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Subject: Recordation of Locomotive Lease

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. §11303(a) and the regulations thereunder, are duplicate originals of an Interim User Agreement, dated as of August 1, 1994, between General Electric Company ("Lessor") and Southern Pacific Transportation Company ("Lessee"), a primary document.

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

LESSOR: General Electric Company
2901 East Lake Road
Erie, Pennsylvania 16531

LESSEE: Southern Pacific Transportation Company
1860 Lincoln Street
Fourteen Floor
Denver, CO 80295

A general description of the locomotives covered by the enclosed documents is attached hereto as Schedule I. Also enclosed is a remittance in the amount of \$21.00 for the required recording fee.

The undersigned is Counsel and Attesting Secretary of General Electric Company. Please return one original of the enclosed document, stamped to evidence filing with the Commission, to Michael J. Baughman, General Electric Company, 2901 East Lake Road, Building 14-5, Erie, Pennsylvania 16531.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

PRIMARY DOCUMENT

Interim User Agreement ("Locomotive Lease"), dated as of August 1, 1994, between General Electric Company ("Lessor") and Southern Pacific Transportation Company ("Lessee"), relating to 203 General Electric Company Model AC4400 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives, bearing road numbers 100-302.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. J. Lang", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Enclosures

SCHEDULE I

Description of Locomotives

<u>Type of Equipment</u>	<u>Road Numbers</u>
General Electric Model AC4400 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	100 through 302 (inclusive)



Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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Office Of The Secretary

Michael J. Baughman-Counsel
General Electric Company
2901 East Lake Road
Erie, PA. 16531

Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on 3/22/95 at 3:10PM, and assigned recordation number(s) 10312.

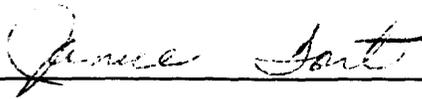
Sincerely yours,

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

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Signature 

**INTERIM USER AGREEMENT
FOR THE AC4400 CW LOCOMOTIVES**

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COMMISSION

THIS INTERIM USER AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), dated as of August 1, 1994, between GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, acting through its Transportation Systems Business Operations ("GE"), and SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY ("SP").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, GE and SP have entered into a Purchase Agreement dated as of July 12, 1994 (the "Purchase Agreement"), calling for GE to manufacture and deliver to SP, and SP to accept and pay for, in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement, 200 of a total of 203 General Electric Company AC4400 CW locomotives to bear road numbers 100-302, inclusive (the "Locomotives"), with three of the Locomotives to be delivered to SP free of charge (the "Free Locomotives"); and

WHEREAS, the Purchase Agreement requires delivery of 100 of the Locomotives plus one Free Locomotive not later than June 30, 1995 (the "First Locomotives"), and requires delivery of the other 100 Locomotives plus two Free Locomotives not later than August 15, 1995 (the "Second Locomotives"); and

WHEREAS, SP intends to finance its purchase of the Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) from GE pursuant to one or more forms of financing (the "Financing"), but delivery of the Locomotives is scheduled to begin prior to the time SP will have completed said Financing; and

WHEREAS, SP desires that it be permitted to use the Locomotives pending establishment of such Financing and payment of the purchase price therefor, solely as a lessee thereof, and GE is willing to grant such custody and possession to SP upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. GE, as lessor, hereby agrees to deliver the Locomotives to SP, as lessee, FOB GE's Erie, Pennsylvania plant, as of the date each of them is available to SP pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. SP covenants to GE that the Financing will be established and the purchase price for the First Locomotives (excluding one of the Free Locomotives) paid, not later than December 29, 1995, and that the Financing will be established and the purchase price for the Second Locomotives (excluding two of the Free Locomotives) paid, not later than June 30, 1996. On such dates as and when the purchase price of the Locomotives (other than the Free

Locomotives) is paid to GE, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without further action by or notice to either party hereto, except for those provisions which, in order to be given effect, should survive termination.

2. Upon delivery of each Locomotive meeting the requirements of and in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement, SP's representative shall execute a Certificate of Acceptance, in the form of Annex 1 hereto. During the term hereof for so long as the purchase price shall not have been paid, title to the Locomotives shall remain in GE with SP's rights and interests therein being solely that of possession, custody and use as lessee hereunder. Transfer of title to the First Locomotives shall be effected only at the time of GE's delivery of bills of sale to the party that has paid the purchase price for the First Locomotives (excluding one of the Free Locomotives). Transfer of title to the Second Locomotives shall be effected only at the time of GE's delivery of bills of sale to the party that has paid the purchase price for the Second Locomotives (excluding two of the Free Locomotives).

