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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR  
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR  
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-12255  
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YELLOW CORPORATION  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
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48-0948788  
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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

10990 Roe Avenue, P.O. Box 7563, Overland Park, Kansas  
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66207  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(913) 696-6100  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

No Changes  
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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last  
report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports  
required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the  
registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such  
filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No   
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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of  
common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

| Class<br>-----              | Outstanding at October 31, 1997<br>----- |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$1 Par Value | 28,513,085 shares                        |

## YELLOW CORPORATION

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)  
 Yellow Corporation and Subsidiaries  
 September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996  
 (Amounts in thousands except share data)

|   | September 30<br>1997 | December 31<br>1996 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
|   | -----                | -----               |
| ASSETS                                  |                      |                     |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                         |                      |                     |
| Cash                                    | \$ 39,400            | \$ 24,800           |
| Accounts receivable                     | 365,784              | 280,758             |
| Refundable income taxes                 | -                    | 6,150               |
| Prepaid expenses and other              | 34,262               | 78,300              |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| Total current assets                    | 439,446              | 390,008             |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:                 |                      |                     |
| Cost                                    | 1,973,053            | 1,965,798           |
| Less - Accumulated depreciation         | 1,192,846            | 1,153,108           |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| Net property and equipment              | 780,207              | 812,690             |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| OTHER ASSETS                            |                      |                     |
|   | 24,842               | 25,109              |
|   | -----                | -----               |
|   | \$1,244,495          | \$1,227,807         |
|   | =====                | =====               |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY    |                      |                     |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                    |                      |                     |
| Accounts payable and checks outstanding | \$ 117,679           | \$ 151,538          |
| Wages and employees' benefits           | 166,140              | 132,255             |
| Other current liabilities               | 149,811              | 136,251             |
| Current maturities of long-term debt    | 2,424                | 3,661               |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| Total current liabilities               | 436,054              | 423,705             |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| OTHER LIABILITIES:                      |                      |                     |
| Long-term debt                          | 164,498              | 192,492             |
| Deferred income taxes                   | 24,572               | 31,555              |
| Claims, insurance and other             | 176,281              | 184,355             |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| Total other liabilities                 | 365,351              | 408,402             |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:                   |                      |                     |
| Common stock, \$1 par value             | 29,257               | 28,863              |
| Capital surplus                         | 13,307               | 6,745               |
| Retained earnings                       | 418,147              | 377,712             |
| Treasury stock                          | (17,621)             | (17,620)            |
|   | -----                | -----               |
| Total shareholders' equity              | 443,090              | 395,700             |
|   | -----                | -----               |
|   | \$1,244,495          | \$1,227,807         |
|   | =====                | =====               |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS (Unaudited)  
Yellow Corporation and Subsidiaries  
For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996  
(Amounts in thousands except per share data)

|                                   | Three Months |            | Nine Months |             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | 1997         | 1996       | 1997        | 1996        |
| OPERATING REVENUE                 | \$ 882,187   | \$ 790,444 | \$2,511,768 | \$2,291,407 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES:               |              |            |             |             |
| Salaries, wages and benefits      | 568,220      | 517,838    | 1,627,095   | 1,524,409   |
| Operating expenses and supplies   | 119,389      | 115,750    | 364,070     | 353,323     |
| Operating taxes and licenses      | 27,863       | 27,898     | 85,479      | 85,598      |
| Claims and insurance              | 19,184       | 19,392     | 55,166      | 53,688      |
| Communications and utilities      | 10,045       | 10,484     | 31,636      | 32,770      |
| Depreciation                      | 29,899       | 32,423     | 89,237      | 98,560      |
| Purchased transportation          | 71,096       | 42,564     | 180,347     | 118,701     |
| Total operating expenses          | 845,696      | 766,349    | 2,433,030   | 2,267,049   |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS            | 36,491       | 24,095     | 78,738      | 24,358      |
| NONOPERATING (INCOME) EXPENSES:   |              |            |             |             |
| Interest expense                  | 3,364        | 4,487      | 10,417      | 16,542      |
| Other, net                        | 308          | 168        | (909)       | (228)       |
| Nonoperating expenses, net        | 3,672        | 4,655      | 9,508       | 16,314      |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES        | 32,819       | 19,440     | 69,230      | 8,044       |
| INCOME TAX PROVISION              | 12,761       | 10,501     | 28,696      | 11,337      |
| INCOME (LOSS)                     | \$ 20,058    | \$ 8,939   | \$ 40,534   | \$ (3,293)  |
| AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING | 28,374       | 28,106     | 28,201      | 28,106      |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE         | \$ .71       | \$ .32     | \$ 1.44     | \$ (.12)    |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)  
 Yellow Corporation and Subsidiaries  
 For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996  
 (Amounts in thousands)

|  | 1997      | 1996        |
|--|-----------|-------------|
|  | -----     | -----       |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>                       |           |             |
| Net cash from operating activities                 | \$ 95,085 | \$ 150,964  |
|  | -----     | -----       |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>                       |           |             |
| Acquisition of property and equipment              | (68,926)  | (49,843)    |
| Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment   | 13,071    | 10,808      |
| Purchases of short-term investments                | -         | (1,684)     |
| Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments | -         | 7,098       |
|  | -----     | -----       |
| Net cash used in investing activities              | (55,855)  | (33,621)    |
|  | -----     | -----       |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                       |           |             |
| Unsecured bank credit lines, net                   | -         | (5,000)     |
| Commercial paper, net                              | (11,832)  | (90,176)    |
| Repayment of long-term debt, net                   | (17,428)  | (30,939)    |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options, net       | 4,594     | -           |
| Other, net   | 36        | -           |
|  | -----     | -----       |
| Net cash used in financing activities              | (24,630)  | (126,115)   |
|  | -----     | -----       |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH                    | 14,600    | (8,772)     |
| CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD                          | 24,800    | 25,861      |
|  | -----     | -----       |
| CASH, END OF PERIOD                                | \$ 39,400 | \$ 17,089   |
|  | =====     | =====       |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>         |           |             |
| - - - - -  |           |             |
| Income taxes (received) paid, net                  | \$ 20,397 | \$ (35,094) |
|  | =====     | =====       |
| Interest paid                                      | \$ 7,819  | \$ 14,155   |
|  | =====     | =====       |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
Yellow Corporation and Subsidiaries

1. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Yellow Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the company) and have been prepared by the company, without audit by independent public accountants, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of management, all normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results of operations for the interim periods included herein have been made. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted from these statements pursuant to such rules and regulations. Accordingly, the accompanying consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements included in the company's 1996 Annual Report to Shareholders.
2. The company provides freight transportation services primarily to the less-than-truckload (LTL) market in North America through its subsidiaries, Yellow Freight System, Inc. (Yellow Freight), Preston Trucking Company, Inc. (Preston Trucking), Saia Motor Freight Line, Inc. (Saia) and WestEx, Inc. (WestEx). Yellow Services, Inc., formerly Yellow Technology Services, Inc. (Yellow Services), supports the company's subsidiaries. Yellow Freight comprises approximately 75 percent of total revenue while Preston Trucking comprises approximately 14 percent and Saia comprises approximately 10 percent.
3. For periods ended after December 15, 1997, the company will be required to report basic and diluted earnings per share in accordance with recently released Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 128, Earnings Per Share. The accounting change will result in basic and diluted earnings per share of \$.71 and \$.69 for the quarter ended September 30, 1997, and basic and diluted earnings per share of \$.50 and \$.49 for the quarter ended June 30, 1997. Under the new standard, basic and diluted earnings per share will equal previously reported earnings per share for the quarter ended March 31, 1997, and all 1996 and 1995 quarters. The dilutive impact of outstanding options and other securities during those periods was not material.
4. As further described in the footnotes to the 1996 consolidated financial statements, Yellow Freight recorded a special charge of \$46.1 million, or \$28.3 million after taxes in the fourth quarter of 1996. The major components of the charge and subsequent activity are as summarized below (amounts in millions):

|  | Pre-tax<br>1996<br>Charge | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, 1997 |                     |                   |
|--|---------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
|  |                           | Favorable<br>Revisions                  | Paid or<br>Utilized | Ending<br>Balance |
| Write down nonoperating<br>real estate | \$ 16.5                   | \$ -                                    | \$ 2.5              | \$ 14.0           |
| Write off computer software            | 8.4                       | -                                       | 8.4                 | -                 |
| Early retirement program               | 13.7                      | -                                       | 13.7                | -                 |
| Company car program reduction          | 3.6                       | .4                                      | 3.2                 | -                 |
| Severance and organization<br>design   | 3.9                       | .2                                      | 3.3                 | .4                |
| Total                                  | \$ 46.1                   | \$ .6                                   | \$ 31.1             | \$ 14.4           |

|  | Quarter Ended September 30, 1997 |                        |                     |                   |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|  | Beginning<br>Balance             | Favorable<br>Revisions | Paid or<br>Utilized | Ending<br>Balance |
| Write down nonoperating<br>real estate | \$ 14.1                          | \$ -                   | \$ .1               | \$ 14.0           |
| Severance and organization<br>design   | .8                               | -                      | .4                  | .4                |
| Total                                  | \$ 14.9                          | \$ -                   | \$ .5               | \$ 14.4           |

Marketing efforts continue on nonoperating real estate. None of the properties were sold in the third quarter. During the second and first quarter of 1997, nonoperating property written down in the charge to \$1.8 million and \$1.4 million was sold for \$1.8 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, utilizing portions of the write down. As disclosed in the footnotes to the 1996 consolidated financial statements, the pension benefit obligation under defined benefit pension plans increased \$12.9 million in 1996 as a result of the 130 employees electing the early retirement program. Other early retirement program costs were paid in cash in the first quarter of 1997. All company car reduction program costs were paid in cash in the first quarter of 1997. Severance payments are expected to continue through the first quarter of 1998. Revisions to estimates during the first quarter of 1997 were reflected in operations.

5. During 1996, Yellow Freight trimmed more than \$75 million in expenses. During 1997, the company expects to achieve cumulative savings of \$142 million. This is comprised of \$90 million in a full year of savings from cost reductions implemented in 1996 and \$58 million from additional 1997 programs designed to increase workforce productivity and create other efficiencies. The \$58 million is net of implementation costs and \$5.6 million in nonrecurring second quarter relocation expenses resulting from a change of operations in mid-April expected to enable the increase in Yellow Freight's utilization of lower-cost rail service. The 1997 programs are expected to also result in \$90 million in full year savings. The running rate of savings achieved with the 1996 and 1997 programs is expected to be \$180 million. The savings are being partially offset by the \$44 million impact of a contract wage and benefit increase for Yellow Freight's Teamster employees that became effective April 1, 1997.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

FINANCIAL CONDITION

September 30, 1997 Compared to December 31, 1996

Working capital increased \$37.1 million during the first nine months of 1997, resulting in a \$3.4 million working capital position at September 30, 1997 compared to a \$33.7 million deficit position at December 31, 1996. The improvement in working capital was primarily the result of increased accounts receivable partially offset by growth in wages and employees' benefits and other liabilities. The accounts receivable increase of \$85.0 million is comprised of \$78.0 million growth due to increased revenue levels and a \$7.0 million increase due to the reduction in accounts receivable subject to Yellow Freight's receivables purchase agreement.

During the quarter the company replaced its \$200 million credit agreement with a four year, \$300 million credit agreement to provide additional financial flexibility and capacity.

Total debt during the first nine months of 1997 decreased \$29.2 million. Net capital expenditures for the first nine months of 1997 were \$55.9 million. Subject to ongoing review, total net capital spending for 1997 is expected to total approximately \$109 million.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of Three Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996

Net income for the quarter was \$20.1 million, or \$.71 per share, versus third quarter 1996 net income of \$8.9 million, or \$.32 per share. Operating revenue in the third quarter was \$882.2 million, an 11.6 percent improvement over third quarter 1996 revenue of \$790.4 million. Operating income for Yellow Corporation was \$36.5 million, up from \$24.1 million in the 1996 period.

Third quarter results reflect an increase in smaller-sized shipments at all Yellow Corporation operating subsidiaries due to a two-week strike in August against UPS. The heavy inflow of smaller shipments distorted year-to-year third quarter comparisons of various financial and operating results. While revenue surged in a relatively compressed period of time, so did expenses. Yellow Corporation operating subsidiaries did pick up additional business, but capacity was limited and handling costs increased. The strike resulted in additional net income of approximately \$1 million.

Consolidated results for the third quarter include pay for performance incentive accruals for non-union employees of \$12.8 million, of which \$10.8 million pertains to Yellow Freight. Comparable prior year performance incentive accrual amounts totaled approximately \$.1 million. Performance incentive accruals are paid annually. Interim accruals are based on forecast annual operating results.



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

During the third quarter, Yellow Freight reported operating income of \$30.3 million compared with \$22.3 million in the 1996 third quarter. Revenue at Yellow Freight was \$666.2 million, up 10.2 percent from \$604.5 million in the 1996 third quarter. The operating ratio for Yellow Freight was 95.5, compared to 96.3 in the year-earlier period.

Yellow Freight tonnage and shipments per day were up 3.9 and 16.9 percent, respectively, in the third quarter, while revenue per ton was up 6.4 percent over the 1996 third quarter. Costs per ton increased by 5.4 percent, primarily due to contractual wage and benefit increases and costs related to handling the UPS strike-related business.

Yellow Freight continues to make steady progress in growing profitable revenue while also reducing costs and improving productivity.

Preston Trucking reported operating income of \$1.5 million, compared with \$.2 million in the third quarter of 1996. Revenue was \$120.8 million, up 11.9 percent from revenue of \$108.0 million in the year-earlier period. Preston had a 98.8 operating ratio for the 1997 third quarter, compared with 99.8 in 1996. It was the second consecutive profitable quarter for Preston.

Saia continued its robust growth with operating income of \$6.2 million, compared with \$2.0 million in the year-earlier quarter. Revenue for the quarter was \$82.3 million, up 19.4 percent from \$68.9 million in the 1996 third quarter. Saia's third quarter 1997 operating ratio was 92.5 versus 97.1 in 1996.

WestEx continued to perform as planned and posted revenue of \$12.8 million, up from \$9.0 million in the 1996 third quarter.

Interest expense fell between years as a result of reduced debt levels. The effective tax rate was 38.9 percent in the 1997 quarter and 54.0 percent in the 1996 quarter.

Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996

For the first nine months of 1997, consolidated operating revenue was \$2.512 billion, up 9.6 percent from \$2.291 billion in the same period of 1996. Net income was \$40.5 million, or \$1.44 per share, compared with a net loss of \$3.3 million, or \$.12 loss per share in the first nine months of 1996. Operating income for the 1997 three-quarter period was \$78.7 million, compared with \$24.4 million in 1996. A non-recurring income tax charge and severe winter storms negatively impacted the company's 1996 performance contributing to the loss for the 1996 period. The non-recurring 1996 tax charge amounted to \$6.7 million and resulted from a cash dividend from Canadian operations of \$23.0 million which was used to pay down debt.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

Consolidated results for the first nine months include pay for performance incentive accruals for non-union employees of \$23.8 million, of which approximately \$18.7 million pertains to Yellow Freight. Comparable performance incentive accruals in the 1996 period totaled approximately \$.5 million. Performance incentive accruals are paid annually. Interim accruals are based on forecast annual operating results.

Yellow Freight recorded operating revenue of \$1.906 billion in the first nine months of 1997, an 8.2 percent increase over same period in 1996. This increase reflects higher tonnage levels and an improvement in revenue per ton.

Operating income for the first nine months of 1997 was \$68.5 million compared to \$28.9 million in the same period last year. Revenue per ton was up 3.6 percent while cost per ton increased by 1.1 percent. The operating income in 1996 suffered due to first quarter 1996 severe winter storms.

Current performance at Yellow Freight is benefiting from stabilized prices, an improved economy, and the impacts of cost reduction programs, which include benefits from the increased use of rail service. The increase in rail miles as a percentage of total linehaul miles is reducing salary, wages and benefits and other operating expenses as a percentage of revenue and increasing purchased transportation as a percentage of revenue.

Operating revenue for Preston Trucking in the first nine months of 1997 was \$337.8 million, up 8.4 percent compared to \$311.7 million in 1996. This increase reflects higher tonnage levels and an improvement in revenue per ton. The operating loss in the first nine months of 1997 was \$1.0 million compared to an operating loss of \$6.8 million in the same period last year. During the first quarter of 1996, Preston employees agreed to freeze wages through March of 1998 in lieu of the standard contract increases scheduled for April 1, 1996 and April 1, 1997. Preston's 1996 operating performance suffered extreme adverse impacts from the severe winter weather as its service area is concentrated in the Northeast and upper Midwest.

Saia recorded operating revenue of \$232.3 million in the first nine months of 1997 compared to \$195.1 million in the same period of 1996, an increase of 19.1 percent. The increased revenue reflects an increase in the number of shipments handled this year compared to 1996. Operating income was \$14.5 million for the first nine months of 1997 compared to \$8.6 million in the same period last year.

WestEx continued to perform as planned and posted revenue of \$35.8 million for the three quarters, up from \$23.5 million in 1996.

Interest expense fell between years as a result of reduced debt levels.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

The effective income tax rate for the 1997 first nine months was 41.5 percent. The 1996 period included a non-recurring tax charge of \$6.7 million resulting from a cash dividend from Canadian operations of \$23.0 million which was used to pay down debt which offset the tax benefit of the loss.

