor; provided, however, that the Vendor or any person claiming by, through or under any of it, making claim hereunder, may look to said Trust Estate for satisfaction of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed in their respective corporate names by officers thereunto duly authorized, and their respective corporate seals to be affixed and duly attested,

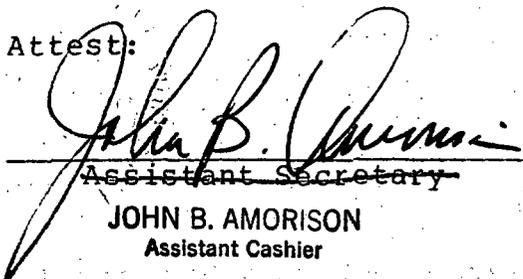
all as of the date first above written.

FIRST NATIONAL STATE BANK OF NEW JERSEY, as Trustee,

by 
Vice President

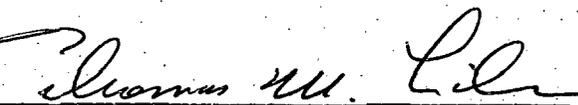
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Attest:


~~Assistant Secretary~~
JOHN B. AMORISON
Assistant Cashier

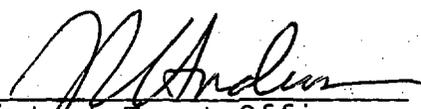
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS, as Agent,

by 
Vice President

by 
Vice President

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Attest:


~~Assistant Trust Officer~~

LESSEE'S CONSENT AND AGREEMENT NO. 1

The undersigned, BURLINGTON NORTHERN INC., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter called the Lessee), the lessee named in the Lease (hereinafter called the Lease) referred to in the Assignment of Lease and Agreement No. 1 dated as of May 1, 1975 (hereinafter called the Lease Assignment), hereby (a) acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Lease Assignment and (b) consents to all the terms and conditions of the Lease Assignment.

As an inducement to First National Bank of Minneapolis as Agent (hereinafter called the Vendor) under a Finance Agreement dated as of May 1, 1975 (a copy of which has been delivered to the Lessee), to invest in the Conditional Sale Indebtedness, as that term is defined in the Security Documentation referred to in the Lease Assignment, pursuant to which First National State Bank of New Jersey, as Trustee (hereinafter called the Lessor), is financing its purchase of units of railroad equipment (hereinafter called the Units), which Units the Lessor is leasing to the Lessee pursuant to the Lease; as an inducement to the Lessor to enter into the Lease; as an inducement to General Electric Company (hereinafter called the Builder) to enter into the Conditional Sale Agreement; and in consideration of other good and valuable consideration, the Lessee agrees that:

(1) it will pay all rentals, casualty payments, liquidated damages, indemnities and other moneys provided for in the Lease (which moneys are hereinafter called the Payments) due and to become due under the Lease or otherwise in respect of the Units leased thereunder, directly to the Vendor, the assignee named in the Lease Assignment, at 120 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480, Attention of Corporate Trust Department (or at such other address as may be furnished in writing to the Lessee by the Vendor) and, if the Lessee fails for any reason whatsoever to pay to the Vendor any Payments, it will pay to the Vendor on the respective dates or times set forth in the Lease, amounts equal to the Payments which it shall not theretofore have paid to the Vendor, it being hereby agreed that the obligation of the Lessee to pay all the aforesaid Payments or sums equivalent to the Payments is absolute and unconditional;

(2) the Vendor shall be entitled to the benefits of, and to receive and enforce performance of, all the covenants to be performed by the Lessee under the Lease as though the Vendor were named therein as the Lessor;

(3) the Payments or sums equivalent to the Payments due hereunder shall not be subject to any right of setoff or counterclaim or other defense which the Lessee might have against the Lessor or otherwise, and the payment thereof to the Vendor shall be final and shall not be subject to, and the Lessee hereby agrees to indemnify the Vendor against, any liens, charges, security interests or claims of any nature whatsoever resulting from a breach by the Lessee of its obligations under the Lease ranking prior to or pari passu with the right of the Vendor to apply such payments or sums equivalent thereto, as provided in the Lease Assignment;

(4) the Vendor shall not, by virtue of the Lease Assignment or this Consent and Agreement, be or become subject to any liability or obligation under the Lease or otherwise; and

(5) the Lease shall not, without the prior written consent of the Vendor, be terminated or modified, nor shall any action be taken or omitted by the Lessee the taking or omission of which might result in an alteration or impairment of the Lease or the Lease Assignment or this Consent and Agreement or of any of the rights created by any thereof.

This Consent and Agreement, when accepted by the Vendor, the Lessor and the Builder by signing the acceptance at the foot hereof, shall be deemed to be a contract under the laws of the State of Minnesota and, for all purposes, shall be construed in accordance with the laws of said State.

Dated as of May 1, 1975

BURLINGTON NORTHERN INC.,
as Lessee,

by

W. M. Hornum
~~Executive Vice President~~
PRESIDENT, TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION

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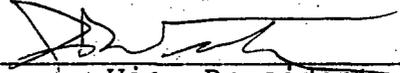
Attest:

G. F. Schickel
Assistant Secretary

The foregoing Consent and Agreement is hereby accepted, as of the first day of May 1975.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS,

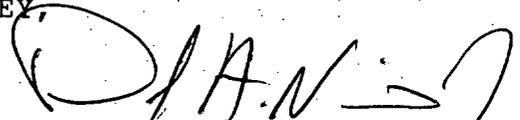
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