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Ms. Agatha L. Mergenovich, Secretary
Interstate Commerce Commission
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Dear Ms. Mergenovich:

Pursuant to Section 11303 (formerly Section 20c), of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, attached for recordation are counterparts of Release and Bill of Sale dated April 16, 1984 which is the final release of equipment under Conditional Sale Agreement dated as of June 14, 1974 assigned Recordation No. 7540.

Enclosed is our check for $10.00 to cover your recording fee. Please keep one counterpart for your file and return the other counterparts each showing your recordation data.

Sincerely,

Joan A. Schramm

Joan A. Schramm
Assistant Secretary

Attachment

cc: Messrs. R. R. DeWitt*
D. E. Stockham (Attn: P. J. Brod)*
R. F. Guenther (Attn: J. James)*
Arthur Andersen & Co. (Attn: Paul Keglevic)*

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**LEASE**

**AGREEMENT** made and entered into this 1st day of February, 19 74, between

**UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY**
an Illinois corporation (hereinafter called "United") and

FARMERS EQUITY ELEVATOR COMPANY

(hereinafter called "Lessee")

## RECITALS

Lessee desires to lease from United as Lessor certain railroad cars, hereinafter specifically designated, all upon the rentals, terms and conditions set forth in this Lease.

## AGREEMENT

It is Agreed:

1. ***Lease of Cars.*** United agrees to lease to Lessee and Lessee agrees to and does hereby lease from United the Cars (the term "Cars" and other terms used herein are defined in Paragraph 28 hereof). The Cars covered by this Lease are those which shall be delivered to and accepted by Lessee pursuant to Paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof. The lease shall become effective as to any Car immediately upon its acceptance pursuant to Paragraph 3.

2. ***Delivery of Cars.*** United shall deliver the Cars as promptly as is reasonably possible. United's obligations with respect to delivery of all or any of the Cars are hereby made expressly subject to, and United shall not be responsible for, failure to deliver or delays in delivering Cars due to labor difficulties, fire, delays and defaults of carriers and material suppliers or Car manufacturers, acts of God, governmental acts, regulations and restrictions or any other causes, casualties or contingencies beyond United's control; provided, however, that in no event shall Lessee be obligated to accept delivery of Cars after December 31, 1974. Initial delivery shall be f.o.t. Butler, Pennsylvania

From and after acceptance of a Car, Lessee shall be liable for, and shall pay or reimburse United for the payment of, all costs, charges and expenses of any kind whatsoever on account of or relating to switching, demurrage, detention, storage, transportation or movement of a Car, including specifically, but not exclusively, freight and switching charges for movement at any time and from time to time to and from car shops, storage or terminal facilities.

3. ***Condition of Cars — Acceptance.*** All Cars delivered hereunder shall be in satisfactory condition for movement in the normal interchange of rail traffic and shall otherwise comply with the description and/or specifications contained in Exhibit A; but Lessee shall be solely responsible for determining that Cars are in proper condition for loading and shipment. Within two (2) days after United shall give Lessee notice that some or all Cars are ready for delivery, Lessee may have its authorized representative inspect such Cars at ~~(the point of initial delivery)~~ (the manufacturer's plant)* and accept or reject them as to condition. Cars so inspected and accepted and any Cars which Lessee does not elect to inspect shall upon delivery thereof to Lessee as above provided be conclusively deemed to be accepted and subject to this Lease and to meet all requirements of this Lease.

*Strike inapplicable material in Paragraph 3.



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4. *Use and Possession.* Throughout the continuance of this Lease so long as Lessee is not in default hereunder, Lessee shall be entitled to possession of each Car from the date the Lease becomes effective as to such Car and shall use such Car (a) on its own property or lines; or (b) upon the lines of any railroad or other person, firm or corporation in the usual interchange of traffic; provided, however, that Lessee agrees that the Cars shall at all times be used (i) in conformity with Interchange Rules (ii) in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Lease; (iii) in a careful and prudent manner, solely in the use, service and manner for which they were designed; (iv) only within the continental limits of the United States of America or in Canada, and (v) in such service as will not constitute a "unit train" nor in such service as will employ more than ten percent of the Cars as part of any one train, except as same results from interchange practices beyond Lessee's control.

