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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Ms. Mildred Lee  
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Interstate Commerce Commission  
12th & Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Lee:

Enclosed is a Lease Agreement dated as of October 10, 1989,  
between the following parties:

Lessor: Electro-Motive Division  
General Motors Corporation  
LaGrange, IL

Lessee: Soo Line Railroad  
Minneapolis, MN

The equipment involved in this transaction is as follows:

Equipment: See Exhibit A

Please file this agreement as a primary document. The filing  
fee of \$15 is enclosed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ann Oster*

Mary Ann Oster  
Research Consultant

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*Courtesy of Mary Ann Oster*

**Interstate Commerce Commission**  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mary A. Oster  
Oster Researching Services  
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on 10/25/89 at 9:55am, and assigned recordation number(s). 16579

Sincerely yours,



Noreta R. McGee  
Secretary

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LEASE AGREEMENT

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of this 10th day of October, 1989, by and between Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation, a Delaware corporation, hereinafter called "Owner", and Soo Line Railroad Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereinafter called "User".

OWNER AND USER HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Daily Rentals: User agrees to rent from Owner on a daily basis for a period not to exceed 120 days the Locomotives described in Exhibit A, together with all additions and accessories incorporated therein and/or affixed thereto (the "Locomotives"). User shall return the Locomotives to Owner at a point on User's lines designated by Owner at the end of such term. User may, however, return the Locomotives to such a point and terminate its use thereof at any time within the 120 day period. In such circumstances, User shall be liable only for rent due through the date of such return.

User will cause the Locomotives to be kept numbered with the identification numbers thereon at the time of their delivery hereunder and will keep and maintain, plainly, distinctly, permanently and conspicuously marked on each side of the Locomotive, in letters not less than one inch in height, the words "Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation - Owner." User will not place any Locomotive in operation or exercise any control or dominion over the same unless such words are so marked and will replace promptly any such markings which may be removed, obliterated, defaced or destroyed. User will not change the identification number of any Locomotive unless and until a statement of the new number to be substituted therefore shall have been filed with Owner and duly filed and deposited by User in all public offices where this Agreement shall have been filed and deposited.

User will not allow the name of any person, association or corporation to be placed on any Locomotive as a designation that might be interpreted as a claim of ownership.

2. Rent: This Agreement shall commence with respect to each Locomotive when said Locomotive is delivered and accepted by User and shall continue until the final rental payment is made, and rent will commence with respect to each Locomotive on acceptance of such Locomotive, which date is herein called the "Rent Commencement Date" and shall continue until the Locomotives are returned to Owner pursuant to Section 1 hereof. The Daily Rental per Locomotive shall be computed in accordance with the following formula:

$$R = \frac{(X + 1\%)(Y)}{365}$$

where R = the daily rental

X = the prime or base rate of interest  
announced by a majority of the 12  
largest U.S. banks on such date

Y = Invoice purchase price equals \$1,349,350  
for road numbers 6042-6057, and \$1,409,350  
for road numbers 6058-6061; and \$1,427,350  
for road number 6062.

Such rent shall be payable monthly in arrears with the rental payment to be made on the date the Locomotives are returned to Owner.

User shall not be entitled to any reduction of rent, abatement or set-off, counterclaim, recoupment or defense against rent or any other amount payable hereunder for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, reductions, set-offs, counter-claims, recoupments or defenses due or alleged to be due by reason of any past, present or future claims of User against Owner or any other person for any reason whatsoever, except as otherwise provided herein; nor shall this Agreement terminate or the obligations of User be otherwise affected by reason of any defect in the condition, design, operation or fitness for use of the Locomotive or damage to or loss of possession or use or destruction of such Locomotive from whatever cause and of whatever duration, except as otherwise provided herein. User acknowledges that: Owner has no knowledge or information as to the condition or suitability for User's purpose of the Locomotives and Owner's decision to enter into this Agreement is made in reliance on User's undertakings herein, including User's express agreement not to assert against Owner any claims, defenses, set-offs or counterclaims it may now or hereafter have against Owner.

3. Warranties and Representations: Owner warrants and incorporates by reference herein the obligations and warranties as described in the "Soo Line Locomotive Purchase Proposal" made a part of that certain Purchase Agreement dated July 26, 1988 between the Soo Line Railroad Company and Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation. There are no warranties, expressed or implied, made by Owner except the foregoing.

4. Place of Payment of Rent: User shall direct payment of the rent to the following address:

Electro-Motive Division  
General Motors Corporation  
LaGrange, Illinois 60525  
Attn: Assistant Comptroller

5. Recordkeeping; Inspection: User agrees to keep and maintain and make available to Owner such record of User's use, operation, inspection, repairs and maintenance of the Locomotives while in its possession as normally prepared by User.