The above information includes forward-looking statements. Actual future results could differ materially from those projected in such statements as a result of a number of factors which could negatively impact the company, including but not limited to inflation, volatility of expenses, labor contract negotiations, competitor pricing activity and a downturn in general economic activity.

Yellow Freight System, Inc.  
 Financial Information  
 For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996  
 (Amounts in thousands)

|   | Third Quarter |         | %    | Nine Months |           | %   |
|---|---------------|---------|------|-------------|-----------|-----|
|   | 1997          | 1996    |      | Change      | 1997      |     |
| Operating revenue                                 | 666,217       | 604,477 | 10.2 | 1,905,953   | 1,761,182 | 8.2 |
| Operating income                                  | 30,293        | 22,343  |      | 68,471      | 28,898    |     |
| Operating ratio                                   | 95.5          | 96.3    |      | 96.4        | 98.4      |     |
| Operating ratio excluding<br>change in operations | N/A           | N/A     |      | 96.1        | N/A       |     |
| Total assets at September 30                      |               |         |      | 925,393     | 912,905   |     |

  

|   | Third Quarter |          | %        | Third Quarter<br>Amount/Workday |          | %       |       |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
|   | 1997          | 1996     |          | Change                          | 1997     |         | 1996  |
| Workdays  |               |          |          | (64)                            | (64)     |         |       |
| F/S Revenue   | LTL           | 611,540  | 546,498  | 11.9                            | 9,555.3  | 8,539.0 | 11.9  |
|   | TL            | 55,237   | 56,406   | (2.1)                           | 863.1    | 881.4   | (2.1) |
|   | Other         | (560)    | 1,573    | N/M                             | (8.8)    | 24.6    | N/M   |
|   | Total         | 666,217  | 604,477  | 10.2                            | 10,409.6 | 9,445.0 | 10.2  |
| Revenue excluding revenue<br>recognition adjustment | LTL           | 611,540  | 546,498  | 11.9                            | 9,555.3  | 8,539.0 | 11.9  |
|   | TL            | 55,237   | 56,407   | (2.1)                           | 863.1    | 881.4   | (2.1) |
|   | Other         | 558      | 1,859    | N/M                             | 8.7      | 29.0    | N/M   |
|   | Total         | 667,335  | 604,764  | 10.3                            | 10,427.1 | 9,449.4 | 10.3  |
| Tonnage   | LTL           | 1,847    | 1,743    | 6.0                             | 28.86    | 27.23   | 6.0   |
|   | TL            | 383      | 403      | (5.1)                           | 5.98     | 6.30    | (5.1) |
|   | Total         | 2,230    | 2,146    | 3.9                             | 34.84    | 33.53   | 3.9   |
| Shipments   | LTL           | 4,042    | 3,448    | 17.2                            | 63.16    | 53.88   | 17.2  |
|   | TL            | 52       | 54       | (4.1)                           | .81      | .84     | (4.1) |
|   | Total         | 4,094    | 3,502    | 16.9                            | 63.97    | 54.72   | 16.9  |
| Revenue/cwt   | LTL           | 16.55    | 15.68    | 5.6                             |          |         |       |
|   | TL            | 7.22     | 6.99     | 3.2                             |          |         |       |
|   | Total         | 14.95    | 14.05    | 6.4                             |          |         |       |
| Revenue/shipment                                    | LTL           | 151.29   | 158.49   | (4.5)                           |          |         |       |
|   | TL            | 1,066.49 | 1,044.37 | 2.1                             |          |         |       |
|   | Total         | 162.87   | 172.16   | (5.4)                           |          |         |       |

Preston Trucking Company, Inc.  
 Financial Information  
 For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996  
 (Amounts in thousands)

|                              | Third Quarter |         | %    | Nine Months |         | %   |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|------|-------------|---------|-----|
|                              | 1997          | 1996    |      | Change      | 1997    |     |
| Operating revenue            | 120,836       | 107,990 | 11.9 | 337,765     | 311,672 | 8.4 |
| Operating income (loss)      | 1,466         | 216     |      | (1,026)     | (6,846) |     |
| Operating ratio              | 98.8          | 99.8    |      | 100.3       | 102.2   |     |
| Total assets at September 30 |               |         |      | 165,530     | 156,091 |     |

|   |       | Third Quarter |         | %     | Third Quarter<br>Amount/Workday |         | %     |
|---|-------|---------------|---------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
|   |       | 1997          | 1996    |       | Change                          | 1997    |       |
| Workdays  |       |               |         |       | (64)                            | (64)    |       |
| F/S Revenue   | LTL   | 106,963       | 94,892  | 12.7  | 1,671.3                         | 1,482.7 | 12.7  |
|   | TL    | 12,406        | 11,637  | 6.6   | 193.8                           | 181.8   | 6.6   |
|   | Other | 1,467         | 1,461   | .4    | 22.9                            | 22.8    | .4    |
|   | Total | 120,836       | 107,990 | 11.9  | 1,888.1                         | 1,687.3 | 11.9  |
| Revenue excluding revenue<br>recognition adjustment | LTL   | 106,963       | 94,892  | 12.7  | 1,671.3                         | 1,482.7 | 12.7  |
|   | TL    | 12,406        | 11,637  | 6.6   | 193.8                           | 181.8   | 6.6   |
|   | Other | 1,495         | 1,522   | (1.8) | 23.4                            | 23.8    | (1.8) |
|   | Total | 120,864       | 108,051 | 11.9  | 1,888.5                         | 1,688.3 | 11.9  |
| Tonnage   | LTL   | 503           | 475     | 5.8   | 7.86                            | 7.42    | 5.8   |
|   | TL    | 134           | 125     | 7.4   | 2.09                            | 1.95    | 7.4   |
|   | Total | 637           | 600     | 6.2   | 9.95                            | 9.37    | 6.2   |
| Shipments   | LTL   | 1,015         | 884     | 14.8  | 15.86                           | 13.81   | 14.8  |
|   | TL    | 19            | 18      | 4.7   | .30                             | .28     | 4.7   |
|   | Total | 1,034         | 902     | 14.6  | 16.16                           | 14.09   | 14.6  |
| Revenue/cwt   | LTL   | 10.63         | 9.98    | 6.5   |                                 |         |       |
|   | TL    | 4.62          | 4.65    | (.8)  |                                 |         |       |
|   | Total | 9.36          | 8.87    | 5.5   |                                 |         |       |
| Revenue/shipment                                    | LTL   | 105.41        | 107.35  | (1.8) |                                 |         |       |
|   | TL    | 665.29        | 653.14  | 1.9   |                                 |         |       |
|   | Total | 115.52        | 118.13  | (2.2) |                                 |         |       |

Saia Motor Freight Line, Inc.  
 Financial Information  
 For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 and 1996  
 (Amounts in thousands)

|                              | Third Quarter |        | %    | Nine Months |         | %    |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|-------------|---------|------|
|                              | 1997          | 1996   |      | 1997        | 1996    |      |
| Operating revenue            | 82,307        | 68,946 | 19.4 | 232,278     | 195,093 | 19.1 |
| Operating income             | 6,166         | 2,016  |      | 14,538      | 8,644   |      |
| Operating ratio              | 92.5          | 97.1   |      | 93.7        | 95.6    |      |
| Total assets at September 30 |               |        |      | 161,703     | 163,625 |      |

|   |       | Third Quarter |        | %     | Third Quarter<br>Amount/Workday |         | %    |
|---|-------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|------|
|   |       | 1997          | 1996   |       | 1997                            | 1996    |      |
| Workdays  |       |               |        |       | (64)                            | (64)    |      |
| F/S Revenue   | LTL   | 74,489        | 61,463 | 21.2  | 1,163.9                         | 960.4   | 21.2 |
|   | TL    | 7,818         | 7,483  | 4.5   | 122.2                           | 116.9   | 4.5  |
|   | Total | 82,307        | 68,946 | 19.4  | 1,286.0                         | 1,077.3 | 19.4 |
| Revenue excluding revenue<br>recognition adjustment | LTL   | 74,577        | 61,563 | 21.1  | 1,165.3                         | 961.9   | 21.1 |
|   | TL    | 7,827         | 7,495  | 4.4   | 122.3                           | 117.1   | 4.4  |
|   | Total | 82,404        | 69,058 | 19.3  | 1,287.6                         | 1,079.0 | 19.3 |
| Tonnage   | LTL   | 427           | 378    | 13.2  | 6.68                            | 5.90    | 13.2 |
|   | TL    | 135           | 130    | 3.9   | 2.11                            | 2.04    | 3.9  |
|   | Total | 562           | 508    | 10.8  | 8.79                            | 7.94    | 10.8 |
| Shipments   | LTL   | 863           | 712    | 21.2  | 13.49                           | 11.13   | 21.2 |
|   | TL    | 14            | 14     | 5.4   | .22                             | .21     | 5.4  |
|   | Total | 877           | 726    | 20.9  | 13.71                           | 11.34   | 20.9 |
| Revenue/cwt   | LTL   | 8.72          | 8.15   | 7.1   |                                 |         |      |
|   | TL    | 2.89          | 2.88   | .6    |                                 |         |      |
|   | Total | 7.32          | 6.80   | 7.7   |                                 |         |      |
| Revenue/shipment                                    | LTL   | 86.40         | 86.45  | (.1)  |                                 |         |      |
|   | TL    | 544.90        | 535.73 | (.9)  |                                 |         |      |
|   | Total | 93.90         | 95.12  | (1.3) |                                 |         |      |

1996 Saia statistics have been restated for consistency with 1997 statistics calculations.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

- (a) Exhibits  
 (10.9) - Revolving Credit Agreement, dated September 24, 1997  
 (27) - Financial Data Schedule (for SEC use only)
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K  
 No reports on Form 8-K were filed for the three months ended September 30, 1997.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

## YELLOW CORPORATION

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 Registrant

Date: November 12, 1997  
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/s/ A. Maurice Myers  
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A. Maurice Myers  
 Chairman of the Board of  
 Directors, President & Chief  
 Executive Officer

Date: November 12, 1997  
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/s/ H. A. Trucksess, III  
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H. A. Trucksess, III  
 Senior Vice President - Finance/  
 Chief Financial Officer &  
 Treasurer

REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT  
dated as of September 24, 1997

among

YELLOW CORPORATION

NATIONSBANK, N.A.,  
Individually and as Documentation Agent

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO,  
Individually, as Issuer and as Agent

and

THE LENDERS LISTED HEREIN



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YELLOW CORPORATION  
REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT

This Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 1997, is among Yellow Corporation, a Delaware corporation, the Lenders (as defined below), NationsBank, N.A., as Documentation Agent, and The First National Bank of Chicago, as Issuer and as Agent. The parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement:

"Absolute Rate" means, with respect to an Absolute Rate Loan made by a given Lender for the relevant Absolute Rate Interest Period, the rate of interest per annum (rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) offered by such Lender and accepted by the Borrower.

"Absolute Rate Advance" means a borrowing hereunder consisting of the aggregate amount of the several Absolute Rate Loans made by some or all of the Lenders to the Borrower at the same time and for the same Interest Period.

"Absolute Rate Auction" means a solicitation of Competitive Bid Quotes setting forth Absolute Rates pursuant to Section 2.3.

"Absolute Rate Interest Period" means, with respect to an Absolute Rate Advance, a period of not less than 30 days and not more than six months, commencing on a Business Day selected by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement. If such Absolute Rate Interest Period would end on a day which is not a Business Day, such Absolute Rate Interest Period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day, unless such next succeeding Business Day is after the Termination Date, in which case such Absolute Rate Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day. No Absolute Rate Interest Period may end after the Termination Date.

"Absolute Rate Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at the Absolute Rate.

"Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA" means, for any period, the sum of (i) Consolidated EBITDA plus (ii) Special Subsidiary Discontinuation/Restructuring Charges incurred or taken by the Borrower during such period, provided that the cumulative amount of Special Subsidiary Discontinuation/Restructuring Charges included in Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA

pursuant to this clause (ii) during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$115,000,000 (which is a pre-tax amount).

"Adjusted Consolidated Tangible Net Worth" means the sum of (i) Consolidated Tangible Net Worth, plus (ii) the cumulative amount of Special Subsidiary Discontinuation/Restructuring Charges incurred or taken by the Borrower for fiscal quarters ending on September 30, 1997 or thereafter (such amount to be adjusted quarterly upon delivery by the Borrower of its financial statements described in Section 6.1(ii)), provided that the cumulative amount of Special Subsidiary Discontinuation/Restructuring Charges included in Adjusted Consolidated Tangible Net Worth pursuant to this clause (ii) during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$75,000,000 (which is an after-tax amount).

"Advance" means a borrowing hereunder consisting of the aggregate amount of the several Loans made by some or all of the Lenders to the Borrower on the same Borrowing Date, at the same Rate Option (or on the same interest basis in the case of Competitive Bid Advances) and for the same Interest Period and includes a Competitive Bid Advance.

"Affiliate" of any Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if the controlling Person owns 10% or more of any class of voting securities (or other ownership interests) of the controlled Person or possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of the controlled Person, whether through ownership of stock, by contract or otherwise.

"Agent" means The First National Bank of Chicago in its capacity as agent for the Lenders pursuant to Article X, and not in its individual capacity as a Lender, and any successor Agent appointed pursuant to Article X.

"Agent's Fee Letter" is defined in Section 2.3.8.

"Aggregate Commitment" means the aggregate of the Commitments of all the Lenders, as reduced from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof.

"Agreement" means this revolving credit agreement, as it may be amended or modified and in effect from time to time.

"Agreement Accounting Principles" means generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the financial statements referred to in Section 5.4, provided that, to the extent that generally accepted accounting principles as in effect at any time permit alternative methods of accounting for particular events or transactions, the Borrower may, with the concurrence of its independent certified public accountants, vary its selection of such methods during different



accounting periods so long as any inconsistency in the application of generally accepted accounting principles resulting therefrom is disclosed and explained to the Lenders.

"Alternate Base Rate" means, for any day, a rate of interest per annum equal to the higher of (i) the Corporate Base Rate or (ii) the Federal Funds Effective Rate most recently determined by the Agent plus 1/2% per annum. Changes in the rate of interest on that portion of any Advance maintained as a Floating Rate Advance will take effect simultaneously with each change in the Alternate Base Rate.

"Applicable Facility Fee Rate" means (i) during any Level 1 Rating Period, 0.08% per annum, (ii) during any Level 2 Rating Period, 0.10% per annum, (iii) during any Level 3 Rating Period, 0.125% per annum, (iv) during any Level 4 Rating Period, 0.15% per annum, (v) during any Level 5 Rating Period, 0.175% per annum and (vi) during any Level 6 Rating Period, 0.20% per annum.

"Applicable Margin" means (i) during any Level 1 Rating Period, 0.17% per annum, (ii) during any Level 2 Rating Period, 0.20% per annum, (iii) during any Level 3 Rating Period, 0.225% per annum, (iv) during any Level 4 Rating Period, 0.25% per annum, (v) during any Level 5 Rating Period, 0.325% per annum and (vi) during any Level 6 Rating Period, 0.40% per annum.

"Applicable Utilization Fee Rate" means (i) during any Level 1, 2 or 3 Rating Period, 0.05% per annum, (ii) during any Level 4 or 5 Rating Period, 0.10% per annum and (iii) during any Level 6 Rating Period, 0.15% per annum.

"Article" means an article of this Agreement unless another document is specifically referenced.

"Authorized Officer" means either of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the Borrower, acting singly.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of a Person or any duly authorized committee of such board of directors to the extent that such committee is authorized to perform the functions of such board of directors. Unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, all references herein to the "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Borrower.

"Borrower" means Yellow Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its permitted successors and assigns.

"Borrowing Date" means a date on which an Advance is made hereunder.

"Business Day" means (i) with respect to any borrowing, payment or rate selection of Eurodollar Ratable Advances or Eurodollar Bid Rate Advances, a day other than Saturday or Sunday on which banks generally are open in Chicago and New York for the conduct of substantially all of their commercial lending activities and on which dealings in United States dollars are carried on in the London interbank market and (ii) for all other purposes, a day other than Saturday or Sunday on which banks generally are open in Chicago and New York for the conduct of substantially all of their commercial lending activities.

"Capitalized Lease" of a Person means any lease of Property by such Person as lessee which would be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Capitalized Lease Obligations" of a Person means the amount of the obligations of such Person under Capitalized Leases which would be shown as a liability on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.

"Change in Control" means the acquisition by any Person, or two or more Persons acting in concert, of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of 30% or more of the outstanding shares of voting stock of the Borrower.

"Closing Date" means September 24, 1997, or such other Business Day thereafter agreed upon by the parties hereto on which the Agent shall have determined that the conditions set forth in Section 4.1 have been fulfilled or waived.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, reformed or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Commitment" means, for each Lender, the obligation of such Lender to make Ratable Loans and participate in Facility Letters of Credit in an amount not exceeding in the aggregate at any one time the amount set forth opposite its signature below, as such amount may be modified from time to time pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

"Competitive Bid Advance" means a borrowing hereunder consisting of the aggregate amount of the several Competitive Bid Loans made by some or all of the Lenders to the Borrower at the same time and for the same Interest Period.

"Competitive Bid Borrowing Notice" is defined in Section 2.3.6.

"Competitive Bid Loan" means a Eurodollar Bid Rate Loan or an Absolute Rate Loan, or both, as the case may be.

