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June 23, 2003

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 of a Partial Release, dated as of June 20, 2003, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed document relates to the Master Equipment Lease Agreement, as amended, previously filed with the Board under Recordation Number 20137.

The name and address of the party to the enclosed document are:

Lessor: Comerica Leasing Corporation
29201 Telegraph Road
Southfield, MI 48034

[Lessee: Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad
337 22nd Avenue South
Brookings, SD 57006

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

6 locomotives DME 6050 – DME 6055

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

Partial Release

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvord", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/anr
Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

Number of Items: 6

Description of Units: Used Model SD40-3 Locomotives with the following current railroad reporting marks:

DME 6050
DME 6051
DME 6052
DME 6053
DME 6054
DME 6055

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert W. Alvord, attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have compared the attached copy with the original thereof and have found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document.

Dated: _____

6/24/03



Robert W. Alvord