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Ladies/Gentlemen:

Listed below are the names of the Debtor and Secured Party involved pertaining to recording of the attached original primary Security Agreement, with an attachment of collateral.

DEBTOR

SECURED PARTY

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.
HC 60, Box 153
Cable, WI 54821

First Bank National Association
Box 5515
Bismarck ND 58502-5515

Also enclosed is a notarized copy of the Security Agreement, along with a check for \$24.00. Please record the necessary information and return recorded documents to First Bank. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 701-222-6283.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Ulmer
Vice President
Business Banking

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Encl.

**BORROWER'S
SECURITY AGREEMENT**

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Borrower: <u>Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.</u>	Bank: <u>FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION</u>
Address: <u>HC 60, Box 153, Cable, WI 54821</u>	Address: <u>Box 5515, Bismarck, ND 58502-5515</u>
Borrower: _____	_____
Address: _____	_____

Security Interest. This security interest secures (check one or more):

- the payment and performance of each and every debt, liability and obligation of every type and description which the Borrower may now or at any time owe to the Bank, whether now existing or hereafter arising, direct or indirect, due or to become due, absolute or contingent, primary or secondary, liquidated or unliquidated, joint, several, or joint and several.
- the payment of a promissory note dated _____, 19____, executed and delivered by the Borrower to the Bank in the original principal sum of \$ _____, with interest and other charges as therein provided.
- the payment of a _____ dated _____, 19____, executed and delivered by the Borrower to the Bank in the original principal sum of \$ _____, with interest and other charges as therein provided.

This security interest also secures all extensions, renewals, modifications and replacements of the above described obligations. Such obligations are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Secured Obligations";

The Borrower grants the Bank a security interest in the following property (hereinafter the "Collateral"):

Inventory

- All inventory (as the term is defined in the applicable Uniform Commercial Code), wherever located, now owned or hereafter at any time acquired by Borrower or in which Borrower obtains rights; or
- Specific inventory, described as follows:

Equipment

- All equipment (as the term is defined in the applicable Uniform Commercial Code) wherever located, now owned or hereafter at any time acquired by Borrower or in which Borrower obtains rights; or
- Specific equipment, described as follows:
See attached listing of rail cars

Accounts, Instruments, Chattel Paper, and Other Rights to Payment

- Each and every right of Borrower to the payment of money, whether such right to payment now exists or hereafter arises, together with all other rights and interests (including all liens and security interests) which Borrower may at any time have by law or agreement against any account debtor (as defined in the applicable Uniform Commercial Code) or other obligor obligated to make any such payment or against any of the property of such account debtor or other obligor; or
- Specific accounts, instruments, chattel paper (as defined in the applicable Uniform Commercial Code) and other rights to payment, described as follows:

General Intangibles

- All general intangibles (as the term is defined in the applicable Uniform Commercial Code, "Intangibles") now owned or hereafter at any time acquired by Borrower; or
- Specific Intangibles, described as follows:

The Collateral shall include (i) all substitutions and replacements for and proceeds of any and all of the foregoing property, including all policies, claims to payment under, and proceeds of any insurance policies, and in the case of all tangible Collateral, all accessions, accessories, attachments, parts, equipment and repairs now or hereafter attached or affixed to or used in connection with any such goods; (ii) all warehouse receipts, bills of lading and other documents of title now or hereafter covering such goods; and (iii) all books, records, manuals, programs, software, systems and storage media relating to any of the foregoing property.

Borrower warrants, represents and agrees that:

1. If this is checked, some or all of the Collateral may be acquired with the proceeds of the loan or advance made on or about the date hereof. If the Collateral will be so acquired, the Bank is authorized to disburse such proceeds directly to the seller(s) of the Collateral.