"Competitive Bid Margin" means the margin above or below the applicable Eurodollar Base Rate offered for a Eurodollar Bid Rate Loan, expressed as a percentage (rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) to be added or subtracted from such Eurodollar Base Rate.

"Competitive Bid Note" means a promissory note in substantially the form of Exhibit "B" hereto, with appropriate insertions, duly executed and delivered to the Agent by the Borrower for the account of a Lender and payable to the order of such Lender, including any amendment, modification, renewal or replacement of such promissory note.

"Competitive Bid Quote" means a Competitive Bid Quote substantially in the form of Exhibit "E" hereto completed and delivered by a Lender to the Agent in accordance with Section 2.3.4.

"Competitive Bid Quote Request" means a Competitive Bid Quote Request substantially in the form of Exhibit "C" hereto completed and delivered by the Borrower to the Agent in accordance with Section 2.3.2.

"Condemnation" is defined in Section 7.8.

"Consolidated Assets" means, at any date, all amounts which, in conformity with Agreement Accounting Principles, would be included as assets on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at such date.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means Consolidated Net Income plus, to the extent deducted from revenues in determining Consolidated Net Income, (i) Net Interest Expense, (ii) income taxes, (iii) depreciation, and (iv) amortization, all calculated for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Consolidated Indebtedness" means, at any date, all Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, for any period, the net income or loss of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Consolidated Tangible Net Worth" means, at any date, the consolidated net worth of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date after subtracting therefrom the aggregate amount of any intangible assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including, without limitation,

goodwill, franchises, licenses, patents, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, service marks, brand names and operating rights, all determined in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Controlled Group" means all members of a controlled group of corporations and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control which, together with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Corporate Base Rate" means a rate per annum equal to the corporate base rate of interest announced by First Chicago from time to time, changing when and as said corporate base rate changes.

"Credit Extension" means the making of any Advance or the issuance of any Facility Letter of Credit pursuant to this Agreement.

"Credit Extension Date" means the date on which any Credit Extension is made hereunder.

"Current Payment Obligations" means (when used in Sections 5.9 and 7.11 only), as of any date of determination, payment obligations which are past due, are due on or will become due within 12 months after such date.

"Default" means an event described in Article VII.

"Defaulting Lender" means any Lender that, in breach of this Agreement, (i) on any Borrowing Date fails to make available to the Agent such Lender's Loans required to be made to the Borrower on such Borrowing Date or (ii) shall not have made a payment to the Issuer pursuant to Section 2.4.5(b). Once a Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, such Lender shall continue as a Defaulting Lender until such time as such Defaulting Lender makes available to the Agent the amount of such Defaulting Lender's Loans and/or to the Issuer such payments requested by the Issuer, together with all other amounts then due and payable to the Agent and/or the Issuer by such Defaulting Lender pursuant to this Agreement.

"Dollars" and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States of America.

"Environmental Laws" means all applicable federal, state or local statutes, laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations and guidelines (including consent decrees and administrative orders) relating to public health and safety and protection of the environment.

"Equipment" means all equipment, machinery, furniture and goods used or usable by the Borrower in its business and all other tangible personal property (other than inventory),

and all accessions and additions thereto, excluding such of the foregoing as have been attached to real property in such a manner that their removal would cause damage to the realty and which have therefore taken on the character of real property.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any corporation or trade or business which is a member of the same controlled group of corporations (within the meaning of Section 414(b) of the Code) as the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower, or is under common control (within the meaning of Section 414(c) of the Code) with the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower.

"Eurodollar Auction" means a solicitation of Competitive Bid Quotes setting forth Competitive Bid Margins pursuant to Section 2.3.

"Eurodollar Base Rate" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Ratable Advance or a Eurodollar Bid Rate Advance for the relevant Eurodollar Interest Period, the rate determined by the Agent to be the arithmetic average of the rates reported to the Agent by each Reference Bank as the rate at which deposits in U.S. dollars are offered by such Reference Bank to first-class banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) two Business Days prior to the first day of such Eurodollar Interest Period, in the approximate amount of such Reference Bank's relevant Eurodollar Ratable Loan or, in the case of a Eurodollar Bid Rate Advance, the amount of the Eurodollar Bid Rate Advance requested by the Borrower, and having a maturity approximately equal to such Eurodollar Interest Period. If any Reference Bank fails to provide such quotation to the Agent, then the Agent shall determine the Eurodollar Base Rate on the basis of the quotations of the remaining Reference Bank(s).

"Eurodollar Bid Rate" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Bid Rate Loan made by a given Lender for the relevant Eurodollar Interest Period, the sum of (i) the Eurodollar Base Rate, rounded, if necessary, to the next higher 1/16 of 1%, and (ii) the Competitive Bid Margin offered by such Lender and accepted by the Borrower.

"Eurodollar Bid Rate Advance" means a Competitive Bid Advance which bears interest at a Eurodollar Bid Rate.

"Eurodollar Bid Rate Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at the Eurodollar Bid Rate.

"Eurodollar Interest Period" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Ratable Advance or a Eurodollar Bid Rate Advance, a period of one, two, three or six months commencing on a Business Day selected by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement. Such Eurodollar Interest

Period shall end on (but exclude) the day which corresponds numerically to such date one, two, three or six months (as applicable) thereafter, provided, however, that if there is no such numerically corresponding day in such next, second, third or sixth succeeding month, such Eurodollar Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of such next, second, third or sixth succeeding month. If a Eurodollar Interest Period would otherwise end on a day which is not a Business Day, such Eurodollar Interest Period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day, provided, however, that if said next succeeding Business Day falls in a new month, such Eurodollar Interest Period shall end on the Business Day immediately preceding the day (which was not a Business Day) upon which such Eurodollar Interest Period would otherwise have ended. No Eurodollar Interest Period may end after the Termination Date.

"Eurodollar Ratable Advance" means an Advance which bears interest at a Eurodollar Rate requested by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.2.

"Eurodollar Ratable Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at a Eurodollar Rate requested by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.2.

"Eurodollar Rate" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Ratable Advance for the relevant Eurodollar Interest Period, the sum of (i) the quotient of (a) the Eurodollar Base Rate applicable to that Eurodollar Interest Period, divided by (b) one minus the Reserve Requirement (expressed as a decimal) applicable to that Eurodollar Interest Period, plus (ii) the Applicable Margin. The Eurodollar Rate shall be rounded, if necessary, to the next higher 1/16 of 1%.

"Existing Credit Agreement" is defined in Section 4.1.

"Facility Letter of Credit" means a standby Letter of Credit issued by the Issuer pursuant to Section 2.4. Upon the satisfaction of the conditions to the initial Credit Extension set forth in Sections 4.1 and 4.3, each Letter of Credit issued under the Existing Credit Agreement shall be deemed for all purposes to be a Facility Letter of Credit issued hereunder and each Lender shall be deemed to hold a participation equal to its Pro Rata Share in such Facility Letter of Credit.

"Facility Letter of Credit Obligations" means, as at the time of any determination thereof, all liabilities, whether actual or contingent, of the Borrower with respect to the Facility Letters of Credit, including the sum of (a) Reimbursement Obligations and (b) the aggregate undrawn face amount of the outstanding Facility Letters of Credit.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate" means, for any day, an interest rate per annum equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers on such day, as published for such day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day) by the

Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day which is a Business Day, the average of the quotations at approximately 10:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on such day on such transactions received by the Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by the Agent in its sole discretion.

"First Chicago" means The First National Bank of Chicago in its individual capacity, and its successors.

"Fixed Rate" means the Eurodollar Rate, the Eurodollar Bid Rate or the Absolute Rate.

"Fixed Rate Advance" means an Advance which bears interest at a Fixed Rate.

"Fixed Rate Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at a Fixed Rate.

"Floating Rate" means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the Alternate Base Rate, in each case changing when and as the Alternate Base Rate changes.

"Floating Rate Advance" means an Advance which bears interest at the Floating Rate.

"Floating Rate Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at the Floating Rate.

"Floating Rate Interest Period" means, with respect to a Floating Rate Advance, a period of 30 days commencing on a Business Day selected by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement. If such Floating Rate Interest Period would end on a day which is not a Business Day, such Floating Rate Interest Period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day. No Floating Rate Interest Period may end after the Termination Date.

"Guarantors" means, collectively, the Original Guarantors, any other Person which becomes a party to the Guaranty after the date hereof, and any successor or assign of any of the foregoing Persons (except to the extent such successor or assign is relieved from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement), and "Guarantor" means any one of such Persons, provided that any Person released from the Guaranty pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.22 shall no longer be a "Guarantor" unless and until such Person re-executes the Guaranty pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.22.

"Guaranty" means that certain Guaranty dated as of September 24, 1997 executed by the Guarantors in favor of the Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Lenders, as it may be amended or modified and in effect from time to time.

"Hazardous Material" means (i) any Hazardous Substance; (ii) any Hazardous Waste; (iii) any petroleum product; or (iv) any pollutant or contaminant or hazardous, dangerous or toxic chemical, material or substance within the meaning of any other federal, state or local

law, regulation, ordinance or requirement (including consent decrees and administrative orders) relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material, all as amended or hereafter amended.

"Hazardous Substance" means any "hazardous substance," as defined by CERCLA.

"Hazardous Waste" means any "hazardous waste," as defined by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended.

"Indebtedness" of a Person means, without duplication, such Person's (i) obligations for borrowed money, (ii) obligations representing the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of such Person's business payable on terms customary in the trade), (iii) obligations, whether or not assumed, secured by Liens on or payable out of the proceeds or production from Property now or hereafter owned or acquired by such Person, (iv) obligations which are evidenced by notes, acceptances, or other instruments, (v) Capitalized Lease Obligations, (vi) outstanding principal balances (representing securitized but unliquidated assets) under asset securitization agreements (including, without limitation, the outstanding principal balance of accounts receivable under Receivables Transactions), and (vii) all guaranties of or other contingent obligations with respect to indebtedness of Persons other than the Borrower or any Subsidiary, including without limitation contingent obligations with respect to Letters of Credit.

"Interest Period" means a Eurodollar Interest Period, an Absolute Rate Interest Period or a Floating Rate Interest Period.

"Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes" means an Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes substantially in the form of Exhibit "D" hereto, completed and delivered by the Agent to the Lenders in accordance with Section 2.3.3.

"Issuer" means The First National Bank of Chicago, in its capacity as issuer of Facility Letters of Credit under Section 2.4.

"LC Application" is defined in Section 2.4.3.

"Lenders" means the lending institutions listed on the signature pages of this Agreement, including, without limitation, First Chicago in its capacity as a lender, and their respective successors and assigns.

"Lending Installation" means, with respect to a Lender, the Issuer or the Agent, any office, branch, subsidiary or affiliate of such Lender, the Issuer or the Agent.



"Letter of Credit" of a Person means a letter of credit or similar instrument which is issued upon the application of such Person or upon which such Person is an account party or for which such Person is in any way liable.

"Letter of Credit Collateral Account" is defined in Section 2.4.7.

"Level 1 Rating Period" means any period during which the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt is rated A- or higher by S&P (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to S&P) or A3 or higher by Moody's (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to Moody's), provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, if the rating by Moody's or its successor and the rating by S&P or its successor differ by two or more of the rating grades used by such agencies, the Rating Period which would exist if the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt were rated by both such agencies at one rating grade above the lower of such rating grades shall be deemed to exist.

"Level 2 Rating Period" means any period which does not qualify as a Level 1 Rating Period during which the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt is rated BBB+ or higher by S&P (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to S&P) and Baa1 or higher by Moody's (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to Moody's).

"Level 3 Rating Period" means any period which does not qualify as a Level 1 or Level 2 Rating Period during which the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt is rated BBB+ or higher by S&P (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to S&P) or Baa1 or higher by Moody's (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to Moody's), provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, if the rating by Moody's or its successor and the rating by S&P or its successor differ by two or more of the rating grades used by such agencies, the Rating Period which would exist if the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt were rated by both such agencies at one rating grade above the lower of such rating grades shall be deemed to exist.

"Level 4 Rating Period" means any period which does not qualify as a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 Rating Period during which the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt is rated BBB or higher by S&P (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to S&P) or Baa2 or higher by Moody's (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to Moody's), provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, if the rating by Moody's or its successor and the rating by S&P or its successor differ by two or more of the rating grades used by such agencies, the Rating Period which would exist if the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt were rated by both such agencies at one rating grade above the lower of such rating grades shall be deemed to exist.

"Level 5 Rating Period" means any period which does not qualify as a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 or Level 4 Rating Period during which the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt is rated BBB- or higher by S&P (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to S&P) and Baa3 or higher by Moody's (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to Moody's).

"Level 6 Rating Period" means any period which does not qualify as a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Rating Period.

"Lien" means any lien (statutory or other), mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale, Capitalized Lease or other title retention agreement).

"Loan" means, with respect to a Lender, such Lender's portion, if any, of any Advance.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, the Notes, the Guaranty and the LC Applications.

"Margin Stock" means "margin stock" as defined in Regulation U.

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, Property, condition (financial or other), results of operations, or prospects of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Loan Documents, or (iii) the validity or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents or the rights or remedies of the Agent, the Issuer or the Lenders thereunder.

"Material Subsidiary" means, as of any time of determination, any Subsidiary of the Borrower (i) the assets of which comprise more than 10% of the Consolidated Assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of the Borrower's most recent fiscal year, or (ii) revenue attributable to which comprises more than 10% of the consolidated revenue of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the Borrower's most recent fiscal year.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"Multiemployer Plan" means a Plan maintained pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or any other arrangement to which the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group is a party to which more than one employer is obligated to make contributions.

"Net Interest Expense" means, for any period, the difference of (i) interest expense (including interest, yield, discount, or similar amounts paid in connection with any receivables securitization, however characterized), minus (ii) interest income.

"Notes" means, collectively, the Competitive Bid Notes and the Ratable Notes; and "Note" means any one of the Notes.

"Notice of Assignment" is defined in Section 12.3.2.

"Obligations" means all unpaid principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes, all accrued and unpaid fees, all Facility Letter of Credit Obligations and all expenses, reimbursements, indemnities and other obligations of the Borrower or any Subsidiary Co-Applicant to the Lenders or to any Lender, the Issuer, the Agent or any indemnified party hereunder arising under the Loan Documents.

"Officer's Certificate" shall mean a certificate signed in the name of the Borrower by an Authorized Officer.

"Original Guarantors" means, collectively, Yellow Freight, Preston Trucking Company, Inc., Saia Motor Freight Line, Inc. and WestEx, Inc.

"Participants" is defined in Section 12.2.1.

"Payment Date" means the last day of each calendar quarter.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, firm, joint venture, partnership, association, enterprise, trust or other entity or organization, or any government or political subdivision or any agency, department or instrumentality thereof.

"Plan" means an employee pension benefit plan which is covered by Title IV of ERISA or subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code as to which the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group may have any liability.

"Property" of a Person means any and all property, whether real, personal, tangible, intangible, or mixed, of such Person, or other assets owned, leased or operated by such Person.

"Pro Rata Share" means, for each Lender, the ratio of such Lender's Commitment to the Aggregate Commitment.

"Purchasers" is defined in Section 12.3.1.

"Ratable Advance" means a borrowing hereunder consisting of the aggregate amount of the several Ratable Loans made by the Lenders to the Borrower at the same time, at the same Rate Option and for the same Interest Period.

"Ratable Borrowing Notice" is defined in Section 2.2.3.

"Ratable Loan" means a Loan made by a Lender pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof.

"Ratable Note" means a promissory note in substantially the form of Exhibit "A" hereto, duly executed and delivered to the Agent by the Borrower for the account of a Lender and payable to the order of such Lender in the amount of its Commitment, including any amendment, modification, renewal or replacement of such promissory note.

"Rate Option" means the Eurodollar Rate or the Floating Rate.

"Rating Period" means a Level 1 Rating Period, a Level 2 Rating Period, a Level 3 Rating Period, a Level 4 Rating Period, a Level 5 Rating Period or a Level 6 Rating Period.

"Receivables Corp." means Yellow Receivables Corporation, a special-purpose Subsidiary of Yellow Freight.

"Receivables Purchaser" means a purchaser of accounts receivable from Receivables Corp. pursuant to a Receivables Transaction.

"Receivables Transactions" means, collectively, (i) the creation of Receivables Corp. to purchase accounts receivable generated by and owed to certain Subsidiaries of the Borrower, (ii) the entry by Receivables Corp. into one or more receivables purchase agreements with Receivables Purchasers, pursuant to which each Receivables Purchaser will, from time to time, purchase from Receivables Corp. undivided interests in the receivables described in clause (i), and (iii) the entry by Receivables Corp. into such ancillary agreements, documents and instruments as are necessary or advisable in connection with such receivables purchase agreements, provided that (x) the outstanding principal amount of the financing provided by all Receivables Purchasers pursuant to such receivables purchase agreements shall not exceed \$150,000,000 in the aggregate at any time and (y) the primary structural terms of each such receivables purchase agreement, including without limitation the amount of any recourse to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries for uncollectible receivables, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Agent in each case.

"Reference Banks" means The First National Bank of Chicago, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and NationsBank, N.A.

"Refinancing Credit Extension" (i) when used to refer to an Advance means an Advance which, after giving effect to the Advance and the application of the proceeds thereof, does not increase the aggregate amount of outstanding Advances; provided, however, that any Ratable Advance the proceeds of which are used, all or in part, to repay any Competitive Bid Loan shall not be deemed to be a Refinancing Credit Extension and (ii) when used to refer to the issuance of a Facility Letter of Credit means a Facility Letter of Credit which, after giving effect to the issuance thereof, does not increase the aggregate amount of Facility Letter of Credit Obligations.

