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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary RECORDATION NO. 21021 FILED

Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 704 NOV 24 '97 12-45 PM
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Rec'd.

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Locomotive Financing
BNSF 1997-J

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of each of the primary documents and the secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

Primary →

- ✓ (1) Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and
- (2) Memorandum of Mortgage and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Lessor, as borrower (the "Borrower") and First Security Bank, National Association, as security trustee (the "Security Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Lessee and the Lessor;
- (2) Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Lessor, as Borrower, and the Security Trustee; and
- (3) Memorandum of Dollar Account Pledge Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) dated November 25, 1997 between Export Development Corporation ("EDC"), as agent (the "Agent"), and the Lessor, as Borrower.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) and Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) are connected are the Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) and the Memorandum

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of Mortgage and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.
c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.
Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building
1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku
Tokyo 103, Japan

MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Borrower: NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.
c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.
Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building
1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku
Tokyo 103, Japan

Security Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association,
as Security Trustee
Corporate Trust Department
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

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Lessor: NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.
c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.
Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building
1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku
Tokyo 103, Japan

MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

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c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.
Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building
1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku
Tokyo 103, Japan

Security Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association,
as Security Trustee
Corporate Trust Department
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF DOLLAR ACCOUNT PLEDGE AGREEMENT

Borrower: NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.
c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.
Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building
1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku
Tokyo 103, Japan

Agent: Export Development Corporation
151 O'Connor
Ottawa, Canada K1A 1K3

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Mortgage and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and the Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copies of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Karl T. Williams, Esq.
Chapman and Cutler
111 West Monroe
Chicago, Illinois 60603

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A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

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(2) MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

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(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated November 25, 1997, covering diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the exhibit attached thereto. Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee, dated November 25, 1997, which is filed concurrently herewith.

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(5) MEMORANDUM OF DOLLAR ACCOUNT PLEDGE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Dollar Account Pledge Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) between Export Development Corporation, as Agent, 151 O'Connor, Ottawa, Canada K1A 1K3 and NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Borrower, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, dated as of November 25, 1997, relating to the grant by Borrower to Agent of a security interest in Borrower's right, title and interest in and to the Dollar Account.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (312) 845-3892.

Sincerely,

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By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

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Enclosures

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EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	ROAD NUMBERS
General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) Model SD70M-AC Diesel Electric Locomotives	7	BNSF 9838 through BNSF 9844, inclusive
General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) Model SD75I Diesel Electric Locomotives	14	BNSF 8276 through BNSF 8287, inclusive, BNSF 8291 and BNSF 8295
General Electric Company Dash 9-44 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	6	BNSF 4708 through BNSF 4713, inclusive

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**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNSF 1997-J)**

Memorandum of Lease Agreement, made and entered into on November 25, 1997 by and between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to the Lessee and the Lessee has agreed to lease from the Lessor certain locomotives bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

NBB FONTANA LEASE CO., LTD.

By 
Name: Christopher D. Thompson
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

Executed on this 19th day of November, 1997.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: Paul J. Weyandt
Title: Assistant Vice President - Finance and
Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this ____ day of November, 1997.

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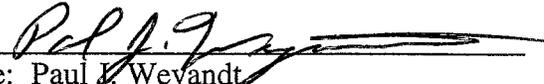
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Name: Christopher D. Thompson
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

Executed on this ___ day of November, 1997.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By 
Name: Paul J. Weyandt
Title: Assistant Vice President - Finance and
Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this 19th day of November, 1997.

STATE OF NY)
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COUNTY OF M) SS.:

On this, the ^{19th}1 day of November, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Christopher D. Thompson, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Attorney-in-Fact of NBB FONTANA LEASE CO., LTD., that said instrument was signed on November 19, 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Donna M. McLernon
Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

DONNA M. McLERNON
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 41-432637
Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires 9/25/99

STATE OF _____)
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COUNTY OF _____) SS.:

On this, the _____ day of November, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Paul J. Weyandt, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Assistant Vice President - Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on November __, 1997 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

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