5. *Term.* This Lease shall be for a term which shall commence on the date of delivery by United of the first Car, as provided in Paragraph 2 hereof, and shall terminate 7 1/2 years from the Average Date of Delivery unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Lease or unless extended pursuant to written agreement of the parties.

6. *Rental.* (a) Per Car. During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall pay to United for each Car, commencing on the date of delivery thereof a rental of $ 245.00 per Car per month subject to adjustment as hereinbelow provided.

(b) Adjustment. The rental provided in Paragraph 6(a) is comprised of a Constant Factor of $ 205.00, plus an initial Maintenance Factor of $ 40.00. If the Prevailing Labor Rate established and in effect upon the expiration of each 60 month period from and after the date hereof shall differ from the Current Labor Rate of $ 12.27, the Maintenance Factor shall be adjusted to be the product obtained by multiplying the Maintenance Factor by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Prevailing Labor Rate and the denominator of which is the Current Labor Rate; and the per Car rental shall be revised to be the sum of the Constant Factor and the adjusted Maintenance Factor. Any such adjustment shall be instituted by notice from United to Lessee and shall take effect with respect to rents coming due next after the date of such notice; provided, however, that no adjustment shall be made which would reduce the Maintenance Factor below the initial Maintenance Factor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Lessee shall be served with a notice increasing the rents thereafter payable hereunder, Lessee may, in lieu of paying such increased rents, elect by notice delivered to United within ten days after receipt of United's notice, to itself perform or cause to be performed all Repair Work to Cars required of the parties by Paragraph 9(a) and (b) hereof, and, upon such election, the rents thereafter payable per Car shall be and remain only the amount of the Constant Factor; and Lessee shall be obligated, at its own expense, to perform, or cause to be performed, all such Repair Work, and United shall be released from and indemnified against all responsibility, cost and expense therefor.

(c) Mileage Credits. If pursuant to Exhibit A the Cars bear United's reporting marks and numbers, any mileage payments paid or allowed by railroads on the Cars shall be the property of United, but United shall credit mileage payments actually received by it during an Accounting Period (less taxes, other than income taxes, due or to become due on account thereof) against rental then or thereafter due under this Lease during such Accounting Period; provided, however, that during the term of this Lease the total of such credits shall not exceed the total rental payable by Lessee and any credit unused at the end of each Accounting Period or unused at the expiration or termination of this Lease shall be cancelled. Lessee shall so use the Cars that their mileage under load shall be not less than their mileage empty upon each railroad (not having a published exemption therefor in its tariff) over which the Cars shall move, including movement to place of delivery to Lessee hereunder and movement to United upon termination or expiration of this Lease, provided, however, that this undertaking shall not apply to the movement of Cars over Lessee's own lines. Upon notice from any railroad, whether received prior to or after termination of this Lease, Lessee shall pay United as additional rental all sums due on account of all excess empty mileage incurred on Cars at the rate established by the applicable railroad tariff.

7. *Payment.* Lessee shall make payment of all sums due hereunder to United in Chicago funds at the address provided in Paragraph 21 hereof, or such other place as United may direct. Rental payments shall be made monthly in advance on or before the 1st day of each month for which such rental is due, except that the first full month's payment shall include rental covering any prior period of less than one month.

8. *Title.* Lessee shall not by reason of this Lease or any action taken hereunder acquire or have any right or title in the Cars except the rights herein expressly granted to it as Lessee.

9. *Repairs.* (a) United. Except as may otherwise be provided in Paragraph 6(b) or this Paragraph 9(a) and (b), United shall be responsible for all Repair Work. Lessee shall promptly notify United of any Repair Work of which it has knowledge. United shall have no responsibility hereunder until and unless informed of the need for Repair Work. United may require Lessee to deliver Cars to such place as United designates for all Repair Work or work United elects to effect for preventive measures, and United may terminate this Lease with respect to any Car as to which it deems Repair Work to be unsuitable or uneconomical.

(b) Lessee. Lessee shall be responsible for and shall pay all costs and expenses of all Repair Work or other work or materials required by reason of (i) damage or other condition caused by negligence of Lessee or anyone other than United, (ii) damage or other condition caused by loading, unloading or use other than as permitted herein, (iii) loss of or damage to interior lading equipment, special interior linings or removable parts or which Repair Work or other work or materials is necessary in order to maintain same in good, safe operating condition, or (iv) Interchange Rules which have not been adopted or promulgated as of the date hereof.