3. (a) The purchase price for the Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) shall be paid by or on behalf of SP to GE as contemplated by, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of, the Purchase Agreement. Pending such payment SP will make monthly rent payments by wire transfer of immediately available funds to GE ten days after receipt of an invoice for the prior month, each monthly payment in an amount equal to that specified in Section 3(b) below for each day that a Locomotive (other than a Free Locomotive) was in the possession of SP during such month, with the final rent payment for any Locomotive (other than for any Free Locomotive) to be made on the day GE is paid the purchase price therefor.

(b) The daily rent to be paid monthly for each Locomotive (other than the Free Locomotives) shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{(PP) * (R)}{365}$$

where PP is equal to the Purchase Price of each Locomotive (other than the Free Locomotives), and R ("Rate") is equal to the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate, as determined two days before SP's first possession of any Locomotive hereunder, plus 75 basis points; *provided, however*, that if the purchase price for any of the Second Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) is paid after December 29, 1995, the Rate for purposes of calculating all rent due hereunder on any of such Second Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) for which a closing is held after December 29, 1995 shall be the one-year London Interbank Offered Rate, as determined two days before SP's first possession of any Locomotive hereunder, plus 75 basis points. In the event that SP elects to close on any of the Second Locomotives after December 29, 1995, it must so notify GE in writing not later than September 15, 1995, and in the event SP gives

such notice, the rent on those of the Second Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) as to which notice is given shall be recalculated retroactive to the date(s) of delivery of such Second Locomotives at the higher one-year London Interbank Offered Rate. The additional rent so due as a result of such recalculation shall be paid with the next following monthly rent payment, and future rent paid on such Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) shall be calculated at the higher one-year London Interbank Offered Rate.

(d) In the event that as a result of a breach of SP's obligations under the Purchase Agreement, payment of the purchase price for any of the First Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) is delayed past December 29, 1995, SP agrees that the rate used to calculate all rent payable hereunder with respect to such First Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) paid for after December 29, 1995 shall be changed to equal the then-current annual prime rate of interest charged by Citibank N. A. plus 250 basis points (the "Revised Rate"). In such event, SP shall pay to GE the excess of the total of all rent due hereunder calculated with the Revised Rate, over the rent paid and calculated using the Rate, upon submission of GE's invoice therefor, and all rental payments made thereafter shall be calculated using the Revised Rate.

(e) In the event that as a result of a breach of SP's obligations under the Purchase Agreement, payment of the purchase price for any of the Second Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) is delayed past June 30, 1996, SP agrees that the rate used to calculate all rent payable hereunder with respect to such Second Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) paid for after June 30, 1996 shall be changed to equal the Revised Rate. In such event, SP shall pay to GE the excess of the total of all rent due hereunder calculated with the Revised Rate, over the rent paid and calculated using the Rate, upon submission of GE's invoice therefor, and all rental payments made thereafter shall be calculated using the Revised Rate.

4. SP shall permit no liens or encumbrances of any kind superior to those of GE to attach to the Locomotives, and SP agrees to indemnify and hold GE harmless from and against any and all claims, expenses or liabilities of whatsoever kind (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs) that may arise by, through or under SP during the time any of the Locomotives are in the possession of SP hereunder except to the extent of claims arising from the willful misconduct or negligent acts or omissions of GE; *provided, however*, SP shall not be required to pay or indemnify, hold harmless or reimburse GE pursuant to this Section 4 for any taxes, whether or not SP is required to pay, indemnify, hold harmless or reimburse therefor under Section 5 hereof, SP's entire obligation with respect to taxes being fully set forth in such Section 5.

