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September 7, 2000

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated September 7, 2000 (**"Termination"**) by Helm Financial Corporation (**"Lessor"**).

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, we submit the following documents:

Two (2) fully-executed originals of the above-referenced Termination.

In connection with the recording of this Termination, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor: Helm Financial Corporation
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700
San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee: **The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (as successor in interest to MidLouisiana Rail Corporation)**
114 West 11th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105-1804

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment between Helm Financial Corporation as Lessor and The Kansas City Southern Railway Company as Lessee, covering 38 railcars within the series NLG 4001 - 4040.

Please file this Termination as a secondary document to Recordation No. **16928** filed July 5, 1990 and return one (1) stamped original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-six dollars ($26.00) is enclosed.

Yours truly,

Alison Drain

Alison Drain
Document Administrator

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Enclosures (2)

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TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT (**"Termination"**) is dated as of September 7, 2000 by **HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION**, a California corporation (**"Lessor"**).

1. **Recitals.** Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of January 1, 1990 (**"Lease"**), with The Kansas City Southern Railway Company **(as successor in interest to MidLouisiana Rail Corporation)**, a Missouri corporation, with respect to the thirty-eight (38) railcars described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation (f.k.a. the Interstate Commerce Commission) (**"STB"**), under STB Recordation No. **16928** filed on July 5, 1990 at 12:25 p.m.

   The Lease was terminated as of June 30, 2000. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. **Termination.** The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination to be signed in its corporate name as of the date first written above.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: _____

Print Name: John F. Dains

Title: Senior Vice President & CFO

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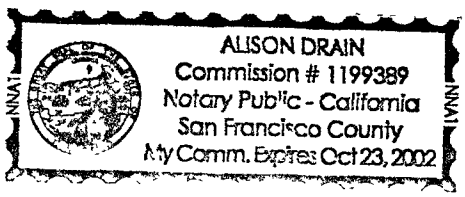
On September 25, 2000, before me, Alison Drain, personally appeared John F. Dains, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of **HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION,**

X personally known to me **-OR-**

___ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



Witness my hand and official seal.

Alison Drain
SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

[Notarial Seal]

SCHEDULE A

To the Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated September 7, 2000

THE UNITS

Equipment Description:

Thirty-eight (38), 70-ton capacity, four compartment woodchip hopper railcars.

Unit Numbers:

1. NLG 4001
2. NLG 4002
3. NLG 4003
4. NLG 4004
5. NLG 4005
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