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September 23, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Williams.

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a), are two (2) copies each of two Assignment and Assumption Agreements, both dated as of August 31, 1996, secondary documents as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed documents relate to the Chattel Mortgage which was previously filed with the Commission under Recordation Number 16726.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are

Assignment and Assumption Agreement

Assignor: Ford Motor Credit Company
(successor to Ford Equipment Leasing Company)
The American Road
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

Assignee USL Capital Corporation
733 Front Street
San Francisco, California 94111

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Assignment and Assumption Agreement

Assignor: USL Capital Corporation
733 Front Street
San Francisco, California 94111

Assignee: BEF Corporation
733 Front Street
San Francisco, California 94111

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed documents is set forth in the Chattel Mortgage as originally filed herein

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$44 00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed documents to the undersigned

Very truly yours,



Robert W Alvord

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Enclosures

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ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT (this "**Assignment**") is made as of the 31st day of August, 1996 by and between FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, as successor by merger to Ford Equipment Leasing Company ("**Assignor**"), and USL Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("**Assignee**").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, this Assignment is contemplated by the provisions of the Stock Purchase Agreement (the "**Stock Purchase Agreement**") dated as of August 6, 1996 between Assignee and Mellon Bank, N.A.;

WHEREAS, Assignor and Assignee have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "**Asset Purchase Agreement**") dated as of August 31, 1996;

WHEREAS, Assignor and El Dorado Chemical Company, a Oklahoma corporation ("**El Dorado**"), are party to that certain Chattel Mortgage (Security Agreement) No. 89-4-3629-001 dated as of November 14, 1989 (the "**Mortgage**"), which was duly recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission ("**ICC**") under Recordation No. 16726, that certain Promissory Note No. 89-4-3629-001 (level payment) dated as of November 14, 1989 (the "**Note**") and that certain Master Lease Agreement No. 90-3-3862 dated as of September 4, 1990 (the "**Lease**"), which was duly recorded with the ICC under Recordation No. 17020;

WHEREAS, LSB Industries, Inc. has guaranteed (i) El Dorado's obligations by entering into that certain Guaranty dated as of November 14, 1989 (the "**Guaranty**") and (ii) specifically, El Dorado's obligations under the Lease by entering into that certain Continuing Guaranty dated as of September 5, 1990 (the "**Continuing Guaranty**"); the Mortgage, Note, Lease, Guaranty and Continuing Guaranty are hereinafter, collectively, referred to as the "**Agreements**";

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, Assignor has agreed to sell, assign, transfer and convey and Assignee has agreed to acquire and accept certain assets described in the Asset Purchase Agreement including, without limitation, Assignor's interest in the Agreements;

WHEREAS, Assignee has agreed pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement to assume and discharge all obligations of Assignor under the Agreements which arise from and after the date of assignment pursuant thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, with reference to the foregoing recitals which are incorporated herein by this reference and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. Assignor does hereby SELL, ASSIGN, GRANT, TRANSFER AND CONVEY to Assignee all of its right, title and interest to the Agreements.

2. Assignee accepts the foregoing assignment and assumes and agrees to perform and to pay or discharge any and all obligations under the Agreements arising from and after the date hereof.

3. The persons executing this Assignment represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Assignment on behalf of Assignor or Assignee, as the case may be.

4. This Assignment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute only one instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, as
successor by merger to Ford
Equipment Leasing Company

By: John P. Burkhard
Name: John P. Burkhard
Title: VICE President-Treasurer

USL CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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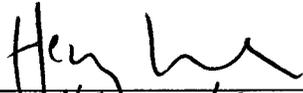
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FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, as
successor by merger to Ford
Equipment Leasing Company

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

USL CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: 
Name: HENRY LERNER
Title: Senior Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

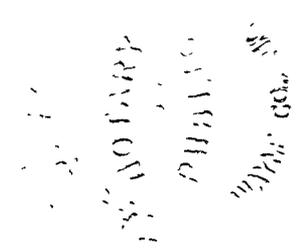
On this 17 day of September, 1996, before me personally appeared John P. Burkhard, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she is a Vice President-Treasurer of FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, one of the corporations described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto pursuant to authority of the board of directors of said corporation.

Tami M. Rosevear
Notary Public

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TAMI M. ROSEVEAR
Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan
My Commission Expires July 1, 1997

STATE OF _____)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)



On this ___ day of September, 1996, before me personally appeared _____, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she is a _____ of USL CAPITAL CORPORATION, one of the corporations described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto pursuant to authority of the board of directors of said corporation.

Notary Public

[Stamp and Seal]

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF _____)
) SS.
COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of September, 1996, before me personally appeared _____, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she is a _____ of FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, one of the corporations described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto pursuant to authority of the board of directors of said corporation.

Notary Public

[Stamp and Seal]

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

On this 12th day of September, 1996, before me personally appeared Henry Gerner, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she is a Senior Vice President of USL CAPITAL CORPORATION, one of the corporations described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto pursuant to authority of the board of directors of said corporation.

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Notary Public

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