2. If part of the Collateral now constitutes, or as and when acquired by Borrower will constitute, Inventory and Equipment (as those terms are defined in the applicable Uniform Commercial Code), such Collateral is or will be kept at the following location or locations:

PO BOX 745, Devils Lake, ND 58301-0745

and will not be removed from such location or locations unless, prior to any such removal, Borrower has given written notice to the Bank of the location or locations to which the Borrower desires to remove the same, and the Bank has given its written consent to such removal. If any of the locations where Borrower now or hereafter keeps the Collateral are leased by the Borrower, the Borrower shall at Bank's request, obtain a Landlord's waiver in a form satisfactory to Bank. (All of the Borrower's inventory and equipment shall, if so provided above, constitute Collateral, even if located at a location not set forth in this paragraph).

3. Borrower's place of business, or chief executive office if Borrower has more than one place of business is located at _____

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Borrower will notify the Bank in writing of any change in location of Borrower's place of business or chief executive office.

4. If any Collateral is or will become a fixture, the recorded owner of the real estate is _____ and the legal description of the real estate is _____

Borrower will not permit any tangible Collateral to become part of or to be affixed to any real property without first assuring to the reasonable satisfaction of the Bank that its security interest will be prior and senior to any interest or lien then held or thereafter acquired by any other party.

5. If any of the Collateral now constitutes, or as and when acquired by Borrower, will constitute Inventory, it has been and in the future will be produced in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

6. If any of the Collateral is goods of a type normally used in more than one state (whether or not actually so used), Borrower will contemporaneously herewith furnish the Bank a list of such Collateral showing the states wherein the same is or will be used, and such list will identify any Collateral covered by certificates of title and the issuing states thereof. Hereafter Borrower will notify the Bank in writing of any other states in which any of the Collateral is so used or which have issued certificates of title covering any of the Collateral.

7. Borrower has or will acquire title to and will at all times keep the Collateral free of all liens and encumbrances, except the security interest created hereby and other liens and encumbrances to which the Bank shall have explicitly consented in writing ("Permitted Encumbrances"), and has full power and authority to execute this Agreement, to perform Borrower's obligations hereunder and to subject the Collateral to the security interest created hereby. Borrower will pay all fees, assessments, charges or taxes arising with respect to the Collateral. There is no encumbrance or security interest with respect to all or any part of the Collateral except the Permitted Encumbrances. All costs of keeping the Collateral free of encumbrances and security interests prohibited by this Agreement and of removing same if they should arise shall be borne by the Borrower.

NORTHERN PLAINS RAILROAD, INC.

ATTACHMENT TO SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED 6-10-97

CAR NO.	LT. WT.	BUILDER
43100	52,900	Greenville
43101	50,800	Greenville
43102	51,600	Greenville
43103	51,600	Greenville
43106	49,300	Unknown
43107	51,100	Unknown
43108	51,500	Pullman
43109	52,500	Pullman
43110	53,000	Pullman
43111	49,200	Pullman
43113	49,900	Pullman
43119	49,700	Greenville
43120	48,400	Pullman
43121	51,700	Pullman
43122	50,900	Pullman
43123	48,400	Pullman
43125	50,600	Pullman
43126	48,200	Pullman
43127	50,200	Pullman
43128	50,100	Pullman

and:

1 Flat Car #RETX 555

1 Box Car #NRR 101

1 Caboose #KG199433

8. Each right to payment and each instrument, document, chattel paper and other agreement constituting or evidencing Collateral is (or will be when arising or issued) a valid, genuine and legally enforceable obligation, subject to no defense, set-off or counterclaim (other than those arising in the ordinary course of business) of the account debtor or other obligor named therein or in Borrower's records pertaining thereto as being obligated to pay such obligation. Borrower will not agree to any material modification, amendment or cancellation of any such obligation without Bank's prior written consent, and will not subordinate any such right to payment to claims of other creditors of such account debtor or other obligor.

9. Borrower will at any time or times hereafter execute such financing statements and other documents and instruments and perform such acts as the bank may from time to time request to establish, maintain, perfect and enforce a valid security interest in the Collateral, and will pay all costs of filing and recording. A carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or of any financing statement signed by Borrower shall be sufficient as a financing statement.