5. (a) SP agrees to pay to, or reimburse GE for, all license fees and taxes including sales, use, gross receipts, transfer, property or similar taxes, together with any penalties, fines or interest thereon imposed against GE, SP, the Locomotives or

any item thereof by any Federal, state or local government or taxing authority in the United States or by any foreign government or any subdivision or taxing authority thereof upon or with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and upon or with respect to the Locomotives or any item thereof, or upon the ownership, leasing, possession, use or operation of the Locomotives or any item thereof, or upon or with respect to rent payable by SP (all such fees, taxes and penalties, and all interest imposed in connection therewith, being hereinafter called "Taxes"); *provided, however,* that SP's obligation hereunder shall not apply to: (i) any income, franchise or capital taxes that are on or measured by net income (including any minimum or alternative minimum income taxes and any income taxes on or measured by items of tax preference), capital or net worth (including, without limitation, any such taxes collected by withholding) imposed by the United States Federal government, by any state or local taxing jurisdiction in the United States or by any foreign government or any subdivision or taxing authority thereof; (ii) taxes imposed on GE attributable to (A) GE's purchase or other acquisition of the Locomotives or of any item or component part thereof, (B) a voluntary or involuntary sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition by GE (other than to SP or its assignee pursuant to the Purchase Agreement) of the Locomotives or of any item thereof, or (C) a disposition in connection with a bankruptcy or similar proceeding in which GE is the bankrupt or debtor entity; or (iii) taxes imposed on GE which arise out of or are caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of GE; (iv) taxes resulting from any transfer or assignment of the Locomotives or any item thereof by GE (other than to SP or its assignee pursuant to the Purchase Agreement) and imposed against a transferee or assignee of GE, SP or the Locomotives or any item thereof, to the extent of the excess of such taxes over the amount of taxes which would have been imposed had there not been such a transfer or assignment; or (v) any interest, penalties or additions to tax attributable to a failure by GE to file when due any report or return required of GE by any taxing authority or to a failure by GE to pay or remit any tax when due.

(b) With respect to California sales and use tax liability attributable to this Agreement, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5(a)(ii)(A) of this Agreement, GE and SP agree as follows:

(i) For each sales and use tax period in which SP first takes possession of any Locomotive pursuant to this Agreement, GE shall elect timely to pay California use tax owing attributable to the California use of such Locomotive measured by the rentals applicable thereto. This election shall be made by GE by filing timely California Sales and Use Tax returns and remitting along with such returns use tax determined to be owing on such returns. For all subsequent sales and use tax periods, with respect to any Locomotive in the possession of SP pursuant to this Agreement, GE shall timely report the applicable rentals and remit California use tax thereon until such time as GE receives written notice from SP indicating that SP has determined that such Locomotive is exempt from California use tax. GE shall attach the following statement to any return in which it makes the above election:

With respect to locomotive units numbered SPT_____, the taxpayer hereby elects pursuant to California Revenue & Taxation Code §6094(d) and California Code of Regulations §1661(e)(2) to pay use tax measured by rentals applicable to such units. Because the above Code and Regulation sections appear to require that this election be made in the period in which the use of a locomotive commences, notwithstanding that such use during this period may be exempt from use tax, this election is protective in nature. Consequently, this election will be followed by a claim for refund of use tax remitted with respect to any locomotive in the event the use of such locomotive is considered not subject to use tax pursuant to the principal use test under California Code of Regulations §1620(b)(3), the interstate commerce test under California Code of Regulations §1520(b)(2)(B) or such other appropriate provision of law.

(ii) SP shall pay to GE an amount equal to the tax remitted by GE to the State of California pursuant to Section 5(b)(i). The timing of such payments shall be as provided in Section 5(d) of this Agreement, and such payments shall be made by SP payable to General Electric Company at:

General Electric Company
Attn: Robert M. Loesch
Bldg. 14-522
2901 East Lake Road
Erie, Pennsylvania 16531

(iii) SP may, at its expense and without reimbursement from GE, in good faith and by appropriate administrative or legal proceedings, pursue a claim for refund with regard to use taxes remitted by GE pursuant to Section 5(b)(i) which, prior to the date of such claim, have been paid by SP to GE pursuant to Section 5(b)(ii). Any refund claim brought pursuant to this Section 5(b)(iii) may be conducted by SP either on its own behalf or, if required by the State of California, in GE's name on GE's behalf. If any such refund claim is conducted in GE's name and on GE's behalf, SP shall advise GE of all action taken or proposed to be taken by the State of California and of all action to be taken by SP, and shall permit GE upon request reasonable opportunity to review the content of all documentation proposed to be submitted. If GE reasonably believes that any such documentation, if submitted, would reflect negatively upon the integrity or business ethics of GE (for example, any document that GE reasonably believes is fraudulent or frivolous), then GE shall have the right to require such modifications to the documentation, as GE shall reasonably deem necessary, prior to submittal. In conducting any such review, GE agrees to act in good faith. Any amount refunded by the State of California, including any interest thereon, as a result of a claim for refund pursued under this Section 5(b)(iii) shall be the sole property of SP.