10. *Substitution of Cars.* United may, at any time and from time to time, replace any Withdrawn Cars or Casualty Cars with Replacement Cars and such Replacement Cars shall be deemed to be subject to all terms and conditions of this Lease as if the same had been originally delivered to Lessee at the time and in the place of Cars for which they are substituted. The parties shall execute amendments to this Lease and such other or further documents as may be required by either party hereto to evidence the withdrawal from and termination of this Lease with respect to Withdrawn or Casualty Cars, or to include any Replacement Cars within the terms and provisions of this Lease and of any other document under which United has assigned its rights hereunder, as permitted in Paragraph 19 hereof.

11. *Abatement of Rent.* Rental payments on any Car out of service for Repair Work or other work referred to in Paragraph 9(a) hereof shall abate from the fifth day after such Car has been placed in any railroad or car shop for service until such Car or a Replacement Car is delivered to Lessee, to a railroad for the account of Lessee, or is otherwise ready for or is returned to service by Lessee. In the event rental is abated, then if United so elects and notwithstanding anything contained in Paragraph 5 to the contrary, the original term of this Lease, as determined in Paragraph 5, shall be extended for a period of time (but not less than one day) determined by dividing the sum of the number days per Car with respect to which rental was so abated by the number of Cars subject to this Lease on what would otherwise have been the last day of the original Term hereof.

12. *Taxes.* United shall be liable for and pay all Federal, State or other governmental property taxes assessed or levied against the Cars. Lessee shall be liable for and shall pay and reimburse any payment of (i) all Federal, State or local sales or use taxes imposed upon or in connection with the Cars, this Lease, or the manufacture, acquisition, or use of the Cars for or under this Lease, (ii) all taxes, duties or imposts assessed or levied on the Cars or this Lease by a foreign country and/or any governmental subdivision thereof and (iii) all taxes or governmental charges assessed or levied upon its interest as Lessee of Cars.

13. ***Liens.*** Lessee shall keep the Cars free from any and all encumbrances or liens in favor of anyone claiming by, through or under Lessee which may be a cloud upon or otherwise affect United's title, including, but not limited to liens or encumbrances which arise out of any suit involving Lessee, or any act, omission or failure of Lessee or Lessee's failure to comply with the provisions of this Lease, and Lessee shall promptly discharge any such lien, encumbrance or legal process.

14. ***Indemnities — Patent Covenants.*** Lessee agrees to indemnify United and hold it harmless from any loss, expense or liability which United may suffer or incur from any charge, claim, proceeding, suit or other event which in any manner or from any cause arises in connection with the use, possession or operation of a Car while subject to this Lease, excepting only any such loss, expense or liability which arises from United's negligence. United agrees to indemnify Lessee and save it harmless against any charge, loss, claim, suit, expense or liability arising out of or on account of the use or incorporation by United upon delivery of a Car or upon the making of repairs thereto by United, of any invention or the infringement of any patents, except if such invention was used or incorporated by reason of Lessee's specifications. The term "United" shall mean and include any subsidiary, parent or affiliated corporation for all purposes of this Paragraph 14. Lessee's indemnity shall not eliminate any rights which Lessee may have under any manufacturer's warranty assigned to it pursuant to Paragraph 22. The indemnities and assumptions of liability herein contained shall survive the termination of this Lease. Each party shall, upon learning of same, give the other prompt notice of any claim or liability hereby indemnified against.

15. ***Lettering — Inventory.*** Except for renewal and maintenance of lettering indicating the rights of United or any assignee of United or that the Car is leased to the Lessee or to a sublessee in accordance with demurrage tariffs, no lettering or marking shall be placed upon any of the Cars by Lessee except upon the written direction or consent of United. United may at its own cost and expense inspect the Cars from time to time wherever they may be, and Lessee shall, upon request of United, but no more than once every year, furnish to United its certified inventory of all Cars then covered by this Lease.