10. Borrower will keep all tangible Collateral and all lands, plants, buildings and other property now or hereafter owned or used in connection with its business in good condition, normal depreciation excepted, and insured against loss or damage by fire (including so-called extended coverage), theft, physical damage, and against such other risks, including without limitation public liability, in such amounts, with such companies and upon such terms as Bank may reasonably require. Borrower will cause Bank to be named as Loss Payee on applicable insurance policies and at Bank's request will deposit the insurance policies with Bank. Borrower shall cause each insurer to agree, by issuance of a certificate of insurance or by independent instrument furnished to Bank, that such insurer will give thirty (30) days' written notice to Bank before such policy will be altered or canceled. Borrower irrevocably appoints Bank as Borrower's attorney-in-fact to make claim for, to negotiate settlement of claims, to receive payment for and to execute and endorse any documents, checks or other instruments in payment for loss, theft, or damage under any insurance policy covering the Collateral.

11. Borrower will promptly notify Bank of any loss or material damage to any Collateral or of any adverse change, known to Borrower, in the prospect of payment of any sums due on or under any instrument, chattel paper, account or Intangible constituting Collateral.

12. Upon Bank's request (whether a Default as hereinafter defined, has occurred) Borrower will promptly deliver to Bank any instrument, document or chattel paper constituting Collateral.

13. Upon Default by Borrower in performance of its obligation hereunder, Bank shall have the authority, but shall not be obligated to: (i) effect such insurance and necessary repairs and pay the premiums therefor and the costs thereof; (ii) pay and discharge any fees, assessments, charges, taxes, liens and encumbrances on the Collateral; and (iii) perform any other such obligation. All sums so advanced or paid and all costs incurred by the Bank shall be payable by Borrower on demand with interest at the highest rate then charged on the Secured Obligations but not exceeding the maximum rate allowed by law and shall be a part of the Secured Obligations.

14. Borrower will not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the Collateral other than in the ordinary course of its business at prices constituting the then fair market value thereof.

15. The Bank shall have the authority (whether or not a Default has occurred), but shall not be obligated to: (a) notify any or all account debtors and obligors on instruments constituting Collateral of the existence of the Bank's security interest and to pay or remit all sums due or to become due directly to the Bank or its nominee; (b) place on any chattel paper received as proceeds a notation or legend showing the Bank's security interest; (c) in the name of the Borrower or otherwise, to demand, collect, receive and receipt for, compound, compromise, settle, prosecute and discontinue any suits or proceedings in respect of any or all of the Collateral; (d) take any action which the Bank may deem necessary or desirable in order to realize on the Collateral, including, without limitation, the power to perform any contract, to endorse in the name of Borrower any checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or documents received in payment of or on account of the Collateral; (e) to place upon Borrower's books and records relating to the accounts and general intangibles covered by the security interest granted hereby a notation or legend stating that such account or general intangible is subject to a security interest held by the Bank, and (f) after any Default, to enter upon and into and take possession of all or such part(s) of the properties of Borrower, including lands, plants, buildings, machinery, equipment and other property as may be necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the Bank to permit or enable the Bank to manufacture, produce, process, store or sell or complete the manufacture, production, processing, storing or sale of all or any part of the Collateral, as the Bank may elect, and to use and operate said properties for said purposes and for such length of time as the Bank may deem necessary or appropriate for said purposes without the payment of any compensation to Borrower therefor.

16. Borrower will collect all accounts until receipt of notice from Bank to notify all account debtors of the existence of the Bank's security interest and to direct such account debtors to pay or remit all sums due or to become due directly to the Bank or its nominee. Borrower will hold all of the proceeds of such collections and all returned and repossessed goods in trust for the Bank, and will not commingle the same with any other funds or property of the Borrower, and will deliver the same forthwith to the Bank at its request; provided, however, that with respect to returned and repossessed goods the Borrower will provide written notice to the Bank of each return or repossession and will on demand pay to the Bank the full invoice or contract price thereof.

17. Borrower will keep accurate books, records and accounts with respect to the Collateral, and with respect to the general business of Borrower, and will make the same available to the Bank at its request for examination and inspection: will make and render to the Bank such reports, accountings and statements as the Bank from time to time may request with respect to the Collateral: and will permit any authorized representative of the Bank to examine and inspect, during normal business hours, any and all premises where the Collateral is or may be kept or located. Any such examinations and inspections shall be at the Borrower's expense.