"Refinancing Loan" means, with respect to a Lender, such Lender's ratable share of a Refinancing Credit Extension which is an Advance.

"Regulation D" means Regulation D of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as from time to time in effect and any successor thereto or other regulation or official interpretation of said Board of Governors relating to reserve requirements applicable to member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

"Regulation U" means Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as from time to time in effect and any successor or other regulation or official interpretation of said Board of Governors relating to the extension of credit by banks for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stocks applicable to member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

"Reimbursement Obligations" means, at any time, the aggregate of the obligations of the Borrower to the Lenders and the Issuer in respect of all unreimbursed payments or disbursements made by the Issuer and the Lenders under or in respect of the Facility Letters of Credit (including, without limitation, the Borrower's obligation to reimburse the Issuer for draws on Facility Letters of Credit pursuant to Section 2.4.4(b)).

"Reportable Event" means a reportable event as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA and the regulations issued under such section, with respect to a Plan, excluding, however, such events as to which the PBGC by regulation waived the requirement of Section 4043(a) of ERISA that it be notified within 30 days of the occurrence of such event, provided, however, that a failure to meet the minimum funding standard of Section 412 of the Code and of Section 302 of ERISA shall be a Reportable Event regardless of the issuance of any such waiver of the notice requirement in accordance with either Section 4043(a) of ERISA or Section 412(d) of the Code.

"Required Lenders" means Lenders in the aggregate having at least 66-2/3% of the Aggregate Commitment or, if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, Lenders in the

aggregate holding at least 66-2/3% of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the outstanding Advances and participations in Facility Letters of Credit.

"Reserve Requirement" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Interest Period, the maximum aggregate reserve requirement (including all basic, supplemental, marginal and other reserves) which is imposed under Regulation D on Eurocurrency liabilities (in the case of Eurodollar Ratable Advances).

"Revenue Equipment" means that Property of the Borrower or any Subsidiary which is so designated on the Borrower's consolidated balance sheets provided to the Lenders under Section 6.1(i) and (ii), exclusive of any real property which may fall under such designation.

"S&P" means Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

"Section" means a numbered section of this Agreement, unless another document is specifically referenced.

"Significant Restructuring" means, with respect to a Subsidiary of the Borrower, a reorganization or discontinuation of all or a significant portion of the business or operations of such Subsidiary.

"Single Employer Plan" means a Plan maintained by the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group for employees of the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group.

"Special Subsidiary Discontinuation/Restructuring Charges" means cash or non-cash adjustments to or charges against income specifically identified in the Borrower's internal books of account as incurred in connection with the liquidation and dissolution of or a Significant Restructuring of one of the Borrower's Subsidiaries, provided that only adjustments or charges with respect to one particular Subsidiary of the Borrower (which Subsidiary shall be the same Subsidiary for the term of this Agreement) will be defined as Special Subsidiary Discontinuation/Restructuring Charges.

"Stock Acquisition" means any transaction, or any series of related transactions, consummated after the date of this Agreement, by which the Borrower directly or indirectly acquires (in one transaction or as the most recent transaction in a series of transactions) at least a majority (in number of votes) of the securities of a corporation or other Person which have ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body (other than securities having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency), provided, however, that such term shall not include any such transaction (or series of transactions) which has been approved as to its terms by the Board of Directors of the Borrower and (prior to the

commencement of such transaction or series of transactions) by the Board of Directors or other governing body of the corporation or other Person whose securities are to be acquired.

"Subsidiary" of a Person means (i) any corporation more than 50% of the outstanding securities having ordinary voting power of which shall at the time be owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more of its Subsidiaries or by such Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries, or (ii) any partnership, association, joint venture or similar business organization more than 50% of the ownership interests having ordinary voting power of which shall at the time be so owned or controlled. Unless otherwise expressly provided, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" shall mean a Subsidiary of the Borrower.

"Subsidiary Co-Applicant" is defined in Section 2.4.1.

"Substantial Portion" means, with respect to the Property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, Property which represents more than 10% of the Consolidated Assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as would be shown in the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the beginning of the twelve-month period ending with the month in which such determination is made.

"Termination Date" means September 24, 2001.

"Termination Event" means any of the following:

(i) the filing by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries, any of its ERISA Affiliates or any plan administrator under Title IV of ERISA of a notice of the termination of, or the intent to terminate, any Single Employer Plan;

(ii) the institution by the PBGC of proceedings for the termination of any Single Employer Plan; or the receipt by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of its ERISA Affiliates of a notice from a Multiemployer Plan that such action has been taken by the PBGC with respect to such Multiemployer Plan; or

(iii) the complete or partial withdrawal by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of its ERISA Affiliates from any Multiemployer Plan, a default, within the meaning of Section 4219(c)(5) of ERISA, by the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, or the receipt by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of its ERISA Affiliates of notice from a Multiemployer Plan that it is in reorganization or insolvency or that it intends to terminate or has been terminated.

Once a Termination Event occurs with respect to a Plan, such Termination Event shall be deemed to continue in effect for the purposes of this Agreement until all payment obligations

and other liabilities of any member of the Controlled Group with respect thereto have been discharged.

"Transferee" is defined in Section 12.4.

"Transferor Lender" is defined in Section 12.3.1.

"Type" means, with respect to any Advance, its nature as a Floating Rate Advance, Eurodollar Ratable Advance, Eurodollar Bid Rate Advance or Absolute Rate Advance.

"Unfunded Liabilities" means the amount (if any) by which the actuarial present value of all accumulated vested nonforfeitable benefits under all Single Employer Plans exceeds the fair market value of all such Plan assets allocable to such benefits, all determined as of the then most recent valuation date for such Plans and calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 35.

"Unmatured Default" means an event or condition which but for the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a Default.

"Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding voting stock of which shall at the time be owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person, or by such Person and one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Yellow Freight" means Yellow Freight System, Inc., an Indiana corporation.

The foregoing definitions shall be equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of the defined terms.

Except as provided to the contrary herein, all accounting terms used herein shall be interpreted and all accounting determinations hereunder shall be made in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles, applied in a manner consistent with that used in the preparation of the most recent financial statements submitted by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.1 (or, before any financial statements have been submitted pursuant to Section 6.1, in a manner consistent with that used in the preparation of the financial statements referred to in Section 5.4).



ARTICLE II  
THE FACILITY

2.1. The Facility.

2.1.1. Description of Facility. The Lenders grant to the Borrower a revolving credit facility pursuant to which, and upon the terms and subject to the conditions herein set forth:

(i) each Lender severally agrees to make Ratable Loans to the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.2;

(ii) each Lender severally agrees to participate in Facility Letters of Credit issued by the Issuer in accordance with Section 2.4; and

(iii) each Lender may, in its sole discretion, make bids to make Competitive Bid Loans to the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.3.

2.1.2. Facility Amount. In no event may the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Advances (including both the Ratable Advances and the Competitive Bid Advances) plus (ii) the Facility Letter of Credit Obligations exceed the Aggregate Commitment. The Borrower agrees that if at any time any such excess shall arise, it shall immediately pay to the Agent (or deposit into the Letter of Credit Collateral Account, to the extent that all Loans have been fully repaid) the amount necessary to eliminate such excess, without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind from the Agent, the Issuer or any Lender, all of which the Borrower hereby expressly waives.

2.1.3. Availability of Facility. Subject to the terms hereof, the facility is available from the date hereof to the Termination Date. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Borrower may borrow, repay and reborrow and the Borrower may request the issuance of Facility Letters of Credit at any time prior to the Termination Date. The Commitments to lend and participate in Facility Letters of Credit hereunder shall expire on the Termination Date.

2.2. Ratable Advances.

2.2.1. Ratable Advances. Each Ratable Advance hereunder shall consist of borrowings made from the several Lenders ratably in proportion to the amounts of their respective Commitments. The aggregate outstanding amount of Competitive Bid Advances shall reduce the amount available for borrowing under each Lender's Commitment ratably in the proportion such Lender's Commitment bears to the Aggregate Commitment regardless of

which Lender or Lenders make such Competitive Bid Advances. Ratable Advances shall be evidenced by the Ratable Notes. No Ratable Advance may mature after the Termination Date.

2.2.2. Ratable Advance Rate Options. The Ratable Advances may be Floating Rate Advances or Eurodollar Ratable Advances, or a combination thereof, selected by the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.2.3.

2.2.3. Method of Selecting Rate Options and Interest Periods for Ratable Advances. The Borrower shall select the Rate Option and Interest Period applicable to each Ratable Advance from time to time. The Borrower shall give the Agent irrevocable notice (a "Ratable Borrowing Notice") not later than 11:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the Borrowing Date of each Floating Rate Advance and 10:00 a.m. (Chicago time) three Business Days before the Borrowing Date of each Eurodollar Ratable Advance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Ratable Borrowing Notice for a Floating Rate Advance may be given not later than 30 minutes after the time at which the Borrower is required to reject one or more bids offered in connection with an Absolute Rate Auction pursuant to Section 2.3.6 and a Ratable Borrowing Notice for a Eurodollar Ratable Advance may be given not later than 30 minutes after the time the Borrower is required to reject one or more bids offered in connection with a Eurodollar Auction pursuant to Section 2.3.6. A Ratable Borrowing Notice shall specify:

- (i) the Borrowing Date, which shall be a Business Day, of such Ratable Advance;
- (ii) the aggregate amount of such Ratable Advance;
- (iii) the Rate Option selected for such Ratable Advance; and
- (iv) in the case of each Eurodollar Ratable Advance, the Interest Period applicable thereto (which may not end after the Termination Date).

### 2.3. Competitive Bid Advances.

2.3.1. Competitive Bid Option. In addition to Ratable Advances pursuant to Section 2.2, but subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, the limitation set forth in Section 2.1.2 as to the maximum aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Advances and Facility Letter of Credit Obligations hereunder), the Borrower may, as set forth in this Section 2.3, request the Lenders, prior to the Termination Date, to make offers to make Competitive Bid Advances to the Borrower. Each Lender may, but shall have no obligation to, make such offers and the Borrower may, but shall have no obligation to, accept any such offers in the manner set forth in this Section 2.3. Competitive Bid Advances shall be evidenced by the Competitive Bid Notes.

2.3.2. Competitive Bid Quote Request. When the Borrower wishes to request offers to make Competitive Bid Loans under this Section 2.3, it shall transmit to the Agent by telecopy a Competitive Bid Quote Request substantially in the form of Exhibit "C" hereto so as to be received no later than (x) 10:00 a.m. (Chicago time) at least four Business Days prior to the Borrowing Date proposed therein, in the case of a Eurodollar Auction, or (y) 9:00 a.m. (Chicago time) at least one Business Day prior to the Borrowing Date proposed therein, in the case of an Absolute Rate Auction, specifying:

- (i) the proposed Borrowing Date, which shall be a Business Day, for the proposed Competitive Bid Advance;
- (ii) the aggregate principal amount of such Competitive Bid Advance;
- (iii) whether the Competitive Bid Quotes requested are to set forth a Competitive Bid Margin or an Absolute Rate, or both; and
- (iv) the Interest Period applicable thereto (which may not end after the Termination Date).

The Borrower may request offers to make Competitive Bid Loans for more than one Interest Period in a single Competitive Bid Quote Request. No Competitive Bid Quote Request shall be given within five Business Days (or such other number of days as the Borrower and the Agent may agree) of any other Competitive Bid Quote Request. To the extent that a Competitive Bid Quote Request does not conform substantially to the format of Exhibit "C" hereto, it shall be rejected.

2.3.3. Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes. Promptly and in any event before the close of business on the same Business Day of receipt of a Competitive Bid Quote Request that is not rejected pursuant to Section 2.3.2, the Agent shall send to each of the Lenders by telecopy an Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes substantially in the form of Exhibit "D" hereto, which shall constitute an invitation by the Borrower to each Lender to submit Competitive Bid Quotes offering to make the Competitive Bid Loans to which such Competitive Bid Quote Request relates in accordance with this Section 2.3.

2.3.4. Submission and Contents of Competitive Bid Quotes. (a) Each Lender may, in its sole discretion, submit a Competitive Bid Quote containing an offer or offers to make Competitive Bid Loans in response to any Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes. Each Competitive Bid Quote must comply with the requirements of this Section 2.3.4 and must be submitted to the Agent by telecopy at its offices specified in or pursuant to Article XIII not later than (x) 9:00 a.m. (Chicago time) at least three Business Days prior to the proposed Borrowing Date, in the case of a Eurodollar Auction or (y) 9:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the proposed Borrowing Date, in the case of an Absolute Rate Auction; provided that Competitive

Bid Quotes submitted by First Chicago may only be submitted if the Agent or First Chicago notifies the Borrower of the terms of the offer or offers contained therein not later than 15 minutes prior to the latest time at which the relevant Competitive Bid Quotes must be submitted by the other Lenders. Subject to Articles IV and VIII, any Competitive Bid Quote so made shall be irrevocable except with the written consent of the Agent given on the instructions of the Borrower.

(b) Each Competitive Bid Quote shall be in substantially the form of Exhibit "E" hereto and shall in any case specify:

(i) the proposed Borrowing Date, which shall be the same as that set forth in the applicable Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes;

(ii) the principal amount of the Competitive Bid Loan for which each such offer is being made, which principal amount (1) may be greater than, less than or equal to the Commitment of the quoting Lender, (2) must be at least \$2,000,000 and an integral multiple of \$500,000, and (3) may not exceed the principal amount of Competitive Bid Loans for which offers were requested;

(iii) in the case of a Eurodollar Auction, the Competitive Bid Margin offered for each such Competitive Bid Loan;

(iv) the minimum amount, if any, of the Competitive Bid Loan which may be accepted by the Borrower;

(v) in the case of an Absolute Rate Auction, the Absolute Rate offered for each such Competitive Bid Loan; and

(vi) the identity of the quoting Lender.

(c) The Agent shall reject any Competitive Bid Quote that:

(i) is not substantially in the form of Exhibit "E" hereto or does not specify all of the information required by Section 2.3.4(b);

(ii) contains qualifying, conditional or similar language, other than any such language contained in Exhibit "E";

(iii) proposes terms other than or in addition to those set forth in the applicable Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes; or

(iv) arrives after the time set forth in Section 2.3.4(a).

If any Competitive Bid Quote shall be rejected pursuant to this Section 2.3.4(c), then the Agent shall notify the relevant Lender of such rejection as soon as practical.

2.3.5. Notice to Borrower. The Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower of the terms (i) of any Competitive Bid Quote submitted by a Lender that is in accordance with Section 2.3.4 and (ii) of any Competitive Bid Quote that amends, modifies or is otherwise inconsistent with a previous Competitive Bid Quote submitted by such Lender with respect to the same Competitive Bid Quote Request. Any such subsequent Competitive Bid Quote shall be disregarded by the Agent unless such subsequent Competitive Bid Quote specifically states that it is submitted solely to correct a manifest error in such former Competitive Bid Quote. The Agent's notice to the Borrower shall specify the aggregate principal amount of Competitive Bid Loans for which offers have been received for each Interest Period specified in the related Competitive Bid Quote Request and the respective principal amounts and Competitive Bid Margins (and resulting Eurodollar Bid Rates) or Absolute Rates, as the case may be, so offered.

2.3.6. Acceptance and Notice by Borrower. Not later than (x) 10:00 a.m. (Chicago time) at least three Business Days prior to the proposed Borrowing Date, in the case of a Eurodollar Auction or (y) 10:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the proposed Borrowing Date, in the case of an Absolute Rate Auction, the Borrower shall notify the Agent of its acceptance or rejection of the offers of which it received notification pursuant to Section 2.3.5. The failure by the Borrower to give such notice to the Agent shall be deemed to be a rejection of all such offers. In the case of acceptance, such notice (a "Competitive Bid Borrowing Notice") shall specify the aggregate principal amount of offers for each Interest Period that are accepted. The Borrower may accept any Competitive Bid Quote in whole or in part (subject to the terms of Section 2.3.4(b)(iv) and Section 2.6.2); provided that:

(i) the aggregate principal amount of each Competitive Bid Advance may not exceed the applicable amount set forth in the related Competitive Bid Quote Request;

(ii) acceptance of offers may only be made on the basis of ascending Competitive Bid Margins (and resulting Eurodollar Bid Rates) or Absolute Rates, as the case may be; and

(iii) the Borrower may not accept any offer that is described in Section 2.3.4(c) (and is not subsequently corrected by the relevant Lender) or that otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.

2.3.7. Allocation by Agent. If offers are made by two or more Lenders with the same Competitive Bid Margins (and resulting Eurodollar Bid Rates) or Absolute Rates, as the case may be, for a greater aggregate principal amount than the amount in respect of which

offers are accepted for the related Interest Period, the principal amount of Competitive Bid Loans in respect of which such offers are accepted shall be allocated by the Agent among such Lenders as nearly as possible (in such multiples, not greater than \$1,000,000, as the Agent may deem appropriate) in proportion to the aggregate principal amount of such offers; provided, however, that no Lender shall be allocated a portion of any Competitive Bid Advance which is less than the minimum amount which such Lender has indicated that it is willing to accept. Allocations by the Agent of the amounts of Competitive Bid Loans shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. The Agent shall promptly, but in any event on the same Business Day, notify each Lender of its receipt of a Competitive Bid Borrowing Notice and the aggregate principal amount of such Competitive Bid Advance allocated to each participating Lender. Upon request by any Lender at the completion of the bidding process in response to any Competitive Bid Quote Request, the Agent will disclose to such Lender the range of the pricing of all offers accepted by the Borrower and allocated to Lenders.