Within 30 days of the end of the term of this Agreement, User will furnish to Owner a certificate signed by the chief mechanical officer of User setting forth the repairs performed on the Locomotives during the term hereof, and such other information regarding the condition and state

of repair of the Locomotives as Owner may reasonably request. Owner, at its sole expense, shall have the right by its agents to enter upon the property of User to inspect the Locomotives and the User's records with respect thereto at such reasonable times as Owner may request during the term of this Agreement.

User shall promptly notify Owner of any occurrence of an event of default as defined in Section 19 hereof or default, specifying such event of default or default and the nature and status thereof.

6. Loss or Destruction: In the event that a Locomotive during the term hereof shall become lost, stolen, destroyed, irreparably damaged, permanently rendered unfit for use, or, in the reasonable opinion of User, uneconomical to repair, from any cause whatsoever, or taken or requisitioned by condemnation or otherwise by the United States Government for a period which shall exceed the then remaining term hereof, or by any other government or governmental entity resulting in the loss of possession by User for a period of 30 consecutive days (such occurrences being hereinafter called "Casualty Occurrences"), User shall notify Owner of such Casualty Occurrence. Lessee shall, on or prior to the next rent payment date, pay Owner a Casualty Value for each Locomotive suffering a Casualty Occurrence equal to \$1,349,350 for Locomotives numbered 6042-6057, \$1,409,350 for Locomotives numbered 6058-6061, and \$1,427,350 for Locomotive number 6062, plus all Daily Rentals due on or prior to the date Owner receives payment of Casualty Value.
7. Indemnity: User agrees to indemnify, protect and hold harmless Owner from and against all losses, damages, injuries, liabilities, claims (including, without limitations, claims for strict liability in tort) and demands whatsoever, regardless of the cause thereof, and expenses in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, counsel fees and expenses, patent, trademark and copyright liabilities, penalties, and interest, arising from or caused directly by: (a) User's failure to promptly perform any of its obligations under the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 6, 7 and 17 of this Agreement, or (b) injury to person or property resulting from or based upon the actual or alleged use, operation, delivery or transportation of any Locomotive or its location or condition, or (c) inadequacy of any Locomotive, or any part thereof, for any purpose or any deficiency or defect therein or the use or maintenance thereof or any repairs, servicing or adjustments thereto or any delay in providing or failure to provide any thereof or any interruption or loss of service or use thereof or any loss of business; and shall, at its own cost and expense, defend any and all suits which may be brought against Owner, either along or in conjunction with others upon any such liability or claim or claims and shall satisfy, pay and discharge any and all judgments and fines that may be recovered against Owner in any such action or actions; provided, however, that (i) Owner shall give User written notice of any such claim or demand, and (ii) User shall not be required to indemnify, protect, hold harmless and defend Owner for any loss, damage, injury, liability, claim, demand or expense to the extent it results from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Owner or to the extent such arises from Owner's failure to meet any of its obligations under the contract referred to Section 3 hereunder or to the extent such arises from Owner's status as manufacturer or seller of the

Locomotives. The indemnities arising under this Section shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the full payment of all obligations under this Agreement or the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement and subject to the same types of limitations set forth in clause (ii) of the first paragraph of this Section 7, User shall bear the responsibility and risk for, and shall not be released from its obligations hereunder in the event of, any damage to or the destruction or loss of the Locomotives.

8. Compliance with Law; Repair and Maintenance: User shall comply with the FRA, the interchange rules of the Association of American Railroads and all other applicable laws, regulations and requirements with respect to use, maintenance and operation of the Locomotives during the term of this Agreement. User shall use the Locomotives only in the manner for which they were designed so as to subject them only to ordinary wear and tear.

User shall at its own cost and expense, maintain and service the Locomotive in accordance with prudent industry practice including testing and repair of the Locomotives so that the Locomotives will remain (a) in as good operating condition as when delivered (ordinary wear and tear excepted), (b) in compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations, and (c) suitable for immediate purchase or lease and use by a line-haul railroad in the event of resale or release upon default by User. In no event shall the Locomotives be maintained or scheduled for maintenance on a basis less frequent than the maintenance or maintenance scheduling basis employed as of the date hereof by User for similar equipment. Any parts installed or replacements made by User upon the Locomotives shall be considered accessions to the Locomotives and title thereto shall be immediately vested in Owner, without cost or expense to Owner; provided, however, User may remove from the Locomotives any (a) communications equipment, (b) train control, (c) end of train telemetry, and (d) recording devices, which User paid for and installed but only if such removal may be accomplished without damage to the Locomotives.

