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September 30, 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 Memorandum of Lease, dated as of January 31, 2003, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Lessor:	The Andersons, Inc. 480 West Dussel Drive Maumee, Ohio 43537
Lessee:	Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives 5600 Cenex Drive Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55077

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

75 covered hopper cars within the series AEX 6272 - AEX 8733 as more particularly set forth in the equipment schedule attached to the document.

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

Memorandum of Lease.

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 cursive script that reads "Robert W. Alvord". To the right of the signature, there are initials "RWA" and "anm" written in a smaller, less legible hand.

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/anm
Enclosures

EXHIBIT A
Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives
Rider 200001-HSCR5
 Car Description
 5700 Covered Hopper

Car Number	
1	AEX 6272
2	AEX 7425
3	AEX 7426
4	AEX 7431
5	AEX 7433
6	AEX 7434
7	AEX 8500
8	AEX 8512
9	AEX 8524
10	AEX 8525
11	AEX 8531
12	AEX 8549
13	AEX 8565
14	AEX 8577
15	AEX 8581
16	AEX 8582
17	AEX 8586
18	AEX 8587
19	AEX 8593
20	AEX 8605
21	AEX 8610
22	AEX 8628
23	AEX 8629
24	AEX 8632
25	AEX 8635

Car Number	
26	AEX 8636
27	AEX 8639
28	AEX 8643
29	AEX 8644
30	AEX 8647
31	AEX 8651
32	AEX 8654
33	AEX 8656
34	AEX 8659
35	AEX 8660
36	AEX 8661
37	AEX 8662
38	AEX 8664
39	AEX 8665
40	AEX 8668
41	AEX 8670
42	AEX 8671
43	AEX 8672
44	AEX 8673
45	AEX 8674
46	AEX 8677
47	AEX 8678
48	AEX 8681
49	AEX 8682
50	AEX 8684

Car Number	
51	AEX 8685
52	AEX 8686
53	AEX 8687
54	AEX 8688
55	AEX 8689
56	AEX 8690
57	AEX 8692
58	AEX 8693
59	AEX 8696
60	AEX 8697
61	AEX 8698
62	AEX 8699
63	AEX 8700
64	AEX 8701
65	AEX 8702
66	AEX 8703
67	AEX 8705
68	AEX 8708
69	AEX 8720
70	AEX 8722
71	AEX 8727
72	AEX 8728
73	AEX 8730
74	AEX 8731
75	AEX 8733