2.3.8. Competitive Bid Auction Fees. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay to the Agent, for its own account, competitive bid auction fees in the amounts set forth in that certain Agent's Fee Letter dated July 15, 1997 from the Agent to the Borrower (the "Agent's Fee Letter"), such fees to be due and payable on the date any offer to make a Competitive Bid Loan is accepted by the Borrower.

#### 2.4. Facility Letters of Credit.

2.4.1. Obligation to Issue. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the Borrower herein set forth, The First National Bank of Chicago, in its capacity as the Issuer hereunder, hereby agrees to issue upon the request of the Borrower and for the account of the Borrower or for the account of the Borrower and any Subsidiary of the Borrower which is a co-applicant with the Borrower for such Facility Letter of Credit on the form of application described in Section 2.4.3(a) (each such Subsidiary a "Subsidiary Co-Applicant"), through such of the Issuer's Lending Installations or Affiliates as the Issuer, the Borrower and the Subsidiary Applicant (if any) may mutually agree, one or more Facility Letters of Credit in accordance with this Section 2.4, from time to time during the period, commencing on the Closing Date and ending on the Business Day prior to the Termination Date. All Facility Letters of Credit shall be denominated and drawable in U.S. Dollars.

2.4.2. Conditions for Issuance. In addition to being subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained in Section 4.2, the obligation of the Issuer to issue any Facility Letter of Credit is subject to the satisfaction in full of the following conditions:

(i) the aggregate maximum amount then available for drawing under Facility Letters of Credit issued by the Issuer, after giving effect to the Facility Letter of Credit

requested hereunder, shall not exceed any limit imposed by law or regulation upon the Issuer;

(ii) after giving effect to the requested issuance of any Facility Letter of Credit, the sum of (x) the Facility Letter of Credit Obligations plus (y) the total aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Advances does not exceed the Aggregate Commitment;

(iii) the requested Facility Letter of Credit has an expiration date not later than the earlier of (x) the Business Day prior to the Termination Date and (y) one year after its date of issuance;

(iv) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Issuer at such times and in such manner as the Issuer may reasonably prescribe such documents and materials as may be required pursuant to the terms of the proposed Facility Letter of Credit and the proposed Facility Letter of Credit shall be satisfactory to the Issuer as to form and content; and

(v) as of the date of issuance, no order, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator or governmental authority shall purport by its terms to enjoin or restrain the Issuer from issuing the Facility Letter of Credit and no law, rule or regulation applicable to the Issuer and no request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any governmental authority with jurisdiction over the Issuer shall prohibit or request that the Issuer refrain from the issuance of Letters of Credit generally or the issuance of that Facility Letter of Credit.

2.4.3. Procedure for Issuance of Facility Letters of Credit. (a) The Borrower shall give the Issuer five Business Days' prior written notice of any requested issuance of a Facility Letter of Credit under this Agreement. Such notice (the "LC Application") shall be on such standard application form as may be prescribed by the Issuer, shall be irrevocable and shall specify the stated amount of the Facility Letter of Credit requested, the effective date (which day shall be a Business Day) of issuance of such requested Facility Letter of Credit, the date on which such requested Facility Letter of Credit is to expire (which date shall be a Business Day and shall in no event be later than the Business Day prior to the Termination Date), the purpose for which such Facility Letter of Credit is to be issued, and the Person for whose benefit the requested Facility Letter of Credit is to be issued. At the time such LC Application is delivered, the Borrower shall also provide the Issuer with a copy of the form of the Facility Letter of Credit it is requesting be issued. The Issuer shall promptly forward to the Lenders a copy of the LC Application.

(b) IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TERMS OF THE LC APPLICATION, THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL CONTROL, PROVIDED THAT ANY

SUBSIDIARY CO-APPLICANT SHALL, AS AND TO THE EXTENT SET FORTH IN THE RELEVANT LC APPLICATION, BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE WITH THE BORROWER FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE FACILITY LETTER(S) OF CREDIT ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO SUCH LC APPLICATION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT SUCH SUBSIDIARY CO-APPLICANT IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO THIS AGREEMENT.

(c) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4.3 and provided that the applicable conditions set forth in Article IV and Section 2.4.2 hereof have been satisfied, the Issuer shall, on the requested date, issue a Facility Letter of Credit in accordance with the Issuer's usual and customary business practices.

(d) The Issuer shall not extend or amend any Facility Letter of Credit unless the requirements of this Section 2.4.3 are met as though a new Facility Letter of Credit was being requested and issued.

2.4.4. Reimbursement Obligations. (a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Agent for the account of the Issuer the amount of all Reimbursement Obligations, interest and other amounts payable to the Issuer under or in connection with any Facility Letter of Credit immediately when due, irrespective of any claim, set-off, defense or other right which the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Borrower may have at any time against the Issuer or any other Person, under all circumstances, including without limitation, any of the following circumstances:

(i) any lack of validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents;

(ii) the existence of any claim, setoff, defense or other right which the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Borrower may have at any time against a beneficiary named in a Facility Letter of Credit or any transferee of any Facility Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such transferee may be acting), the Issuer, any Lender, or any other Person, whether in connection with this Agreement, any Facility Letter of Credit, the transactions contemplated herein or any unrelated transactions (including any underlying transactions between the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Borrower and the beneficiary named in any Facility Letter of Credit);

(iii) any draft, certificate or any other document presented under any Facility Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect;

(iv) the surrender or impairment of any security for the performance or observance of any of the terms of any of the Loan Documents;



(v) the occurrence of any Default or Unmatured Default;

(vi) with respect to any Facility Letter of Credit for which there is a Subsidiary Co-Applicant, any defense to payment of such Reimbursement Obligations based on the status of the Borrower as a co-applicant for such Facility Letter of Credit, including without limitation any defense to payment which might be available to a guarantor or surety, all of which are hereby explicitly waived by the Borrower, which hereby agrees and acknowledges that its undertaking to pay all Reimbursement Obligations, including without limitation Reimbursement Obligations arising with respect to Facility Letters of Credit for which there is a Subsidiary Co-Applicant, is a primary obligation and not one of surety.

(b) The Issuer shall promptly notify the Borrower of any draw under a Facility Letter of Credit. The Borrower shall reimburse the Issuer for the amount of each drawing under a Facility Letter of Credit no later than the Business Day after the payment by the Issuer. Any Reimbursement Obligation with respect to any Facility Letter of Credit shall bear interest from the date of the relevant drawing under the pertinent Facility Letter of Credit at the interest rate for past due Floating Rate Loans calculated in accordance with Section 2.6.6.

2.4.5. Participation. (a) Immediately upon issuance by the Issuer of any Facility Letter of Credit in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.4.3 each Lender shall be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally purchased and received from the Issuer, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation equal to its Pro Rata Share in such Facility Letter of Credit.

(b) In the event that the Issuer makes any payment under any Facility Letter of Credit and neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary shall have repaid such amount to the Issuer pursuant to Section 2.4.4, the Issuer shall promptly notify each Lender of such failure, and each Lender shall promptly and unconditionally pay to the Agent for the account of the Issuer the amount of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the unreimbursed amount of any such payment. If any Lender fails to make available to the Agent for the account of the Issuer any amounts due to the Issuer pursuant to this Section 2.4.5(b), the Issuer shall be entitled to recover such amount, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Effective Rate, for the first three Business Days after such Lender receives such notice and thereafter, at the Floating Rate, payable (i) on demand, (ii) by setoff against any payments made to the Issuer for the account of such Lender or (iii) by payment to the Issuer by the Agent of amounts otherwise payable to such Lender under this Agreement. The failure of any Lender to make available to the Agent its Pro Rata Share of the unreimbursed amount of any such payment shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation hereunder to make available to the Agent its Pro Rata Share of the unreimbursed amount of any payment on the date such payment is to be made, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make available to the Agent its Pro

Rata Share of the unreimbursed amount of any payment on the date such payment is to be made.

(c) Whenever the Issuer receives a payment on account of a Reimbursement Obligation, including any interest thereon, it shall promptly pay to each Lender which has funded its participating interest therein, in immediately available funds, an amount equal to such Lender's Pro Rata Share thereof.

(d) The obligations of a Lender to make payments to the Agent with respect to a Facility Letter of Credit shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, not subject to any counterclaim, set-off, qualification or exception whatsoever and shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement under all circumstances.

(e) In the event any payment by the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Borrower received by the Issuer or the Agent with respect to a Facility Letter of Credit and distributed to the Lenders on account of their participations is thereafter set aside, avoided or recovered from the Issuer or the Agent in connection with any receivership, liquidation, reorganization or bankruptcy proceeding, each Lender which received such distribution shall, upon demand by the Agent, contribute such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the amount set aside, avoided or recovered together with interest at the rate required to be paid by the Issuer upon the amount required to be repaid by it.

2.4.6. Compensation for Facility Letters of Credit. (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Issuer, for the ratable benefit of the Lenders, a Facility Letter of Credit fee at a per annum rate equal to the Applicable Margin on the average daily undrawn amount of all Facility Letters of Credit outstanding, such fee to be paid in arrears on each Payment Date and on the Termination Date.

(b) In addition, the Borrower shall pay to the Issuer, for its own account, a Letter of Credit fronting fee in the amount set forth in the Agent's Fee Letter as well as the Issuer's reasonable and customary costs of issuing and servicing the Facility Letters of Credit.

2.4.7. Letter of Credit Collateral Account. The Borrower agrees that it will, upon the request of the Agent or the Required Lenders and until the final expiration date of any Facility Letter of Credit and thereafter as long as any amount is payable to the Issuer or the Lenders in respect of any Facility Letter of Credit, maintain a special collateral account (the "Letter of Credit Collateral Account") at the Agent's office at the address specified pursuant to Article XIII, in the name of such Borrower but under the sole dominion and control of the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and in which such Borrower shall have no interest other than as set forth in Section 8.1. The Agent will invest any funds on deposit from time to time in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account in certificates of deposit of First Chicago having a maturity not exceeding 30 days. Nothing in this Section 2.4.7 shall either obligate the Agent

to require the Borrower to deposit any funds in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account or limit the right of the Agent to release any funds held in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account in each case other than as required by Section 8.1.

2.4.8. Nature of Obligations. (a) As among the Borrower, the Issuer and the Lenders, the Borrower assumes all risks of the acts and omissions of, or misuse of the Facility Letters of Credit by, the respective beneficiaries of the Facility Letters of Credit. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, neither the Issuer nor the Lenders shall be responsible for (i) the forms, validity, sufficiency, accuracy, genuineness or legal effect of any document submitted by any party in connection with the application for and issuance of any Facility Letter of Credit, even if it should in fact prove to be in any or all respects invalid, insufficient, inaccurate, fraudulent or forged; (ii) the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign a Facility Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, which may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason; (iii) failure of the beneficiary of a Facility Letter of Credit to comply fully with conditions required in order to draw upon such Facility Letter of Credit; (iv) errors, omissions, interruptions or delays in transmission or delivery of any messages, by mail, cable, telegraph, telex or otherwise; (v) errors in interpretation of technical terms; (vi) misapplication by the beneficiary of a Facility Letter of Credit of the proceeds of any drawing under such Facility Letter of Credit; nor (viii) any consequences arising from causes beyond the control of the Issuer or the Lenders.

(b) In furtherance and extension and not in limitation of the specific provisions hereinabove set forth, any action taken or omitted by the Issuer or any Lender under or in connection with the Facility Letters of Credit or any related certificates, if taken or omitted in good faith, shall not put the Issuer or such Lender under any resulting liability to the Borrower or any Subsidiary Co-Applicant or relieve the Borrower or any Subsidiary Co-Applicant of any of its obligations hereunder or under any LC Application to the Issuer, the Agent or any Lender.

## 2.5. Fees.

2.5.1. Agent's Fees. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay to the Agent fees in such amounts and at such times as are set forth in the Agent's Fee Letter.

2.5.2. Facility Fee. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay to the Agent for the account of each Lender a facility fee at the Applicable Facility Fee Rate on the average daily amount of such Lender's Commitment (without regard to usage) for the period from the Closing Date to and including the Termination Date (or such earlier date on which the Aggregate Commitment shall terminate or be cancelled, all of the Loans shall be repaid and all of the Facility Letters of Credit shall be terminated or fully cash collateralized pursuant to the terms hereof), payable in arrears on each Payment Date hereafter and on the Termination Date (or such earlier date

on which the Aggregate Commitment shall terminate or be cancelled and all of the Loans shall be repaid and Facility Letters of Credit shall have terminated or fully cash collateralized pursuant to the terms hereof) for any period then ending for which such fee shall not have been theretofore paid.

2.5.3. Utilization Fee. In addition to the facility fee set forth in the preceding Section 2.5.2, the Borrower hereby agrees to pay to the Agent for the account of the Lenders a utilization fee for all periods during which the aggregate principal amount of Loans (including Competitive Bid Loans) and Facility Letter of Credit Obligations outstanding exceeds 50% of the then-current Aggregate Commitment. Such utilization fee shall be at a rate equal to the Applicable Utilization Fee Rate on the aggregate principal amount of Loans (including Competitive Bid Loans) and Facility Letter of Credit Obligations outstanding, shall be distributed to each Lender pro rata according to such Lender's proportion of such Loans (including Competitive Bid Loans) and participations in Facility Letters of Credit outstanding, and shall be payable in arrears on each Payment Date hereafter and on the Termination Date (or such earlier date on which the Aggregate Commitment shall terminate or be cancelled, all of the Loans shall be repaid and all of the Facility Letters of Credit shall be terminated or fully cash collateralized pursuant to the terms hereof) for any period then ending for which such fee shall not have been theretofore paid.

## 2.6. General Facility Terms.

2.6.1. Method of Borrowing. Not later than 12:00 noon (Chicago time) on each Borrowing Date (1:00 p.m., Chicago time, on each Borrowing Date in the case of Floating Rate Loans), each Lender shall make available its Loan or Loans in funds immediately available in Chicago, to the Agent at its address specified pursuant to Article XIII. The Agent shall deposit the funds so received from the Lenders in the Borrower's account at the Agent's main office in Chicago. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6.1, to the extent that a Loan made by a Lender matures on the Borrowing Date of a requested Loan, such Lender shall apply the proceeds of the Loan it is then making to the repayment of principal of the maturing Loan.

2.6.2. Minimum Amount of Each Advance. Each Advance shall be in the minimum amount of \$10,000,000 (and in integral multiples of \$5,000,000 if in excess thereof); provided, however, that any Floating Rate Advance may be in the aggregate amount of the unused Aggregate Commitment.

2.6.3. Payment on Last Day of Interest Period. Each Advance shall be paid in full by the Borrower on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

2.6.4. Optional Principal Payments. The Borrower may from time to time pay, without penalty, all outstanding Floating Rate Advances, or, in a minimum aggregate amount

of \$5,000,000 (and in multiples of \$1,000,000 if in excess thereof), any portion of the outstanding Floating Rate Advances upon one Business Day's prior notice to the Agent. The Borrower may not voluntarily repay a Fixed Rate Advance prior to the last day of the applicable Interest Period.

2.6.5. Interest Periods. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.6.6, each Advance shall bear interest from and including the first day of the Interest Period applicable thereto to (but not including) the last day of such Interest Period at the interest rate determined, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, as applicable to such Advance. The Borrower shall not request a Fixed Rate Advance if, after giving effect to the requested Fixed Rate Advance, more than 10 separate Fixed Rate Advances would be outstanding.

2.6.6. Default Rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default, each Advance shall bear interest until paid in full at a rate per annum equal to the greater of (i) the Alternate Base Rate plus 2% per annum, or (ii) the interest rate otherwise applicable to such Advance pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement other than this Section 2.6.6.

2.6.7. Interest Payment Dates; Interest Basis. Interest accrued on each Fixed Rate Advance shall be payable on the last day of its applicable Interest Period and on any date on which such Fixed Rate Advance is prepaid, whether due to acceleration or otherwise. Interest accrued on each Fixed Rate Advance having an Interest Period longer than three months shall also be payable on the last day of each three-month interval during such Interest Period. Interest accrued on each Floating Rate Advance shall be payable on each Payment Date, on any date on which such Floating Rate Advance is repaid, whether due to acceleration or otherwise, and on the Termination Date. Interest on Fixed Rate Advances and all fees under Sections 2.5.2 and 2.5.3 shall be calculated for the actual number of days elapsed on the basis of a year consisting of 360 days. Interest on Floating Rate Advances shall be calculated for the actual number of days elapsed on the basis of a year consisting of 365, or, when appropriate, 366 days. Interest shall be payable for the day an Advance is made but not for the day of any payment on the amount paid if payment is received prior to noon (Chicago time) at the place of payment. If any payment of principal or interest on an Advance shall become due on a day which is not a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and, in the case of a principal payment, such extension of time shall be included in computing interest in connection with such payment.