9. Assignment by User: User shall not assign or sublet its interest, or any parts thereof, under this Agreement, or permit the use or operation of the Locomotives subject to this Agreement by any other person, firm or corporation, other than wholly-owned subsidiaries, without the prior written consent of Owner. Owner expressly consents to incidental operation and use on railroads other than the Lessee's under run-through arrangements.

10. Unless otherwise specifically provided, any notices to be given under this Agreement or any other communications between the parties shall be mailed postage prepaid or by personal delivery in the following manner:

(a) Notices from Owner to User shall be sent to:

Soo Line Railroad Company  
Soo Line Building, Box 530  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

or to such other address as User may from time to time indicate by written notice to Owner.

(b) Notices from User to Owner shall be sent to:

Electro-Motive Division  
General Motors Corporation  
LaGrange, Illinois 60525  
Attention: Manager of Finance

11. Quiet Enjoyment: So long as User makes its aforesaid rental payments and otherwise complies with the terms and provisions hereof, User shall be entitled to the use and possession of the Locomotives according to the terms hereof without interference by Owner or by any party lawfully claiming by or through Owner.
12. Authority: The undersigned signatories herewith represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to execute this Agreement and bind the respective parties to the terms and provisions hereof.
13. Protection of Owner's Title: Owner may, at its option, cause this Agreement to be duly filed, registered or recorded in conformity with Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act or other places within or without the United States as Owner may reasonably request for the protection of its title and will furnish Owner proof thereof. User will, from time to time, do and perform any other act and will execute, acknowledge, deliver, file, register and record any and all further instruments or reasonably requested by Owner, for the purpose of protecting Owner's title to the Locomotives.
14. Taxes: User, or Owner at User's expense, shall report, pay and discharge when due all license and registration fees, assessments, use and property taxes, gross receipts taxes arising out of receipts from use or operation of the Locomotives including without limitation amounts payable under Sections 2, 6 and 10, hereof and other taxes (excluding any tax measured by Lessor's net income, gross income taxes, single business tax, and alternative minimum tax), together with any penalties or interest thereon, imposed by any state, federal or local government, upon the Locomotives and whether or not the same shall be assessed against or in the name of Owner or User.

15. Performance Obligations of User by Owner: In the event that the User shall fail duly and promptly to perform any of its obligations under the provisions of this Agreement, Owner may, at its option, perform the same for the account of User without thereby waiving such default, and any amount paid or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), penalty or other liability incurred by Owner in such performance, together with interest at the lesser of 1-1/4% per month or the highest amount allowed by law thereon until paid by the User to Owner, shall be payable by the User upon demand as additional rent hereunder.
16. Further Assurance: User shall execute and deliver to Owner, upon Owner's request such instruments and assurances as Owner deems necessary or advisable for the confirmation or perfection of this Agreement and Owner's rights hereunder.
17. User's Covenants: User will: (a) defend at User's own cost any action, proceeding or claim affecting the Locomotives except as stated in Section 7; (b) do everything necessary or expedient to preserve or perfect the Owner's interest in the Locomotives; (c) not misuse, fail to keep in good repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted), secrete, or, without the prior written consent of Owner and notwithstanding Owner's claim to proceeds, sell, rent, lend, encumber or transfer the Locomotives, except as provided in Subsection (e) of this Section; (d) agree that Owner may enter at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice to inspect the Locomotives; and (e) except as provided in Section 9 of this Agreement, not permit the use of the Locomotives by any other party, without Owner's consent to be granted in its sole discretion.
18. Default: An event of default shall occur if: (a) User fails to pay when due any installment of rent and such failure continues for a period of 30 days; (b) User shall fail to perform or observe any covenant, condition or agreement to be performed or observed by it hereunder and such failure continues uncured for 30 days after written notice thereof to User by Owner; (c) User ceases doing business as a going concern, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become due, files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, is adjudicated a bankrupt or an insolvent, files a petition seeking for itself any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar arrangement under any present or future statute, law or regulation or files an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of it or of all or any substantial part of its assets or properties, or if it or its shareholders shall take any action looking to its dissolution or liquidation; (d) within 60 days after the commencement of any proceedings against User seeking reorganization, arrangement, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief under any present or future statute, law or regulation, such proceedings shall not have been dismissed, or if within 60 days after the appointment without User consent or acquiescence of any trustee, receiver or liquidator of it or of all or any substantial part of its assets and properties, such appointment shall not be vacated; or (e) User attempts to remove, sell, transfer, encumber, part with possession or sublet any of the Locomotives in a manner prohibited hereunder without the consent of Owner.