18. The occurrence of any of the following events will constitute a Default: (a) failure of Borrower, or of any co-maker, endorser, surety or guarantor to pay when due any amount payable under any of the Secured Obligations; (b) failure to perform any agreement of Borrower contained herein or in any other agreement with the Bank; (c) any statement, representation or warranty by Borrower made herein or at any time furnished to the Bank is untrue in any respect as of the date made; (d) entry of any judgment against Borrower; (e) Borrower becomes insolvent or is generally not paying its debtors as such debts become due; (f) appointment of or assignment to a custodian, as that term is defined in the United States Bankruptcy Code, for any property of Borrower, or loss, substantial damage to, destruction, theft, encumbrance, levy, seizure or attachment of any portion of the Collateral; (g) commencement of any proceeding or filing of a petition by or against Borrower under the provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code for liquidation, reorganization or adjustment of debts, or under any insolvency law or other statute or law providing for the modification or adjustment of the rights of creditors; (h) death of any Borrower who is a natural person or of any partner of any Borrower which is a partnership if such death causes the termination of the partnership or other organization; (i) dissolution, consolidation, or merger, or transfer of a substantial part of the property of any Borrower which is a corporation or a partnership or other organization; (j) such a change in the condition or affairs (financial or otherwise) of Borrower or any co-maker, endorser, surety or guarantor of any of the Secured Obligations as in the opinion of the Bank impairs the Bank's security or increases its risk; or (k) the Bank deems itself insecure for any reason whatsoever.

19. Whenever a Default shall exist, the Bank may, at its option and without demand or notice, declare all or any part of the Secured Obligations immediately due and payable, and the Bank may exercise, in addition to the rights and remedies granted hereby, all rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code or any other applicable law or agreement.

20. Borrower expressly waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all notices, advertisements, hearings or process of law in connection with the exercise by the Bank of any of its rights and remedies upon Default. Borrower agrees, in the event of Default, to make the Collateral available to the Bank at a place or places to be designated by the Bank, which is reasonably convenient to both parties. If any notification of intended disposition of any of the Collateral is required by law, such notification shall be deemed properly given if mailed five days before such disposition, postage prepaid, addressed to the Borrower at the address shown above. Bank's duty of care with respect to Collateral in its possession shall be deemed fulfilled if Bank exercises reasonable care in physically safekeeping such Collateral or, in the case of Collateral in the custody or possession of a bailee or other third person, exercises reasonable care in the selection of the bailee or other third person, and Bank need not otherwise preserve, protect, insure or care for any Collateral. Bank shall not be obligated to preserve any rights Borrower may have against prior parties, to realize on the Collateral at all or in any particular manner or order, or to apply any cash proceeds of Collateral in any particular order of application. No delay or failure by the Bank in the exercise of any right or remedy shall constitute a waiver thereof, and no single or partial exercise by the Bank of any right or remedy shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy.

21. If more than one party shall sign this Agreement, the term "Borrower" shall mean all such parties, and each of them and all such parties shall be jointly and severally obligated hereunder.

22. Borrower agrees to pay all of Bank's costs and expenses relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, all filing and lien search expenses and fees and legal expenses (to the extent permitted by law) whenever incurred and whether or not incurred in connection with realization upon the Collateral.

23. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state in which Bank is located, giving effect to any federal laws applicable to Bank: Borrower consents to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in the state in which Bank is located in connection with any controversy related to this Agreement or any document or other agreement delivered herewith, waives any argument that venue in such forums is not convenient, and agrees that any litigation instigated by Borrower against Bank in connection with this Agreement or any other such document or agreement shall be venued in either the state courts of general jurisdiction or the federal district courts in the city, county or state where Bank is located. Borrower hereby waives any right to a jury trial.

Executed this 10th day of June, 1997.

On this 10th day of June, 1997, before me, a notary public within and for said county personally appeared Gregg Haug who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

BORROWER(S)
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.
BY: _____
Gregg Haug, President

KEITH A. ULMER
Notary Public
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires MAR. 28, 2001

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