2.6.8. Method of Payment. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement and in the following sentence, all payments of principal, interest, Reimbursement Obligations and fees hereunder shall be made in immediately available funds to the Agent at the Agent's address specified pursuant to Article XIII or at any other Lending Installation of the Agent within the United States specified in writing by the Agent to the Borrower (at least one Business Day prior to the applicable due date) by noon (Chicago time) on the date when due

and shall be applied (i) first, ratably among the relevant Lenders with respect to any principal and interest due in connection with Advances, (ii) second, to the Issuer with respect to any Reimbursement Obligations then due and payable and (iii) third, after all amounts described in clauses (i) and (ii) have been satisfied, ratably to any other Obligations then due. Each payment delivered to the Agent for the account of any Lender or the Issuer shall be delivered promptly by the Agent to such Lender or the Issuer, as the case may be, in the same type of funds which the Agent received, at such Lender's or the Issuer's address specified pursuant to Article XIII or at any Lending Installation specified in a notice received by the Agent from such Lender or the Issuer. Any payments not delivered by the Agent to any Lender within one Business Day of receipt thereof by the Agent shall bear interest at the Federal Funds Effective Rate until paid. The Agent is hereby authorized to charge the account of the Borrower for each payment of principal, interest, Reimbursement Obligations and fees as it becomes due hereunder.

2.6.9. Notes; Telephonic Notices. Each Lender is hereby authorized to record on the schedule attached to each of its Notes, or otherwise record in accordance with its usual practice, the date and amount of each of its Loans of the type evidenced by such Note; provided, however, that any failure to so record or any mistake in so recording shall not affect the Borrower's obligations under any Note. The Borrower hereby authorizes the Lenders and the Agent to extend Advances, effect Rate Option selections and submit Competitive Bid Quotes based on telephonic notices made by any person or persons the Agent or any Lender in good faith believes to be an Authorized Officer or an officer, employee or agent of the Borrower designated in writing by an Authorized Officer. The Borrower agrees to deliver promptly to the Agent a written confirmation of each telephonic notice signed by an Authorized Officer. If the written confirmation differs in any material respect from the action taken by the Agent and the Lenders, the records of the Agent and the Lenders shall govern absent manifest error.

2.6.10. Notification of Advances, Interest Rates and Prepayments. The Agent will notify each Lender of the contents of each borrowing notice, LC Application and payment notice received by it hereunder promptly after receipt thereof. The Agent will notify each Lender of the interest rate applicable to each Fixed Rate Advance promptly upon determination of such interest rate and will give each Lender prompt notice of each change in the Corporate Base Rate.

2.6.11. Non-Receipt of Funds by the Agent. Unless the Borrower or a Lender, as the case may be, notifies the Agent prior to the date on which it is scheduled to make payment to the Agent of (i) in the case of a Lender, the proceeds of a Loan or a payment under Section 2.4.5.(b) or (ii) in the case of the Borrower, a payment of principal, interest, fees or Reimbursement Obligations to the Agent or the Issuer for the account of the Lenders or the Issuer, that it does not intend to make such payment, the Agent may assume that such payment has been made. The Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make the amount of such

payment available to the intended recipient in reliance upon such assumption. If such Lender or the Borrower, as the case may be, has not in fact made such payment to the Agent, the recipient of such payment shall, on demand by the Agent, repay to the Agent the amount so made available together with interest thereon in respect of each day during the period commencing on the date such amount was so made available by the Agent until the date the Agent recovers such amount at a rate per annum equal to (x) in the case of repayment by a Lender of funds advanced to such Lender by the Agent, the Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day or (y) in the case of repayment by the Borrower of funds advanced to the Borrower by the Agent, the interest rate applicable to the relevant Loan or Reimbursement Obligation.

2.6.12. Cancellation. The Borrower may at any time after the date hereof cancel the Aggregate Commitment in whole, or in a minimum aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof ratably among the Lenders upon at least three Business Days' prior written notice to the Agent, which notice shall specify the amount of such reduction; provided, however, no such notice of cancellation shall be effective to the extent that it would reduce the Aggregate Commitment to an amount which would be less than the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Loans and Facility Letter of Credit Obligations at the time such cancellation is to take effect. Any notice of cancellation given pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date upon which such cancellation is to take effect.

2.6.13. Lending Installations. Each Lender may book its Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit at any Lending Installation selected by such Lender and may change its Lending Installation from time to time. Each Lender will notify the Agent and the Borrower on or prior to the date of this Agreement of the initial Lending Installation which it intends to utilize for each Type of Loan and each participation in Facility Letters of Credit hereunder. Each Lender may, by written notice to the Agent and the Borrower, change the Lending Installation through which Loans will be made by it and participations in Facility Letters of Credit booked by it and for whose account Loan and Reimbursement Obligation payments are to be made.

2.6.14. Withholding Tax Exemption. (a) Not later than ten Business Days after the Closing Date, each Lender that is not incorporated under the laws of the United States of America, or a state thereof, agrees that it will deliver to each of the Borrower and the Agent two duly completed copies of United States Internal Revenue Service Form 1001 or 4224, certifying in either case that such Lender is entitled to receive payments under this Agreement and the Notes without deduction or withholding of any United States federal income taxes. Each Lender which so delivers a Form 1001 or 4224 further undertakes to deliver to each of the Borrower and the Agent two additional copies of such form (or a successor form) on or before the date that such form expires (currently, three successive calendar years for Form 1001 and one calendar year for Form 4224) or becomes obsolete or after the occurrence of any event requiring a change in the most recent forms so delivered by it, and such amendments

thereto or extensions or renewals thereof as may be reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent, in each case certifying that such Lender is entitled to receive payments under this Agreement and the Notes without deduction or withholding of any United States federal income taxes, unless an event (including without limitation any change in treaty, law or regulation) has occurred prior to the date on which any such delivery would otherwise be required which renders all such forms inapplicable or which would prevent such Lender from duly completing and delivering any such form with respect to it and such Lender advises the Borrower and the Agent that it is not capable of receiving payments without any deduction or withholding of United States federal income tax.

(b) Except as otherwise required by law and subject to Section 2.6.14(a), each payment by the Borrower under this Agreement or any Loan Document shall be made without withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes (other than overall net income taxes on the recipient not required to be deducted or withheld) imposed by or within the jurisdiction in which the Borrower is domiciled, any jurisdiction from which the Borrower makes any payment, or (in each case) any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein. If any such withholding is so required, the Borrower shall make the withholding, pay the amount withheld to the appropriate governmental authority before penalties attach thereto or interest accrues thereon and forthwith pay such additional amount as may be necessary to ensure that the net amount actually received by each Lender, the Issuer and the Agent free and clear of such taxes (including taxes on such additional amount) is equal to the amount which that Lender, the Issuer or the Agent (as the case may be) would have received had such withholding not been made. If the Agent, the Issuer or any Lender pays any amount in respect of such taxes, penalties or interest the Borrower shall reimburse the Agent, the Issuer or that Lender for that payment on demand in the currency in which such payment was made. If the Borrower pays any such taxes, penalties or interest, it shall deliver official tax receipts evidencing that payment or certified copies thereof to the Lender, the Issuer or the Agent on whose account such withholding was made (with a copy to the Agent if not the recipient of the original) on or before the thirtieth day after payment. To the extent that the Agent, the Issuer or any Lender actually receives a credit against or a reduction in its tax liability as a result of payments made by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.6.14(b), the Agent, the Issuer or such Lender, as the case may be, shall reimburse the Borrower for such credit or reduction at the time when such credit or reduction is no longer subject to challenge by the applicable taxing authority.

2.6.15. Application of Payments with Respect to Defaulting Lenders. No payments of principal, interest, Reimbursement Obligations or fees delivered to the Agent for the account of any Defaulting Lender shall be delivered by the Agent to such Defaulting Lender. Instead, such payments shall, for so long as such Defaulting Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender, be held by the Agent, and the Agent is hereby authorized and directed by all parties hereto to hold such funds in escrow and apply such funds as follows:



(i) First, if applicable to any payments due to the Issuer pursuant to Section 2.4.5(b); and

(ii) Second, to Loans required to be made by such Defaulting Lender on any Borrowing Date to the extent such Defaulting Lender fails to make such Loans.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the termination of the Aggregate Commitment and the payment and performance of all of the Obligations (other than those owing to a Defaulting Lender), any funds then held in escrow by the Agent pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be distributed to each Defaulting Lender, pro rata in proportion to amounts that would be due to each Defaulting Lender but for the fact that it is a Defaulting Lender.

### ARTICLE III

#### CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

3.1. Yield Protection. If, after the date of this Agreement, the adoption of any law or any governmental or quasi-governmental rule, regulation, policy, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law), or any change therein, or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof, or the compliance of any Lender therewith,

(i) subjects the Agent, any Lender or any applicable Lending Installation to any tax, duty, charge or withholding on or from payments due from the Borrower (excluding, (x) in the case of the Agent and of each Lender, (1) United States federal taxation of its overall net income, and (2) taxes imposed on its overall net income, and franchise taxes imposed on it, by any jurisdiction outside of the United States of America or by the jurisdiction under the laws of which the Agent or such Lender (as the case may be) is organized or any political subdivision thereof or the jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Agent or such Lender (as the case may be) is located or any political subdivision thereof, and, (y) in the case of each Lender, taxes imposed on its overall net income, and franchise taxes imposed on it, by the jurisdiction in which its applicable Lending Installation is located or any political subdivision thereof), or changes the basis of taxation of payments to any Lender in respect of its Loans or Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein) or other amounts due it hereunder, or

(ii) imposes or increases or deems applicable any reserve, assessment, insurance charge, special deposit or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with

or for the account of, or credit extended by, any Lender or any applicable Lending Installation (other than reserves and assessments taken into account in determining the interest rate applicable to Fixed Rate Advances), or

(iii) imposes any other condition the result of which is to increase the cost to any Lender or any applicable Lending Installation of making, funding or maintaining Loans or Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein) or reduces any amount receivable by any Lender or any applicable Lending Installation in connection with Loans or Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein), or requires any Lender or any applicable Lending Installation to make any payment calculated by reference to the amount of Loans or Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein) held or interest received by it, by an amount deemed material by such Lender,

then, within 15 days of demand by such Lender, the Borrower shall pay such Lender that portion of such increased expense incurred or reduction in an amount received which such Lender determines is directly attributable to making, funding and maintaining its Loans and Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein) and its Commitment.

3.2. Changes in Capital Adequacy Regulations. If a Lender determines that the amount of capital required or expected to be maintained by such Lender, any Lending Installation of such Lender or any corporation controlling such Lender is increased as a result of a Change (as hereinafter defined), then, within 15 days of demand by such Lender, the Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount necessary to compensate for any shortfall in the rate of return on the portion of such increased capital which such Lender determines is attributable to this Agreement, its Loans and Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein) or its obligation to make Loans and issue or participate in Facility Letters of Credit hereunder (after taking into account such Lender's policies as to capital adequacy). "Change" means (i) any change after the date of this Agreement in the Risk-Based Capital Guidelines (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) any adoption of or change in any other law, governmental or quasi-governmental rule, regulation, policy, guideline, interpretation, or directive (whether or not having the force of law) after the date of this Agreement which affects the amount of capital required or expected to be maintained by any Lender or any Lending Installation or any corporation controlling any Lender. "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines" means (i) the risk-based capital guidelines in effect in the United States on the date of this Agreement, including transition rules, and (ii) the corresponding capital regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities outside the United States implementing the July 1988 report of the Basle Committee on Banking Regulation and Supervisory Practices Entitled "International Convergence of Capital Measurements and Capital Standards," including transition rules, and any amendments to such regulations adopted prior to the date of this Agreement.

3.3. Availability of Rate Options. If any Lender determines that maintenance of any of its Fixed Rate Loans at a suitable Lending Installation would violate any applicable law,

rule, regulation or directive, whether or not having the force of law, or if the Required Lenders determine that (i) deposits of a type and maturity appropriate to match fund Fixed Rate Advances are not available or (ii) the interest rate applicable to a Type of Advance does not accurately reflect the cost of making or maintaining such Advance, then the Agent shall (x) suspend the availability of the affected Type of Advance and, to the extent that any Lender has so determined that maintenance of any Type of Fixed Rate Advance at a suitable Lending Installation would violate any applicable law, rule, regulation, or directive, whether or not having the force of law, require the Fixed Rate Loans of the affected Type made by such Lender to be repaid.

3.4. Funding Indemnification. If any payment of a Fixed Rate Advance occurs on a date which is not the last day of the applicable Interest Period, whether because of acceleration, prepayment (whether mandatory or voluntary) or otherwise, or a Fixed Rate Advance is not made on the date specified by the Borrower for any reason other than default by the Lenders, the Borrower will indemnify each Lender for any loss or cost incurred by it resulting therefrom, including, without limitation, any loss or cost in liquidating or employing deposits acquired to fund or maintain the Fixed Rate Advance.

3.5. Lender Statements; Survival of Indemnity. To the extent reasonably possible, each Lender shall designate an alternate Lending Installation with respect to its Fixed Rate Loans or Facility Letters of Credit (or participations therein) to reduce any liability of the Borrower to such Lender under Section 3.1 or 3.2 or to avoid the unavailability of a Type of Advance under Section 3.3, so long as such designation is not disadvantageous to such Lender. Each Lender shall deliver a written statement of such Lender as to the amount due, if any, under Section 3.1, 3.2 or 3.4. Such written statement shall set forth in reasonable detail the calculations upon which such Lender determined such amount and shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Borrower in the absence of manifest error. Determination of amounts payable under such Sections in connection with a Fixed Rate Loan shall be calculated as though each Lender funded its Fixed Rate Loan through the purchase of a deposit of the type and maturity corresponding to the deposit used as a reference in determining the Fixed Rate applicable to such Loan, whether in fact that is the case or not. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the amount specified in the written statement shall be payable on demand after receipt by the Borrower of the written statement. The obligations of the Borrower under Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 shall survive payment of the Obligations and termination of this Agreement.

3.6 References to Lender to Include Issuer. All references to "Lender" or "Lenders" in this Article III shall be deemed to include The First National Bank of Chicago in its capacity as Issuer.

ARTICLE IV  
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

4.1. Initial Credit Extension. Neither the Lenders nor the Issuer shall be required to make the initial Credit Extension hereunder unless (a) the Borrower has furnished to the Agent with sufficient copies for the Lenders:

- (i) Copies of the certificate of incorporation of the Borrower and of each Guarantor, together with all amendments, and a certificate of good standing of each such entity, both certified as of a date reasonably close to the Closing Date by the appropriate governmental officer in its jurisdiction of incorporation.
- (ii) Copies, certified as of the Closing Date by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Borrower and of each Guarantor, of its by-laws and of its Board of Directors' resolutions authorizing the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and the performance by each such entity of its obligations thereunder.
- (iii) An incumbency certificate dated as of the Closing Date, executed by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Borrower and of each Guarantor, which shall identify by name and title and bear the signature of the officers of such entity authorized to sign the Loan Documents to which it is a party and, in the case of the Borrower, to request Credit Extensions hereunder, upon which certificate the Lenders, the Issuer and the Agent shall be entitled to rely until informed of any change in writing by the Borrower.
- (iv) Counterparts of this Agreement executed by the Agent, the Issuer and the Borrower, and telecopy or telephone confirmation pursuant to Article XIII that this Agreement has been executed by the Lenders.
- (v) The Guaranty.
- (vi) A certificate, signed by the Treasurer of the Borrower or his designee, stating that on and as of the Closing Date (x) no Default or Unmatured Default has occurred and is continuing and (y) the representations and warranties contained in Article V are true and correct in all material respects.

- (vii) A written opinion of the Borrower's counsel dated the Closing Date addressed to the Agent, the Lenders and the Issuer and in form and substance substantially similar to that set forth in Exhibit "F" hereto.
- (viii) Ratable Notes and Competitive Bid Notes payable to the order of each of the Lenders.
- (ix) Written money transfer instructions, in substantially the form of Exhibit "G" hereto, addressed to the Agent and signed by an Authorized Officer, together with such other related money transfer authorizations as the Agent may have reasonably requested.
- (x) Such other documents as any Lender or its counsel may have reasonably requested.

and (b) the following events shall have occurred or conditions shall have been fulfilled:

- (i) The Agent shall have received from the Borrower all fees, if any, required to be paid to the Agent on or prior to the Closing Date.
- (ii) All loans under that certain Credit Agreement dated as of June 23, 1995 (the "Existing Credit Agreement") among the Borrower, the banks party thereto and First Chicago, as agent, shall have been (or shall, concurrently with the initial Credit Extension, be) repaid and all commitments of the banks party to the Existing Credit Agreement to make loans thereunder shall have been (or shall, concurrently with the initial Credit Extension, be) cancelled.

4.2. Refinancing Credit Extension. Neither the Lenders nor the Issuer shall be required to make any Refinancing Credit Extension, unless on the Credit Extension Date:

- (i) There exists no Default or Unmatured Default.
- (ii) The representations and warranties contained in Article V (except the representations and warranties contained in Sections 5.5 and 5.7) are true and correct in all material respects as of such Credit Extension Date, except for changes in the Schedules hereto reflecting transactions permitted by this Agreement.
- (iii) All legal requirements arising under or in connection with the Loan Documents or applicable laws, rules or regulations and incident to

the making of such Credit Extension shall be satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel.

Each Ratable Borrowing Notice, Competitive Bid Quote Request or LC Application with respect to such Refinancing Credit Extension shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower that the conditions contained in Sections 4.2(i) and (ii) have been satisfied.

