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April 30, 1996

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Surface Transportation Board
Room 2311
12th and Constitution Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Attention: Mr. Vernon Williams

Re: Boatmen's Equipment Finance, Inc./Illinois Central Railroad
Company/First Union Rail Corporation

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed with this letter is an original and a copy of each of the following documents:

1. Memorandum of Lease Agreement dated as of April 25, 1996 by and Boatmen's Equipment Finance, Inc. and Illinois Central Railroad Company; and
2. Memorandum of Replacement Lease Agreement dated as of April 25, 1996 by and between Boatmen's Equipment Finance, Inc. and First Union Rail Corporation.

Please arrange for recordation of the enclosed originals in the appropriate records of the Surface Transportation Board in the order set forth above. Please return a file-stamped copy of the enclosed documents in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

We have included a check in the amount of \$42.00 payable to the Surface Transportation Board in payment of the appropriate fee.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold R. Burroughs".

Harold R. Burroughs

HRB:smc
Enclosures

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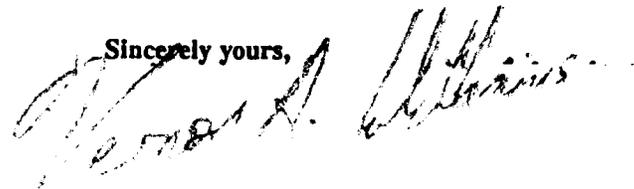
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Harold R. Burroughs
Bryan Cave LLP
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on 5/1/96 at 11:20AM, and assigned recordation number(s). 20038 and 20038-A.

Sincerely yours,

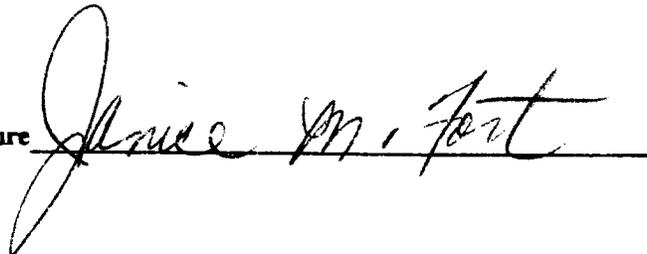


Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

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MEMORANDUM OF MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT

Memorandum of Master Lease Agreement made and entered into as of April 25, 1996 by and between BOATMEN'S EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC., a Missouri corporation ("Lessor"), and ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, a Delaware corporation ("Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Master Lease Agreement, dated as of April 25, 1996 (the "Lease Agreement"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain 100-ton double trough covered coil gondolas bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and 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.

BOATMEN'S EQUIPMENT FINANCE,
INC.

By: _____

Name: E. Scott Sartho

Title: VP

Executed on this 30th day of April, 1996.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD
COMPANY

By: _____

Name:

Title:

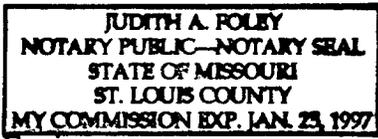
D.A. KOMAN
TREASURER

Executed on this 24 day of April, 1996.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS:
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 30th day of April, 1996, before me appeared E Scott JANHO, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the VP of BOATMEN'S EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC., a corporation of the State of Missouri, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation, by authority of its Board of Directors, and said E Scott JANHO acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the City and State aforesaid, the day and year first above written.



Judith A. Foley
Notary Public

My Term Expires:

1-25-97

STATE OF Illinois)
) SS:
COUNTY OF Cook)

On this 24th day of April, 1996, before me appeared D. A. Koman, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the Treasurer ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Delaware, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation, by authority of its Board of Directors, and said Treasurer acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County and State aforesaid, the day and year first above written.



Marietta D. Sullivan
Notary Public

My Term Expires:

Jun 31, 1997

EXHIBIT A

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>REPORTING MARKS</u>
New Thrall Car Manufacturing Company 100-ton double trough covered coil gondolas	65	IC 299631-IC 299695