

Southern Illinois Railcar Company

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January 14, 1998

**Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street
Washington, DC 20423**

VIA: Airborne Express

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have enclosed herein two (2) originals each for two (2) Partial Releases to be filed with the Surface Transportation Board. I have also enclosed our check in the amount of \$48.00 to cover the filing fee, 2 @ \$24.00 each. Please forward one set of each recorded original document to me once they have been filed. Thank you for your prompt attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

**Gary J. Goodman
VP & CFO**

Enclosures

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**PARTIAL RELEASE OF FIRST AMENDED LOAN AGREEMENT
CHATTEL MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT**

The undersigned, Mercantile Bank, f/k/a Mark Twain Illinois Bank, an Illinois banking corporation (the "Bank"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, terminates and releases its security interest in and to the covered hopper railway cars identified with more particularity on attached Exhibit A (the "Railcars"), together with all other collateral related to the Railcars, granted pursuant to that certain First Amendment To Loan Agreement, Chattel Mortgage and Security Agreement and Fixed Line of Credit Advance Note, dated as of May 2, 1997 made by Southern Illinois Railcar Company, an Illinois corporation, in favor of the Bank (the "Security Agreement"). A memorandum of the Security Agreement was recorded with the Surface Transportation Board on May 16, 1997 under Recordation Number 20442A.

Dated as of this 31 day of December, 1997.

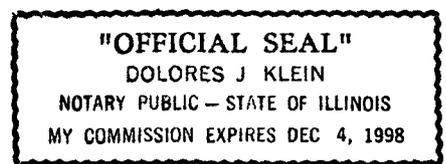
MERCANTILE BANK
f/k/a MARK TWAIN ILLINOIS BANK

By: *Dennis Terry*
Its: *[Signature]*

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MADISON)

I, Dolores J. Klein, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Dennis Terry of MERCANTILE BANK, f/k/a MARK TWAIN ILLINOIS BANK, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he or she signed said instrument as the free and voluntary act of MERCANTILE BANK for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given my hand and notarial seal this 31st day of December, 1997.



Dolores J. Klein
Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: 12/4/98