4.3. Each Credit Extension (other than a Refinancing Credit Extension). Neither the Lenders nor the Issuer shall be required to make any Credit Extension (other than a Refinancing Credit Extension), unless on the applicable Credit Extension Date:

- (i) There exists no Default or Unmatured Default.
- (ii) The representations and warranties contained in Article V (except the representations and warranties contained in Section 5.5) are true and correct in all material respects as of such Credit Extension Date, except for changes in the Schedules hereto reflecting transactions permitted by this Agreement.
- (iii) All legal requirements arising under or in connection with the Loan Documents or applicable laws, rules or regulations and incident to the making of such Credit Extension shall be satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel.

Each Ratable Borrowing Notice, Competitive Bid Quote Request or LC Application with respect to each such Credit Extension shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower that the conditions contained in Sections 4.3(i) and (ii) have been satisfied.

#### ARTICLE V

##### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lenders and to the Issuer that:

5.1. Corporate Existence and Standing. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted.

5.2. Authorization and Validity. Each of the Borrower and each Subsidiary Co-Applicant has the corporate power and authority and legal right to execute and deliver the Loan Documents to which it is a party and to perform its obligations thereunder. The execution and delivery by each of the Borrower and each Subsidiary Co-Applicant of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and its performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by proper corporate proceedings, and the Loan Documents constitute (or, in the case of the LC Applications delivered after the date hereof, will, when executed and delivered, constitute) legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower or such Subsidiary Co-Applicant, as the case may be, enforceable against the Borrower or such Subsidiary Co-Applicant in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

5.3. No Conflict; Government Consent. Neither the execution and delivery by the Borrower and each Subsidiary Co-Applicant of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, nor the consummation of the transactions therein contemplated, nor compliance with the provisions thereof will violate any law, rule, regulation, order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree or award binding on the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or the Borrower's or any such Subsidiary's articles or certificate of incorporation or by-laws or the provisions of any indenture, instrument or agreement to which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or is subject, or by which it, or its property, is bound, or conflict with or constitute a default thereunder, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien in, of or on the Property of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, instrument or agreement. No order, consent, approval, license, authorization, or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with, or exemption by, any governmental or public body or authority, or any subdivision thereof, is required to authorize, or is required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of, or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of, any of the Loan Documents.

5.4. Financial Statements. The June 30, 1997 consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries heretofore delivered to the Lenders were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect on the date such statements were prepared and fairly present the consolidated financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date and the consolidated results of their operations for the period then ended.

5.5. Material Adverse Change. Since June 30, 1997, there has been no change in the business, Property, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which could have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.6. Taxes. The Borrower and its Subsidiaries have filed all United States federal tax returns and all other tax returns which are required to be filed and have paid all taxes due

pursuant to said returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, except such taxes, if any, as are being contested in good faith and as to which adequate reserves have been provided. The United States income tax returns of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries have been audited by the Internal Revenue Service through the fiscal year ended December 31, 1992. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Borrower or of such Subsidiary, as the case may be, in respect of any taxes or other governmental charges are adequate.

5.7. Litigation and Contingent Obligations. There is no litigation, arbitration, governmental investigation, proceeding or inquiry pending or, to the knowledge of any of their officers, threatened against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries the probable outcome of which would have a Material Adverse Effect. Other than any potential liability incident to matters disclosed on Schedule "1" hereto, the Borrower has no material contingent obligations not provided for or disclosed in its financial statements referred to in Section 5.4.

5.8. Subsidiaries. Schedule "2" hereto contains an accurate list of all of the presently existing Subsidiaries of the Borrower, setting forth their respective jurisdictions of incorporation and the percentage of their respective capital stock owned by the Borrower or other Subsidiaries. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of such Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable.

5.9. ERISA. The Unfunded Liabilities of all Single Employer Plans do not in the aggregate exceed \$15,000,000. Each Single Employer Plan complies in all material respects with all applicable requirements of law and regulations, no Reportable Event has occurred with respect to any Single Employer Plan, neither the Borrower nor any other member of the Controlled Group has withdrawn from any Single Employer Plan or initiated steps to do so, and no steps have been taken to reorganize or terminate any Single Employer Plan. No Termination Event has occurred and is continuing with respect to any Plan which would cause the Borrower and the other members of the Controlled Group to incur aggregate Current Payment Obligations in excess of \$25,000,000.

5.10. Accuracy of Information. No information, exhibit or report furnished by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to the Agent or any Lender in connection with the negotiation of, or compliance with, the Loan Documents contained any material misstatement of fact or omitted to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading.

5.11. Regulation U. Margin stock (as defined in Regulation U) constitutes less than 25% of those assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which are subject to any limitation on sale, pledge, or other restriction hereunder.



5.12. Material Agreements. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is a party to any agreement or instrument or subject to any charter or other corporate restriction which might have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary of the Borrower is in default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of any of the obligations, covenants or conditions contained in (i) any agreement to which it is a party, which default might have a Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) any agreement or instrument evidencing or governing Indebtedness in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000,000.

5.13. Compliance With Laws. The Borrower and its Subsidiaries have complied with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, orders and restrictions of any domestic or foreign government, or any instrumentality or agency thereof, having jurisdiction over the conduct of their business or the ownership of their Property, the non-compliance with which might have a Material Adverse Effect. Other than as set forth on Schedule "3" hereto, neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice to the effect that its operations are not in material compliance with any of the requirements of applicable federal, state or local environmental, health or safety statutes or regulations or the subject of any federal or state investigation evaluating whether any remedial action is needed to respond to a release of any toxic or hazardous waste or substance into the environment, which non-compliance or remedial action might have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.14. Investment Company Act. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

5.15. Public Utility Holding Company Act. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is a "holding company" or a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company", or an "affiliate" of a "holding company" or of a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company", within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended.

5.16. Ownership of Property. On the date of this Agreement, each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will have good title, free of all Liens other than those permitted by Section 6.13, to all of the Property and assets reflected in the financial statements referred to in Section 5.4 as owned by it.

## ARTICLE VI

## COVENANTS

During the term of this Agreement, unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise consent in writing:

6.1. Financial Reporting. The Borrower will cause to be maintained, for itself and each of its Subsidiaries, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles, and furnish to the Lenders:

- (i) Within 90 days after the close of each of its fiscal years, annual audited financial statements for itself and its consolidated Subsidiaries, including a balance sheet as of the end of such period, related profit and loss and reconciliation of surplus statements, and a statement of cash flows, which financial statements shall be included within an unqualified audit report certified by independent certified public accountants (the identity of such accountants to be acceptable to the Lenders), which statements shall be prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles on a consolidated basis (consolidating statements, which need not be certified by such accountants, will be provided upon request by any Lender), and which statements and audit report shall be accompanied by a certificate of said accountants that, in the course of their examination necessary for their certification of the foregoing, they have obtained no knowledge of any Default or Unmatured Default, or if, in the opinion of such accountants, any Default or Unmatured Default shall exist, stating the nature and status thereof.
- (ii) Within 45 days after the close of the first three quarterly periods of each of its fiscal years, for itself and its consolidated Subsidiaries, a consolidated unaudited balance sheet as at the close of each such period and consolidated profit and loss and reconciliation of surplus statements and a statement of cash flows for the period from the beginning of such fiscal year to the end of such quarter, all certified by its Treasurer or his designee.
- (iii) Together with the financial statements required hereunder, a compliance certificate in substantially the form of Exhibit "H" hereto signed by its Treasurer, or his designee, showing the calculations necessary to determine compliance with this Agreement and stating

that no Default or Unmatured Default exists, or if any Default or Unmatured Default exists, stating the nature and status thereof.

- (iv) If there are Unfunded Liabilities relating to any Single Employer Plan of the Borrower at the close of any fiscal year, a statement of the Unfunded Liabilities of such Single Employer Plan, certified as correct by an actuary enrolled under ERISA, within 270 days after the close of such fiscal year,
- (v) As soon as possible and in any event within 10 days after the Borrower knows that any Reportable Event has occurred with respect to any Single Employer Plan, a statement, signed by the Treasurer of the Borrower, or his designee, describing said Reportable Event and the action which the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (vi) As soon as possible and in any event within 10 days after receipt by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, a copy of (a) any notice or claim to the effect that the Borrower or such Subsidiary is or may be liable to any Person as a result of the release by the Borrower or such Subsidiary or any other Person of any toxic or hazardous waste or substance into the environment, and (b) any notice alleging any violation of any federal, state or local environmental, health or safety law or regulation by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which, in any case, could have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (vii) Promptly upon the furnishing thereof to the shareholders of the Borrower, copies of all financial statements, reports and proxy statements so furnished.
- (viii) Promptly upon the filing thereof, copies of all registration statements and annual, quarterly, monthly or other regular reports or financial statements which the Borrower or any Subsidiary files with the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission or any agency succeeding to substantially all of the functions of either of such agencies.
- (ix) Such other information (including non-financial information) as the Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

6.2. Use of Proceeds; Regulation U. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, use the proceeds of the Advances only in one or more of the following ways: as liquidity support for the issuance of commercial paper by the Borrower, for acquisitions

permitted by the following sentence and for general corporate purposes of the Borrower. The Borrower will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, use any of the proceeds of the Advances to purchase or carry any "margin stock" (as defined in Regulation U) or to make any Stock Acquisition. Facility Letters of Credit will be used for general corporate purposes of the Borrower.

6.3. Notice of Default. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, give notice in writing to the Lenders within five Business Days of the occurrence of any Default or Unmatured Default and of any other development, financial or other (including, without limitation, the commencement of or significant developments in litigation, arbitration or other governmental proceedings), which might have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.4. Conduct of Business. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same manner and in substantially the same fields of enterprise as it is presently conducted and do all things necessary to remain duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing as a domestic corporation in its jurisdiction of incorporation and maintain all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted.

6.5. Taxes. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, pay when due all taxes, assessments and governmental charges and levies upon it or its income, profits or Property, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves have been set aside.

6.6. Insurance. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies insurance on all of its Property in such amounts and covering such risks as is customarily maintained by companies similarly situated, and the Borrower will furnish to any Lender upon request full information as to the insurance carried.

6.7. Compliance with Laws. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, comply with all laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject.

6.8. Environmental Covenant. (a) The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to use and operate all of its facilities and Property in material compliance with all Environmental Laws, keep all necessary permits, approvals, certificates and licenses in effect and remain in material compliance therewith, and handle all Hazardous Materials in material compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws, and provide such information and certifications as the Agent or any Lender may reasonably request from time to time to insure compliance with this Section 6.8.

(b) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, store, transport or arrange for the transportation of any (i) Hazardous Wastes, or (ii) other Hazardous Materials except to the extent allowed under applicable permits held by the Borrower or such Subsidiary.

(c) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, engage in the storage, transportation or arrangement for transportation of Hazardous Materials as one of its primary businesses.

6.9. Maintenance of Property. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, do all things necessary to maintain, preserve, protect and keep its Property in good repair, working order and condition, and the Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, make all necessary and proper repairs, renewals and replacements so that such entity's business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times.

6.10. Inspection. The Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, permit the Lenders, by their respective representatives and agents and (except during the continuance of a Default or Unmatured Default) with reasonable notice to the Borrower and during normal business hours, to inspect any of the Property, corporate books and financial records of the Borrower and of each Subsidiary, to examine and make copies of the books of accounts and other financial records of the Borrower and of each Subsidiary, and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Borrower and each Subsidiary with, and to be advised as to the same by, the Borrower's or such Subsidiary's officers at such reasonable times and intervals as the Lenders may designate.

6.11. Merger. The Borrower will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, merge or consolidate with or into any other Person, except that a Subsidiary may merge with the Borrower or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, provided that the Borrower or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary is the surviving corporation in any such merger or consolidation.

6.12. Sale of Assets. The Borrower will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, lease, sell or otherwise dispose of its Property, to any other Person except for (i) sales of Revenue Equipment for fair value in the ordinary course of business, (ii) sales by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of accounts receivable pursuant to the Receivables Transactions (subject to the limitation on the amount of the financing which may be provided in all such transactions as set forth in the definition of the term "Receivables Transactions" herein), (iii) sales or other dispositions of Property for fair value by a Subsidiary to a Guarantor, (iv) sales or other dispositions of Property as part of a Significant Restructuring, and (v) other leases, sales or other dispositions of Property for fair value that, together with all other Property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries previously leased, sold or disposed of as permitted by this clause (v) during the twelve-month period ending with the month in which any such lease, sale or other disposition occurs, has a value not exceeding \$75,000,000.

6.13. Liens. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur or permit to exist any Lien in, of or on any Property of the Borrower or any Subsidiary (including, without limitation, the capital stock of any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Borrower) except:

- (i) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies thereon if the same shall not at the time be delinquent or thereafter can be paid without penalty, or are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles shall have been set aside on its books.
- (ii) Liens imposed by law (other than ERISA), such as carriers', warehousemen's and mechanics' liens and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure payment of obligations not more than 60 days past due.
- (iii) Liens arising out of pledges or deposits under worker's compensation laws, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, or other social security or retirement benefits, or similar legislation (other than ERISA).
- (iv) Utility easements, building restrictions and such other encumbrances or charges against real property as are of a nature generally existing with respect to properties of a similar character and which do not in any material way affect the marketability of the same or interfere with the use thereof in the business of the Borrower or of its Subsidiaries.
- (v) Purchase money Liens granted to secure the purchase price of Equipment or to secure Indebtedness incurred solely for the purpose of financing the acquisition of such Equipment, provided that such Liens do not extend to any other assets of the Borrower or of any Subsidiary.
- (vi) Liens existing on assets at the time of their acquisition (whether such acquisition is by purchase of assets or stock or by merger), provided that such Liens are limited to the assets so acquired and do not extend to any other assets of the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

- (vii) Liens on real property granted to secure Indebtedness incurred in connection with the acquisition thereof, provided that such Liens do not extend to any other assets of the Borrower or of any Subsidiary.
- (viii) Liens in existence on the Closing Date on real or personal property securing Indebtedness or other obligations of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount for the Borrower and all Subsidiaries not in excess of \$30,000,000 at any one time outstanding incurred in connection with the issuance of obligations, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code, to finance the acquisition by the Borrower or such Subsidiary of real or personal property, provided that such Liens shall extend only to the assets being financed with the proceeds of such Indebtedness.
- (ix) Liens in existence on the Closing Date as set forth on Schedule "4".
- (x) Liens on accounts receivable (together with related collections and proceeds thereof, collateral insurance therefor, guaranties thereof, lockbox or other collection accounts related thereto and all records related thereto) of any Subsidiary which are transferred to Receivables Corp. as part of a Receivables Transaction (subject to the limitation on the amount of the financing which may be provided in all such transactions as set forth in the definition of the term "Receivables Transactions" herein).
- (xi) In addition to Liens permitted under any of the foregoing categories, Liens on real or personal property granted to secure Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business not exceeding \$50,000,000 in the aggregate.

6.14. Guaranties, Loans, Advances and Investments. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, become or be a guarantor or surety of, or otherwise become or be responsible in any manner (whether by agreement to purchase any obligations, stock, assets, goods or services, or to supply or advance any funds, assets, goods or services, or otherwise) with respect to any undertaking of any other Person, or make or permit to exist any loans or advances to any other Person or investments in any other Person or instrument, except for:

- (i) the Guaranty;

- (ii) the endorsement, in the ordinary course of collection, of instruments payable to it or to its order;
- (iii) guaranties or other contingent obligations, if after giving effect to the incurrence of such obligations, the aggregate of all such obligations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Tangible Net Worth, provided that any contingent obligation shall be excluded from the restriction imposed by this Section 6.14(iii) if pursuant to the terms thereof, (a) the Borrower or such Subsidiary is contingently liable solely with respect to a primary obligation (other than an obligation for Indebtedness) of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, and (b) such primary obligation is included among the liabilities shown on the Borrower's consolidated balance sheets submitted to the Lenders pursuant to Section 6.1;
- (iv) investment grade investments;
- (v) loans, advances or other investments in an amount which, when computed in an aggregate amount for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, shall not exceed 10% of Consolidated Tangible Net Worth at any one time outstanding;
- (vi) guaranties by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount for the Borrower and all Subsidiaries not in excess of \$30,000,000 at any one time outstanding incurred in connection with the issuance of obligations which are outstanding on the Closing Date, the interest on which is exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code to finance the acquisition by the Borrower or such Subsidiary of Property;
- (vii) guaranties, loans, advances or other investments in connection with a Receivables Transaction (provided that such Receivables Transaction complies in all respects with the provisions set forth in the definition of the term "Receivables Transactions" herein); and
- (viii) loans or advances by the Borrower to any Subsidiary, by any Subsidiary to the Borrower and by any Subsidiary to any other Subsidiary, and equity interests of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in any Subsidiary.



6.15. Affiliates. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any transaction (including, without limitation, the purchase or sale of any Property or service) with, or make any payment or transfer to, any Affiliate except (i) pursuant to or in connection with a Receivables Transaction and (ii) any other transaction conducted in the ordinary course of business and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Borrower's or such Subsidiary's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary than the Borrower or such Subsidiary would obtain in a comparable arms-length transaction.

6.16. Adjusted Consolidated Tangible Net Worth. The Borrower will maintain at all times Adjusted Consolidated Tangible Net Worth of not less than the sum of (i) \$310,000,000 plus (ii) 50% of Consolidated Net Income earned in any fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year ending on December 31, 1997 (without deduction for losses), provided that the adjustment to minimum Adjusted Consolidated Tangible Net Worth as a result of this clause (ii) shall occur annually upon delivery by the Borrower of the financial statements described in Section 6.1(i) for the relevant fiscal year.