(c) All reports and returns required to be made with regard to Taxes shall be made and filed timely by the party so required by the applicable taxing authority to make them; *provided, however*, SP shall be responsible for reporting the Locomotives for *ad valorem* property tax purposes in each applicable state or locality in the United States and GE shall not include the Locomotives in any *ad valorem* property tax or other similar tax returns filed by it in such states or localities.

(d) All payments of Taxes to be made by SP pursuant to this Section 5 shall be made no later than the date on which GE must pay such Taxes and shall be made directly to GE except to the extent paid by SP to a governmental agency or taxing authority in discharge of GE's liability for such tax. Any payment by SP to a governmental agency in satisfaction of Taxes for which it has a payment obligation under this Section 5 shall be given full credit against SP's obligations hereunder to the extent that such payment discharges GE's legal obligation to pay such Taxes.

(e) If any claim is made against GE, by commencement of proceedings against GE or otherwise, for any Taxes as to which SP would have a payment obligation pursuant to this Section 5, GE shall promptly notify SP of such claim in writing. SP may, at its expense, in good faith and by appropriate legal or administrative proceedings, and without reimbursement from GE, contest or defend an asserted claim or liability for which it has a payment obligation under this Section 5. Any contest or defense conducted pursuant to this Section 5(d) may be conducted by SP either on its own behalf or, if required by the applicable jurisdiction, in GE's name on GE's behalf. If any such contest or defense is conducted in GE's name and on GE's behalf, SP shall advise GE of all action taken or proposed to be taken by the applicable taxing authority and of all action to be taken by SP, and shall permit GE upon request reasonable opportunity to review the content of all documentation proposed to be submitted. If GE reasonably believes that any such documentation, if submitted, would reflect negatively upon the integrity or business ethics of GE (for example, any document that GE reasonably believes is fraudulent or frivolous), then GE shall have the right to require such modifications to the documentation, as it shall reasonably deem necessary, prior to submittal. In conducting any such review, GE agrees to act in good faith.

(f) Notices with regard to Taxes shall be sent by GE to SP via overnight or next-business-day courier addressed as follows:

Southern Pacific Transportation Company
One Market Plaza
Southern Pacific Building, Room 250
San Francisco, CA 94105
Attn.: Assistant Vice President and Counsel-Taxes
Facsimile No. (415) 541-1075

6. During the term hereof SP shall cause the Locomotives to be covered by a Maintenance Agreement to be independently entered into between GE and SP and shall, at its option, repair or promptly pay to GE the purchase price (as set forth in the Purchase Agreement) for any and all Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) that may be damaged or destroyed by any cause, other than GE's willful misconduct or negligent acts or omissions, during the term of this Agreement. In the event that the Maintenance Agreement is not in effect at the time of delivery of the Locomotives hereunder, SP agrees, at its sole expense and for the entire term hereof, to keep and maintain the Locomotives in good order and running condition, applying thereto GE's recommended maintenance standards and procedures.

7. SP acknowledges that it takes its possessory interest in the Locomotives subject to those provisions of the Purchase Agreement relating to warranty, exclusion of certain warranties, remedies (and limitations of remedies) and limitations of liability and indemnities.

8. Prior to delivery under this Agreement, each Locomotive shall be numbered with a road number, and there shall be plainly, distinctly, permanently and conspicuously marked upon each side of each such Locomotive, the following legend in letters not less than one inch in height:

**OWNERSHIP SUBJECT TO A SECURITY AGREEMENT
FILED WITH THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.**

If during the term of this Agreement such markings shall at any time be removed, defaced or destroyed, SP shall promptly cause the same to be restored or replaced.