Upon the occurrence of an event of default, Owner, at its option, may: (a) declare all sums due and to become due hereunder immediately due and payable; (b) proceed by appropriate court action or action or other proceedings either at law or equity to enforce performance by the User of any and all covenants of this Agreement and to recover damages for the breach thereof; (c) demand that User deliver the Locomotive forthwith to Owner at User's expense at such place as Owner may designate on User's Line; and (d) Owner and/or its agents may, without notice or liability or legal process, enter into any premises of or under control or jurisdiction of User or any agent of User where any Locomotive may be or by Owner is believed to be, and retake such Locomotive, disconnecting and separating all thereof from any other property and using all force necessary or permitted by applicable law so to do, User hereby expressly waives all further rights to possession of the Locomotives and all claims for damages suffered through or loss caused by such retaking. If any statute governing any proceeding hereunder specifies the amount of Owner's deficiency or other damages for breach of this Agreement. The provisions of this paragraph shall be without prejudice to any rights given to Owner by such statute to prove for any amounts allowed thereby. Should any proceedings be instituted by or against Owner for monies due to Owner hereunder and/or for possession of any Locomotive or for any other relief, User shall pay a reasonable sum as attorneys' fees.

The remedies in this Agreement provided in favor of Owner shall not be deemed exclusive, but shall be cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or consecutively, and shall be in addition to all other remedies in its favor existing at law or in equity. User hereby waives any mandatory requirements of law, now or hereafter in effect, which might limit or modify the remedies herein provided, to the extent that such waiver is not, at the time in question, prohibited by law. User hereby waives any and all existing or future claims to any offset against the rental payments due hereunder, and agrees to make such payments regardless of any offset or claim which may be asserted by the User or on its behalf. Owner and the User agree that Owner shall be entitled to all rights (such rights being fundamental to the willingness of Owner to enter into this Agreement) provided for in the Bankruptcy Code or of any other bankruptcy act, so that Owner shall have the right to take possession of any or all of the Locomotives upon any event of default under this Agreement regardless of whether the User is in reorganization.

No failure by Owner to exercise, and no delay by Owner in exercising, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege by Owner preclude any other or further exercise thereof, or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

19. Choice of Law: This Agreement shall be governed in all respect by the Law of the State of Illinois.

20. Miscellaneous: All transportation charges shall be borne by User. If any part hereof is contrary to, prohibited by or deemed invalid under applicable laws or regulations of any jurisdiction, such provision shall be inapplicable and deemed omitted but shall not invalidate the remaining provisions hereof. This Agreement is irrevocable for the full term hereof and for the aggregate rental herein reserved. User admits the receipt of a true copy of this Agreement.

As a precondition to entry, Lessee will require, and Lessor agrees that employes and agents of Lessor entering upon Lessee's property premises, as provided in this Lease to sign the attached Exhibit C "Release from Liability."

21. Purchase Agreement of July 26, 1988: Except as stated in this Section 21 and Section 3 herein nothing herein shall be deemed to alter, amend or effect the respective rights and obligations of the parties under the Purchase Agreement dated July 26, 1988. The lease of the Locomotives specified in Exhibit A shall not disqualify such Locomotives for purposes of being "new" under the Purchase Agreement dated July 26, 1988.

Date: October 10/1989

Electro-Motive Division  
General Motors Corporation

Attest: [Signature]

By: [Signature]

Title: Assistant Divisional  
Comptroller

Date: OCTOBER 10, 1989

Soo Line Railroad Company

Attest: [Signature]

By: [Signature]

Title: Sr. Vice President - Operations

State of Illinois )  
County of Cook ) ss.

On this 10 day of October, 1989, before me personally appeared P. Michael Smith, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is a Asst. Controller of Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation, that the instrument was signed on behalf of such 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 such corporation.

Juanita Acantilado  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

April 17, 1992



State of Minnesota )  
County of Hennepin ) ss.

On this 10th day of October, 1989, before me personally appeared Paul D. Gilmore, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is a Sr. Vice President - Operations of the Soo Line Railroad Company, that the instrument was signed on behalf of such 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 such corporation.

Sonja M. Pederson  
Notary Public

My commission expires:



**CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

To: General Motors Corporation  
(Electro-Motive Division)  
La Grange, Illinois

EMD Order \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that I, a duly appointed and authorized representative of the below named railroad, have inspected the following unit(s) of railroad equipment:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>RAILROAD'S ROAD NOS.</u>	<u>BUILDER'S SERIAL NOS.</u>
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and that such Equipment, built by General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) for \_\_\_\_\_, has been completed in accordance with the applicable specifications as defined and referred to in

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\_\_\_\_\_

dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I further certify that, at the time of delivery thereof, there was plainly, distinctly, permanently and conspicuously marked on each side of each unit of the Equipment the following legend in letters not less than \_\_\_\_\_ inch in height:

I hereby accept delivery of the said Equipment.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Authorized Representative of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_