16. ***Loss, Theft or Destruction of Cars.*** In the event any Car is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economic repair, Lessee shall, by notice, promptly and fully advise United of such occurrence. Except where United shall have received payment for such Casualty Car from a handling railroad or other party under and pursuant to Interchange Rules, Lessee shall, within 45 days after demand by United, promptly make payment to United in the same amount as is prescribed in the Interchange Rules for the loss of such Car. This Lease shall terminate with respect to a Casualty Car on the date United shall receive notice of a casualty occurrence with respect thereto, and thereafter Lessee shall have no further liability to United herunder with respect thereto excepting liabilities arising or existing under Paragraphs 6(c), 12, 13, and 14 hereof and the liability, if any, of Lessee to make payments pursuant to this Paragraph.

17. ***Return of Cars.*** Upon the expiration or upon the termination of this Lease with respect to any Car (other than pursuant to Paragraph 16 hereof), Lessee shall at its sole cost and expense forthwith surrender possession of such Car to United by delivering same to United at such car shop, storage or terminal facility as it may designate by notice to Lessee. Each Car so surrendered shall be in the same or as good condition, order and repair as when delivered to Lessee, wear and tear from ordinary use and the passage of time excepted, and shall be in need of no repairs for which Lessee is liable under Paragraph 9. Until the delivery of possession to United pursuant to this Paragraph 17, Lessee shall continue to be liable for and shall pay rental at the rate being paid immediately prior to termination or expiration, and Lessee shall in addition make all other payments and keep all obligations and undertakings required of Lessee under any and all provisions of this Lease as though such termination or expiration had not occurred.

18. *Default.* If Lessee shall fail to make any payment required hereunder within 20 days after same shall have become due or shall default or fail for a period of 20 days in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement required to be observed or performed on its part hereunder, or if a proceeding shall have been commenced by or against Lessee under any bankruptcy laws, Federal or State, or for the appointment of a receiver, assignee or trustee of Lessee or its property, or if Lessee shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, then and in any of said events United may at its election terminate this Lease by written notice to such effect, and retake the Cars and thereafter recover any and all damages sustained by reason of Lessee's default in addition to all rental unpaid as of said date or may without terminating the Lease repossess the Cars, but in the event the Cars are delivered to United or are repossessed, United shall use reasonable efforts to relet the same or any part thereof to others upon a reasonable rental and such other terms as it may see fit. The proceeds of any such reletting shall first be applied to the expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of retaking and reletting of the Cars and delivery to the new lessee and then to the payment of rent due under this Lease. Lessee shall pay any deficiency remaining due after so applying the proceeds as the same shall accrue. Lessee shall not assert, in mitigation of its damages or otherwise, any lack of diligence by United in or related to the procuring of another lessee or in refusing to accept any proposed or prospective lessee or other transaction, such matters being within United's sole discretion and determination. The election by United to relet the Cars and the acceptance of a new lessee shall not operate to release Lessee from liability for any existing or future default in any other covenant or promise herein contained. The obligation to pay such deficiency or any sum or sums due and unpaid or any damages suffered by reason of Lessee's default hereunder shall survive the termination of the Lease and the retaking of the Cars.

19. *Sublease and Assignment.* The right to assign this Lease by either party and the Lessee's right to sublease shall exist only as follows:

(a) Lessee shall have no right to assign or sublease or loan any of the Cars without the prior written consent of United; provided, however, that Lessee shall have the right to sublease any of the Cars for single trips within the continental limits of the United States to its customers or suppliers where the sole purpose of such sublease is to obtain exemption from demurrage on the subleased Cars. Any such sublease shall be upon terms which are in compliance with all applicable Interchange Rules, tariffs, regulations and laws and all terms and conditions of this Lease;

(b) all rights of United hereunder may be assigned, pledged, mortgaged, transferred or otherwise disposed of either in whole or in part without notice to Lessee. This Lease and Lessee's rights hereunder are and shall be subject and subordinate to any chattel mortgage, security agreement or equipment trust or other security instrument covering the Cars heretofore or hereafter created by United. If United shall have given written notice to Lessee stating the identity and post office address of any assignee entitled to receive future rentals and any other sums payable by Lessee hereunder, Lessee shall thereafter make such payments to the designated assignee.

