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October 24, 1996

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Twelfth Street & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Burlington Northern Railroad Company
Leveraged Lease Locomotive Financing
BNRR 1996-D

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, three 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:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNRR 1996-D), dated October 25, 1996, between Bellingham Locomotive Lease co., Ltd., as lessor (the "Lessor"), and Burlington Northern Railroad Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNRR 1996-D), dated October 25, 1996, between the Lessor, the Lessee, and First Security Bank, National Association, as indenture trustee (the "Indenture Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNRR 1996-D), dated October 25, 1996, between the Lessee and the Lessor; and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNRR 1996-D), dated October 25, 1996, between the Lessor and the Indenture Trustee.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNRR 1996-D) and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNRR 1996-D) are connected are the Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNRR 1996-D) and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNRR 1996-D), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

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

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: Burlington Northern Railroad Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Lessor: Bellingham Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.
Caledonian House
Mary Street
P.O. Box 1043
George Town
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Lessor: Bellingham Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.
Caledonian House
Mary Street
P.O. Box 1043
George Town
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

Lessee: Burlington Northern Railroad Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131

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

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

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2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131

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

A fee of eighty-eight dollars (\$88.00) 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

Law Offices of
CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

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

(1) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNRR 1996-D) between Bellingham Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, and Burlington Northern Railroad Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, dated October 25, 1996, covering diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the Schedule thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNRR 1996-D) between Bellingham Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, Burlington Northern Railroad Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated October 25, 1996, covering the obligations of the Lessor and the Lessee relating to diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the Schedule thereto.

(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

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

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

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EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	ROAD NUMBERS
General Electric Company Model Dash 9-44CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	21	BNSF 960, BNSF 976 through BNSF 995, inclusive

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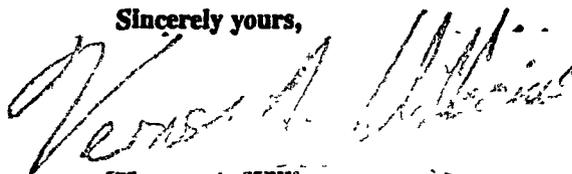
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Karl T. Williams
Chapman And Cutler
111 West Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603-4080

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 10/24/96 at 2:15PM , and 2:20PM assigned recordation number(s). 20325, 20325-A, 20325-B, 20325-C, 20325-D and 20325-E.

Sincerely yours,



Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

\$132.00 The amount indicated at the left has been received in payment of a fee in connection with a document filed on the date shown. This receipt is issued for the amount paid and in no way indicates acknowledgment that the fee paid is correct. This is accepted subject to review of the document which has been assigned the transaction number corresponding to the one typed on this receipt. In the event of an error or any questions concerning this fee, you will receive a notification after the Commission has had an opportunity to examine your document.

Signature



MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNRR 1996-D)

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Memorandum of Lease Agreement, made and entered into on October 25, 1996 by and between Bellingham Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation ("*Lessor*"), and Burlington Northern Railroad Company, a Delaware corporation ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Lease Agreement (BNRR 1996-D), dated as of October 25, 1996, 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.

BELLINGHAM LOCOMOTIVE LEASE CO., LTD.

By F. J. Blaustein
Name: F. Jan Blaustein
Title: President

Executed on this 21 day of October, 1996.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD
COMPANY

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

Executed on this ____ day of October, 1996.

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By _____
Name: F. Jan Blaustein
Title: President

Executed on this ____ day of October, 1996.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD
COMPANY

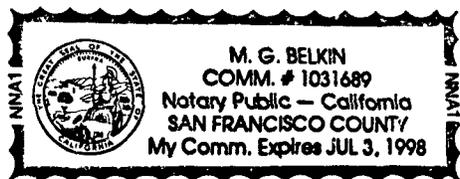
By Paul J. Weyandt
Name: Paul J. Weyandt
Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this 17th day of October, 1996.

STATE OF California)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF San Francisco)

On this, the 21 day of October, 1996, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared F. Jan Blaustein, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the President of BELLINGHAM LOCOMOTIVE LEASE CO., LTD., that said instrument was signed on October 21, 1996 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.



Name: M. G. Belkin
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the ____ day of October, 1996, 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 BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on October __, 1996 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 _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

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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 _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF COOK)

On this, the 17th day of October, 1996, 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 BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on October 17, 1996 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.



Bonnie Remley
Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 12-12-99
Residing in Schaumburg, IL - COOK CTY

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