9. The parties agree that at the end of the term hereof as specified in Section 1, SP shall not have the option of returning the Locomotives to GE, but rather SP shall be required to pay the purchase price for the Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) or cause the same to be paid as required by the Purchase Agreement. In the event SP shall, in violation of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement, fail to pay (or cause payment to be made) for the Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) when due, GE may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, enter upon the premises of SP or such other premises where the Locomotives may be and take possession of all or any Locomotives (including the Free Locomotives), and thenceforth hold, possess and enjoy the same free from any right of SP or its affiliates, successors or assigns. In such event, SP's obligation to pay rent hereunder shall cease, and GE may use the Locomotives for any purposes whatsoever, and may sell and deliver the Locomotives to others upon such terms as GE may see fit in its sole discretion, it being understood and agreed that SP shall remain liable to GE under the Purchase Agreement for: (a) an amount equal to any difference in the price paid by such other parties and the purchase price due from SP under the Purchase Agreement (less the value of GE's use of the Locomotives), plus (b) an amount equal to all

reasonable expenses of GE incident to such sale including, without limitation, the expenses of withdrawing the Locomotives from the service of SP, providing for the care and custody of the Locomotives, preparing the Locomotives for sale, and selling the Locomotives. SP shall pay the foregoing amounts from time to time upon demand by GE. In the event that prior to any sale of the Locomotives by GE to a third party, SP shall pay the purchase price therefor, GE shall deliver the Locomotives and convey title thereto to SP, and all terms of the Purchase Agreement shall apply to such sale.

10. Each party hereto represents and warrants that:

(a) It is a duly organized and validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation, is duly qualified to do business in such jurisdictions where a failure to so qualify would have a material adverse effect on its ability to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and has power and authority to own its properties and carry on its business as now conducted;

(b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement is within its corporate authority, has been authorized by proper corporate proceedings and will not contravene any provision of law or of its charter or by-laws nor contravene or constitute a default under the provisions of any agreement or other instrument binding upon it, and this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of it enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and by general principles of equity; and

(c) No governmental authorizations, approvals or exemptions are required of it for the execution and delivery of this Agreement or for the validity and enforceability hereof against it or the bailment of the Locomotives hereunder on the terms and conditions provided herein, or, if any such authorizations are required of it, they have been obtained; and if any such shall hereafter be required of it, they will promptly be obtained.

11. SP represents and warrants that the rights of GE as herein set forth and the title of GE to the Locomotives are senior to the lien of any mortgage, security agreement or other instrument to which SP or any of its affiliates is a party.

12. SP agrees that the execution by GE of this Agreement or the delivery by GE of the Locomotives as contemplated by this Agreement shall not relieve SP of its obligations to accept, take and pay for the Locomotives (other than the Free Locomotives) in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement.

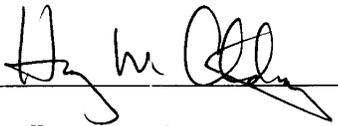
13. The execution of a Certificate of Acceptance in the form of Annex 1 hereto pertaining to any Locomotive shall constitute acceptance of such Locomotive hereunder and under the Purchase Agreement, but any warranty or other time

period set forth in the Purchase Agreement applicable to such Locomotive shall be deemed to commence from the date of GE's delivery of the Locomotives hereunder.

14. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto has caused this Interim User Agreement to be executed by its respective authorized representative as of the date first written above.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

By: 

Name: Henry M. Chidgey

Title: Vice President and Chief Mechanical
Officer

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

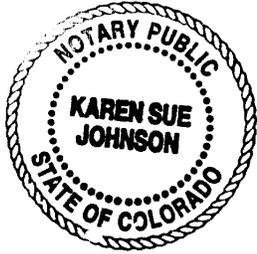
By: 
Robert H. Swan, Manager,
Transportation Finance
Operation

STATE OF COLORADO)
CITY AND) ss.
COUNTY OF DENVER)

On March 9, 1995, before me, Karen Sue Johnson, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Henry M. Chidgey, Vice President and Chief Mechanical Officer of Southern Pacific Transportation Company, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same in his authorized capacity.

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal.

My commission expires: October 14, 1998.




Notary Public

ANNEX 1
FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

I, a duly authorized representative of Southern Pacific Transportation Company ("SP"), do hereby certify that pursuant to the terms of a Purchase Agreement between SP and General Electric Company ("GE") dated as of July 12, 1994, I accept the following General Electric diesel electric locomotive(s) (the "Locomotive(s)") on this date:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Road Number(s)</u>
AC4400 CW	-----

This Certificate is executed to evidence satisfaction by GE of its delivery obligations pursuant to Section 3(b) of the Purchase Agreement in connection with the above Locomotive(s), and not to release GE from any of its other obligations under the Purchase Agreement.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 1995