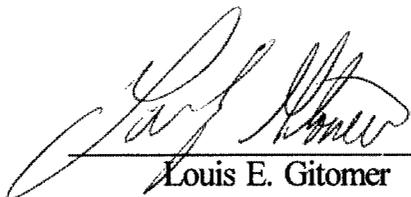


CERTIFICATION

I, LOUIS E. GITOMER, have compared this copy to the original Partial Release, dated as of October 21, 1996,, and found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have enclosed the original and one certified copy of the document described below, to be recorded pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 11301.

The document is a Partial Release, a secondary document, dated as of October 21, 1996. The primary document to which this is connected is recorded under Recordation No. 17891. We request that this document be recorded under Recordation No. 17891-A.

The name and address of the party to the Partial Release is:

Secured Party:

Short Line Investment Corporation
33 West Monroe
23rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

A description of the equipment covered by the Partial Release consists of 50 50' 70-ton box cars numbered ATW 14000-14049, inclusive (formerly numbered HS 14000-14049, inclusive); and 48 50' 70-ton box cars numbered ATW 35010, 35013-35025, 35028, 35029-35031, 35034-35038, 35040-35057, 35875-35881, all inclusive (formerly numbered HS 5010, 5012-5025, 5027-5031, 5034-5038, 5040-5057, 5875, 5877, and 5879-5881, all inclusive).

A fee of \$22.00 is enclosed. Please return the original to:

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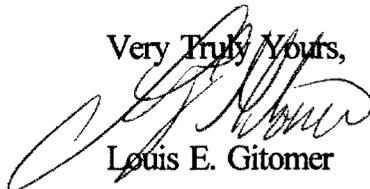
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A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows: a Partial Release by Short Line Investment Corporation, 33 West Monroe, 23rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, covering 50 50' 70-ton box cars numbered ATW 14000-14049, inclusive (formerly numbered HS 14000-14049, inclusive); and 48 50' 70-ton box cars numbered ATW 35010, 35013-35025, 35028, 35029-35031, 35034-35038, 35040-35057, 35875-35881, all inclusive (formerly numbered HS 5010, 5012-5025, 5027-5031, 5034-5038, 5040-5057, 5875, 5877, and 5879-5881, all inclusive)

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. E. Gitomer", is written over the typed name below.

Louis E. Gitomer

Enclosure