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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 2004-L

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-L), dated as of December 30, 2004, between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-L Statutory Trust, as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"), a primary document as defined in the Surface Transportation Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

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

- Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2500 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828
- Lessor: U.S. Bank Trust National Association
225 Asylum Street, 23rd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Attention: Corporate Trust Services

The equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement consists of 347 Covered Hopper Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 478768 through BNSF 479499; and 86 53' Doublestack Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 283733 through BNSF 283818, inclusive; all as specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-L) between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-L Statutory Trust, as Lessor and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee.

A fee of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of the enclosed document along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed document and return the original and any extra copies of such document and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Robert Alvord, Esq.
Alvord and Alvord
1050 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Suite 301
Washington, D.C. 20036

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-2991).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

By Michael D. Robson
Michael D. Robson

Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
Covered Hopper Cars (Bonus)	347	BNSF 478768; BNSF 478774; BNSF 478776 through BNSF 478840 inclusive; BNSF 478843; BNSF 478844; BNSF 478846; BNSF 478857 through BNSF 478929 inclusive; BNSF 478931; BNSF 478932; BNSF 478934; BNSF 478976; BNSF 478994; BNSF 479050 through BNSF 479053 inclusive; BNSF 479055 through BNSF 479059 inclusive; BNSF 479064; BNSF 479074; BNSF 479077; BNSF 479079 through BNSF 479152 inclusive; BNSF 479155; BNSF 479157; BNSF 479162; BNSF 479164; BNSF 479168; BNSF 479325; BNSF 479331; BNSF 479334; BNSF 479339; BNSF 479342; BNSF 479344; BNSF 479345; BNSF 479347; BNSF 479348; BNSF 479350; BNSF 479354; BNSF 479358;

BNSF 479362;
BNSF 479363;
BNSF 479379;
BNSF 479403 through
BNSF 479406 inclusive;
BNSF 479409 through
BNSF 479411 inclusive;
BNSF 479413 through
BNSF 479476 inclusive;
BNSF 479478 through
BNSF 479499 inclusive

53' Doublestack Cars (Bonus)

86

BNSF 283733 through
BNSF 283818, inclusive

**MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNSF 2004-L)**

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, made and entered into as of December 30, 2004, by and between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, a national banking association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-L), dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
not in its individual capacity, but solely as
Owner Trustee

By _____
Name:
Title:

Executed on this ____ day of December, 2004.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By 
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this 23rd day of December, 2004.

STATE OF Connecticut)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF Hartford)

On this, the 27 day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Michael M. Hopkins, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December 23, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Susan P. McNally
Name: _____
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____
Residing in _____
SUSAN P. McNALLY
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMM. EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2005

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TARRANT)

On this ____ day of December, 2004, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on December ____, 2004, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public –
My Commission Expires:
Residing in

(SEAL)

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the ____ day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December ____, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TARRANT)

On this 23rd day of December, 2004, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on December 23, 2004, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Nadine M Grandi
Name: NADINE M GRANDI
Notary Public -
My Commission Expires: 06/05/2008
Residing in FORT WORTH, TX



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