The making of an assignment or sublease by Lessee or an assignment by United shall not serve to relieve such party of any liability or undertaking hereunder nor to impose any liability or undertaking hereunder upon any such assignee or sublessee except as otherwise provided herein or unless expressly assumed in writing by such sublessee or assignee.

20. *Opinion of Counsel.* Upon the request of United or its assignee at any time or times, Lessee will deliver to United a favorable opinion of counsel for Lessee, addressed to United or its assignee in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for United or its assignee, which opinion shall be to the effect that:

(a) Lessee is a corporation duly organized and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation, and has corporate power to and has taken all corporate action necessary validly to enter into this Lease and carry out its obligations thereunder;

(b) this Lease has been duly executed on behalf of Lessee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Lessee, enforceable in accordance with its terms;

(c) the Cars which are then subject to the Lease are held by Lessee under and subject to the provisions of this Lease prior to any lien, charge or encumbrance in favor of anyone claiming by, through or under Lessee; and all of the Cars were, upon delivery to Lessee, in condition satisfactory to Lessee and were accepted by Lessee in accordance with the terms of this Lease;

(d) neither Lessee nor its counsel know of any requirement for recording, filing or depositing of this Lease, other than with the Interstate Commerce Commission in accordance with Section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act, which is necessary to preserve or protect the title of United or its assignee in the United States of America; and

(e) no governmental, administrative or judicial authorization, permission, consent or approval is necessary on the part of Lessee in connection with this Lease or any action contemplated on its part thereunder.

21. *Notice.* Any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to the terms of this Lease shall be properly given when made in writing, deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed to:

United at: 2200 East Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Lessee at: Montevideo, Minnesota 56265

or at such other address as either party may from time to time designate by such notice in writing to the other.

22. *Warranty — Representations.* **United makes no warranty or representation of any kind, either express or implied, as to any matter whatsoever, including specifically but not exclusively, merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose extending beyond the description in Exhibit A, or the design, workmanship, condition or quality of the Cars or parts thereof which Cars have been accepted by Lessee hereunder; and United shall have no liability hereunder for damages of any kind, including specifically but not exclusively, special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages on account of any matter which might otherwise constitute a beach of warranty or representation.** United agrees to assign to Lessee such rights as it may have under warranties, if any, which it may have received from the manufacturer of any Cars or parts therefor and shall at Lessee's expense cooperate with Lessee and take such action as may be reasonably requested to enable Lessee to enforce such rights. Lessee represents that all of the matters set forth in Paragraph 20(a) through and including (e) shall be and are true and correct at all times that any Car is subject to this Lease.

23. *Governing Law — Writing.* The terms of this Lease and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. The terms of this Lease and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto may not be changed or terminated orally, but only by agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of such change or termination is sought.

24. *Counterparts.* This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same contract, which may be evidenced by any such signed counterpart.

25. *Severability — Waiver.* If any term or provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this

Lease or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure of United to exercise any rights hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any such right upon the continuation or recurrence of the situation or contingency giving rise to such right.

26. ***Terminology.*** In construing any language contained in this Lease, no reference shall be made and no significance given to paragraph titles, such titles being used only for convenience of reference. Where the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

27 ***Past Due Payments.*** Any nonpayment of rentals or other sums due hereunder, whether during the period within which a default may be cured or for a longer period, and whether or not deemed a default or violation of this Lease, shall result in the obligation on the part of the Lessee to pay also an amount equal to ten per cent per annum (or if such rate may not lawfully be charged, then the highest rate which may lawfully be charged) of such overdue sum for the period of time during which overdue and unpaid.

28. ***Definitions.*** For all purposes of this Lease the following terms shall have the following meaning:

(a) "Cars" – railroad cars of the type, construction and such other description as is set forth in Exhibit A.

(b) "Interchange Rules" – all codes, rules, interpretations, laws or orders governing hire, use, condition, repair and all other matters pertaining to the interchange of freight traffic reasonably interpreted as being applicable to the Cars, adopted and in effect from time to time by the American Association of Railroads and any other organization, association, agency, or governmental authority, including the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Department of Transportation, which may from time to time be responsible for or have authority to impose such codes, rules, interpretations, laws or orders.

(c) "Average Date of Delivery" – that date which is determined by (i) multiplying the number of Cars delivered by United on each day by the number of days elapsed between such day and the date of delivery of the first Car hereunder, and (ii) adding all of the products so obtained and dividing that sum by the total number of Cars delivered and (iii) adding such quotient rounded out to the nearest whole number to the date of delivery of the first Car. The date on which delivery of a Car shall be deemed to have been made will be the day following delivery of the Car to the Lessee, as specified in Paragraph 2. A Car shall be conclusively deemed delivered to the Lessee on the earliest date shown on any of the following: (i) Certificate of Inspection and Acceptance or other writing accepting a Car signed by the Lessee; or (ii) a bill of lading showing delivery to Lessee or to a railroad for the account of Lessee.

(d) "Accounting Period" – each consecutive period of 12 month commencing with the date hereof and any period of less than 12 month during which period this lease shall expire or terminate.

(e) "Prevailing Labor Rate" – the per hour general labor rate established by the Association of American Railroads.

(f) "Repair Work" – all repairs, maintenance, modifications, additions or replacements required to keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair in accordance with and on the effective date of the requirements of all Interchange Rules.

(g) "Withdrawn Cars" – Cars as to which this Lease has been terminated by United because deemed by United to be unsuitable or uneconomical for Repair Work.

(h) "Casualty Cars" — Cars which are lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economic repair.

(i) "Replacement Cars" — Cars of substantially similar description and specifications to that set forth in Exhibit A which are substituted for Withdrawn or Casualty Cars.

29. ***Benefit.*** Except as otherwise provided herein the covenants, conditions and agreements contained in this Lease shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and (to the extent permitted in Paragraph 19 hereof) their successors and assigns. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the indemnities of the Lessee contained in Paragraph 14 hereof shall apply to and inure to the benefit of any assignee of United, and if such assignee is a trustee or secured party under an indenture under which evidence of indebtedness has been issued in connection with the financing of the Cars, then also to the benefit of any holder of such evidence of indebtedness.

30. ***Recording.*** Upon request by United, Lessee shall join in the execution of a memorandum or short form of this Lease for use in recordation under Section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act or such other recordation as United deems appropriate. Said memorandum or short form of lease shall describe the parties, the Cars being leased and the term of this Lease including any options to extend and shall incorporate the Lease by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, United and Lessee have duly executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

**UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY**
an Illinois corporation

By R. W. Bell
Vice President

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Asst. Secretary

FARMERS EQUITY ELEVATOR CO.
MONTEVIDEO, MINN.

a(n) Minnesota corporation

By Arnold Mittag
President

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Secretary

## EXHIBIT "A"

Lease dated February 1, 19 74, by and between United States Railway Leasing Company, ("United") and Farmers Equity Elevator Company ("Lessee")

TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR:

New 100-ton, 4750 cu. ft. Covered Hopper Cars, equipped with a trough hatch and sectional covers and 3 gravity outlets.

NUMBER OF CARS:

Twelve (12)

INTERIOR EQUIPMENT:

None

SPECIAL LININGS:

None

PERMITTED LADING USE:

Grain products

*REPORTING NUMBERS AND MARKS:

USLX 4800 - 4811, incl.

SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNATED BY LESSEE:

Each car to be painted with a solid color with company name applied to each car side in standard size letters.

*When United's reporting marks are specified, this lease is subject to the granting of all necessary consents to such use by carrier or any other approval now or hereafter required by tariff, Interchange Rules or other applicable laws and regulations. At United's election all Cars may be marked with United's name designating it as Lessor or Owner and may bear the following inscription: "Title to this Car subject to documents recorded under Section 20c of Interstate Commerce Act."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK } ss

On this 19th day of June, 1974, before me personally appeared R. E. Bell, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is Vice President of the United States Railway Leasing Company, and Paul B. Slater to me personally known to be the Assist. Secretary of said corporation, 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 they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Mary Ellen Jander
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 11, 1975

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA } ss

On this 21th day of MARCH, 1974, before me personally appeared ARNOLD MEILING, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is President of FARMERS EQUITY ELEVATOR, and OLAF LARSON to me personally known to be the Secretary of said corporation, 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 they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

JOYCE HINRICHS
Notary Public, CHIPPEWA CO., Minn.
My Commission Expires Oct. 5, 1979
Notary Public