6.17. Consolidated Indebtedness to Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Ratio. The Borrower will not permit the ratio (measured at the end of each fiscal quarter for the then-most recently ended four fiscal quarters) of (i) Consolidated Indebtedness to (ii) Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA to exceed 3.0 to 1.0.

6.18. Employee Benefit Plans. The Borrower will properly conduct, and cause each Subsidiary to properly conduct, each Single Employer Plan as to which it may have any liability in compliance with all applicable requirements of law and regulations.

6.19. Other Agreements. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any agreement containing any provision which would be violated or breached by the performance of its obligations hereunder or under any instrument or document delivered or to be delivered by it hereunder or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.20. Subsidiary Dividends and Indebtedness. (a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any agreement which prohibits or in any manner restricts the right or ability of any Subsidiary to declare and pay any dividends or to make any loans or advances, whether in cash or in property, to the Borrower.

(b) At any time when the Borrower's senior unsecured long-term debt is rated below BBB+ by S&P (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to S&P) or below Baa1 by Moody's (or a comparable rating from any generally recognized successor to Moody's), the Borrower will not permit its Subsidiaries to incur or maintain any Indebtedness except for (i) Indebtedness owed to the Borrower or to a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of the

Borrower, (ii) Indebtedness secured by Liens permitted by the terms of Section 6.13(viii), (iii) Indebtedness incurred as part of a Receivables Transaction (subject to the limitation on the amount of the financing which may be provided in all such transactions as set forth in the definition of the term 'Receivables Transactions' herein) and (iv) other Indebtedness not to exceed \$75,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at any time.

6.21. Ownership of Yellow Freight. The Borrower will not, without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders, sell, transfer, assign, grant a Lien on or otherwise encumber or dispose of any capital stock of Yellow Freight.

6.22. Additional Material Subsidiaries. (a) The Borrower will cause any Person that becomes a Material Subsidiary after the date hereof (i) to execute and deliver to the Agent, within ten Business Days of becoming a Material Subsidiary, a counterpart of the Guaranty or a new guaranty in substantially the form of the Guaranty, in each case guarantying the obligations of the Borrower hereunder and (ii) to deliver to the Agent evidence of action of its board of directors or other governing body authorizing the execution, delivery and performance thereof.

(b) If (i) as of the end of any fiscal year of the Borrower, the assets of any Guarantor (other than an Original Guarantor) comprise less than 5% of the Consolidated Assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, and the revenue attributable to any such Guarantor (other than an Original Guarantor) comprises less than 5% of the consolidated revenue of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal year, or (ii) the Borrower or any Subsidiary sells or otherwise transfers all of the capital stock of any Guarantor to any Person which is not the Borrower or a Subsidiary or liquidates or dissolves any Guarantor in a transaction which, in any case described in this clause (b), is not otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Agreement, the Agent will, on behalf of the Lenders, execute and deliver to the Borrower a release of such Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty, provided that to the extent that any proceeds of any sale, transfer, liquidation or dissolution described in clause (ii) exceed \$1,000,000, such transaction must be structured so that such proceeds are ultimately retained by the Borrower or by a Guarantor.

## ARTICLE VII

## DEFAULTS

The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a Default:

7.1. Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to the Lenders, the Issuer or the Agent under or in connection with this Agreement, any Credit Extension, any LC Application or any certificate or information delivered in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be materially false on the date as of which made.

7.2. Nonpayment of principal of any Note or of any Reimbursement Obligation when due, or nonpayment of interest upon any Note or of any facility or utilization fee or other obligations under any of the Loan Documents within five days after the same becomes due.

7.3. The breach by the Borrower of any of the terms or provisions of Section 6.2, 6.3, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, 6.20 or 6.21.

7.4. The breach by the Borrower (other than a breach which constitutes a Default under Section 7.1, 7.2 or 7.3) of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or the breach by the Borrower or any Subsidiary Co-Applicant of any of the terms or provisions of any LC Application which is not remedied within thirty days after written notice from the Agent, the Issuer or any Lender.

7.5. Failure of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to pay when due principal, interest or other amounts under any Indebtedness the aggregate principal amount of which at the time of such failure exceeds \$1,000,000; or the default by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the performance of any term, provision or condition contained in any agreement under which any Indebtedness the aggregate principal amount of which at the time of such default exceeds \$10,000,000 was created or is governed, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness to cause, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; or any Indebtedness the aggregate principal amount of which exceeds \$10,000,000 of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the stated maturity thereof; or the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall not pay, or admit in writing its inability to pay, its debts generally as they become due.

7.6. The Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall (i) have an order for relief entered with respect to it under the Federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect, (ii) make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iii) apply for, seek, consent to, or acquiesce in, the appointment of a receiver, custodian, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official for it or any substantial part of its property, (iv) institute any proceeding seeking an order for relief under the Federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors or fail to file an answer or other pleading denying the material allegations of any such proceeding filed against it, (v) take any corporate action to authorize or effect any of the foregoing actions set forth in this Section 7.6 or (vi) fail to contest in good faith any appointment or proceeding described in Section 7.7.

7.7. Without the application, approval or consent of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, a receiver, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official shall be appointed for the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any substantial part of its property, or a proceeding described in Section 7.6(iv) shall be instituted against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and such appointment continues undischarged or such proceeding continues undismissed or unstayed for a period of 30 consecutive days.

7.8. Any court, government or governmental agency shall condemn, seize or otherwise appropriate, or take custody or control of (each a "Condemnation"), all or any portion of the Property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which, when taken together with all other Property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries so condemned, seized, appropriated, or taken custody or control of, during the twelve-month period ending with the month in which any such Condemnation occurs, constitutes a Substantial Portion.

7.9. The Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall fail within 30 days to pay, bond or otherwise discharge any judgment or order for the payment of money in excess of \$10,000,000, which is not stayed on appeal or otherwise being appropriately contested in good faith.

7.10. The Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall be the subject of any proceeding or investigation pertaining to the release by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any other Person of any Hazardous Material into the environment, or there shall occur any violation of any Environmental Law which, in the case of any such proceeding, investigation or violation, would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

7.11. (a) The aggregate Unfunded Liabilities under all Single Employer Plans shall at any time exceed \$15,000,000, or any Reportable Event shall occur with respect to any Single Employer Plan.

(b) Any Termination Event shall occur with respect to one or more Plans which, when taken together with any other Termination Events then existing with respect to Plans, will cause the Borrower and the other members of the Controlled Group to incur aggregate Current Payment Obligations in excess of \$25,000,000.

7.12. Any Change in Control shall occur.

7.13. The Guaranty shall fail to remain in full force or effect or any action shall be taken to discontinue or to assert the invalidity or unenforceability of the Guaranty, or any Guarantor shall fail to comply with any of the terms or provisions of the Guaranty, or any Guarantor shall deny that it has any further liability under the Guaranty, or shall give notice to such effect, provided that this Section 7.13 shall not affect the Agent's power to release a Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to Sections 6.22 and 8.2(v).

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### ACCELERATION, WAIVERS, AMENDMENTS AND REMEDIES

8.1. Acceleration; Collateral Shortfall.

(a) If any Default described in Section 7.6 or 7.7 occurs with respect to the Borrower, (i) the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans hereunder and to participate in Facility Letters of Credit and the obligations of the Issuer to issue Facility Letters of Credit shall automatically terminate and the Obligations shall immediately become due and payable without any election or action on the part of the Agent, the Issuer or any Lender and (ii) the Borrower will be and become thereby unconditionally obligated, without the need for demand or the necessity of any act or evidence, to deliver to the Agent, at its address specified pursuant to Article XIII for deposit into the Letter of Credit Collateral Account, an amount (the "Collateral Shortfall Amount") equal to the excess, if any, of

(A) 100% of the sum of the aggregate maximum amount remaining available to be drawn under the Facility Letters of Credit (assuming compliance with all conditions for drawing thereunder) issued by the Issuer and outstanding as of such time, over

(B) the amount on deposit in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account at such time that is free and clear of all rights and claims of third parties and that has not been applied by the Agent against the Obligations.

(b) If any Default occurs and is continuing (other than a Default described in Section 7.6 or 7.7 with respect to the Borrower), (i) the Required Lenders (or the Agent, acting with the consent of or upon the direction of the Required Lenders) may terminate or suspend the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and to participate in Facility Letters of Credit hereunder and the obligation of the Issuer to issue Facility Letters of Credit hereunder, or declare the Obligations to be due and payable, or both, whereupon the Obligations shall become immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind, all of which the Borrower hereby expressly waives and (ii) the Required Lenders (or the Agent, acting with the consent of or upon the direction of the Required Lenders) may, upon notice delivered to the Borrower and in addition to the continuing right to demand payment of all amounts payable under this Agreement, make demand on the Borrower to deliver, and the Borrower will, forthwith upon such demand and without necessity of further act or evidence, be and become thereby unconditionally and jointly and severally obligated to deliver, to the Agent, at its address specified pursuant to Article XIII, for deposit into the Letter of Credit Collateral Account an amount equal to the Collateral Shortfall Amount.

(c) If at any time while any Default is continuing, the Agent determines that the Collateral Shortfall Amount at such time is greater than zero, the Agent may make demand on the Borrower to deliver, and the Borrower will, forthwith upon demand by the Agent and without necessity of further act or evidence, be and become thereby unconditionally obligated to deliver, to the Agent as additional funds to be deposited and held in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account an amount equal to such Collateral Shortfall Amount at such time.

(d) The Agent may at any time or from time to time after funds are deposited in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account, apply such funds to the payment of the Obligations and any other amounts as shall from time to time have become due and payable by the Borrower or any Subsidiary Co-Applicant to the Lenders or the Issuer under the Loan Documents.

(e) At any time while any Default is continuing, neither the Borrower, any Subsidiary Co-Applicant, nor any Person claiming on behalf of or through the Borrower or any Subsidiary Co-Applicant shall have any right to withdraw any of the funds held in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account. After all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, any funds remaining in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account shall be returned by the Agent to the Borrower or paid to whomever may be legally entitled thereto at such time.

(f) The Agent shall exercise reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any funds held in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account and shall be deemed to have exercised such care if such funds are accorded treatment substantially equivalent to that which the Agent accords its own property.

8.2. Amendments. Subject to the provisions of this Article VIII, the Required Lenders and the Borrower may enter into agreements supplemental hereto for the purpose of

adding or modifying any provisions to the Loan Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lenders or the Borrower hereunder or waiving any Default hereunder; provided, however, that no such supplemental agreement shall, without the consent of all of the Lenders:

- (i) Extend the maturity of any Loan or Note or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest or fees thereon.
- (ii) Reduce the amount of or extend the maturity of the Reimbursement Obligations, or reduce the rate or change the time of payment of any fees related to Facility Letters of Credit.
- (iii) Reduce the percentage specified in the definition of Required Lenders.
- (iv) Extend the Termination Date or increase the amount of the Commitment of any Lender hereunder, or permit the Borrower to assign its rights under this Agreement.
- (v) Release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty, except in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.22(b).
- (vi) Amend this Section 8.2 or Section 2.4.2(iii).

No amendment of any provision of this Agreement relating to the Agent shall be effective without the written consent of the Agent. The Agent may waive payment of the fee required under Section 12.3.2 and release any Guarantor in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.22(b) without obtaining the consent of any other party to this Agreement.

8.3. Preservation of Rights. No delay or omission of the Lenders, the Issuer or the Agent to exercise any right under the Loan Documents shall impair such right or be construed to be a waiver of any Default or an acquiescence therein, and the making of a Credit Extension notwithstanding the existence of a Default or the inability of the Borrower to satisfy the conditions precedent to such Credit Extension shall not constitute any waiver or acquiescence. Any single or partial exercise of any such right shall not preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, and no waiver, amendment or other variation of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Loan Documents whatsoever shall be valid unless in writing signed by the Lenders required pursuant to Section 8.2, and then only to the extent in such writing specifically set forth. All remedies contained in the Loan Documents or by law afforded shall be cumulative and all shall be available to the Agent, the Issuer and the Lenders until the Obligations have been paid in full.

## ARTICLE IX

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1. Survival of Representations. All representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in this Agreement shall survive delivery of the Notes and the making of the Credit Extensions herein contemplated.

9.2. Governmental Regulation. Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, neither any Lender nor the Issuer shall be obligated to extend credit to the Borrower in violation of any limitation or prohibition provided by any applicable statute or regulation.

9.3. Taxes. Any taxes (excluding, (x) in the case of the Agent, the Issuer and each Lender, (1) United States federal taxation of its overall net income, and (2) taxes imposed on its overall net income, and franchise taxes imposed on it, by any jurisdiction outside of the United States of America or by the jurisdiction under the laws of which the Agent, the Issuer or such Lender (as the case may be) is organized or any political subdivision thereof or the jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Agent, the Issuer or such Lender (as the case may be) is located or any political subdivision thereof, and, (y) in the case of the Issuer and each Lender, taxes imposed on its overall net income, and franchise taxes imposed on it, by the jurisdiction in which its applicable Lending Installation is located or any political subdivision thereof) or other similar assessments or charges payable or ruled payable by any governmental authority in respect of the Loan Documents shall be paid by the Borrower, together with interest and penalties, if any.

9.4. Headings. Section headings in the Loan Documents are for convenience of reference only and shall not govern the interpretation of any of the provisions of the Loan Documents.

9.5. Entire Agreement. The Loan Documents embody the entire agreement and understanding among the Borrower, the Issuer, the Agent and the Lenders and supersede all prior agreements and understandings among the Borrower, the Issuer, the Agent and the Lenders relating to the subject matter thereof.

9.6. Several Obligations; Benefits of this Agreement. The respective obligations of the Lenders hereunder are several and not joint and no Lender shall be the partner or agent of any other (except to the extent to which the Agent is authorized to act as such). The failure of any Lender to perform any of its obligations hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender



from any of its obligations hereunder. This Agreement shall not be construed so as to confer any right or benefit upon any Person other than the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns.

9.7. Expenses; Indemnification. The Borrower shall reimburse the Agent for any costs, internal charges and out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees and time charges of attorneys for the Agent, which attorneys may be employees of the Agent) paid or incurred by the Agent in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution, administration, syndication and amendment of the Loan Documents. The Borrower also agrees to reimburse the Agent, the Issuer and the Lenders for any costs, internal charges and out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees and time charges of attorneys for the Agent, the Issuer and the Lenders, which attorneys may be employees of the Agent, the Issuer or the Lenders) paid or incurred by the Agent, the Issuer or any Lender in connection with the collection and enforcement of the Loan Documents. The Borrower further agrees to (x) indemnify the Agent, the Issuer and each Lender, and their respective directors, officers and employees, agents and directors ("Indemnified Persons") against all losses, claims, damages, penalties, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, all reasonable expenses of litigation or preparation therefor whether or not the Agent or any Lender is a party thereto) which any of them may pay or incur arising out of or relating to the commitment letter dated July 15, 1997 relating to this transaction, this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, or any other transactions contemplated hereby or the direct or indirect application or proposed application of the proceeds of any Credit Extension hereunder, except to the extent any of the foregoing arises solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification, and (y) to assert no claim against the Agent, the Issuer, any Lender or any other Indemnified Person, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages. The obligations of the Borrower under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the Aggregate Commitment and the repayment of the Advances and the termination of the Facility Letters of Credit hereunder.

9.8. Numbers of Documents. All statements, notices, closing documents, and requests hereunder shall be furnished to the Agent with sufficient counterparts so that the Agent may furnish one to each of the Lenders.

9.9. Accounting. Except as provided to the contrary herein, all accounting terms used herein shall be interpreted and all accounting determinations hereunder shall be made in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

9.10. Severability of Provisions. Any provision in any Loan Document that is held to be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid in any jurisdiction shall, as to that jurisdiction, be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid without affecting the remaining provisions in that jurisdiction or the operation, enforceability, or validity of that provision in any other jurisdiction, and to this end the provisions of all Loan Documents are declared to be severable.

9.11. Nonliability of Lenders. The relationship between the Borrower on the one hand and the Lenders, the Issuer and the Agent, on the other hand, shall be solely that of borrower and lender. Neither the Agent, the Issuer nor any Lender shall have any fiduciary responsibilities to the Borrower. Neither the Agent, the Issuer nor any Lender undertakes any responsibility to the Borrower to review or inform the Borrower of any matter in connection with any phase of the Borrower's business or operations.

9.12. CHOICE OF LAW. THE LOAN DOCUMENTS (OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINING A CONTRARY EXPRESS CHOICE OF LAW PROVISION) SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, BUT GIVING EFFECT TO FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL BANKS.

9.13. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THE BORROWER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR ILLINOIS STATE COURT SITTING IN CHICAGO IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENT AND THE BORROWER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF THE AGENT, THE ISSUER OR ANY LENDER TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BORROWER IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY THE BORROWER AGAINST THE AGENT, THE ISSUER OR ANY LENDER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE AGENT, THE ISSUER OR ANY LENDER INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH ANY LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

9.14. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE BORROWER, THE AGENT, THE ISSUER AND EACH LENDER HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER.

9.15. Confidentiality. Each of the Lenders and the Issuer agrees to hold any information identified to it as confidential which it may receive from the Borrower pursuant to

this Agreement in confidence, except for disclosure (i) to its Affiliates, to other Lenders or the Issuer and their respective Affiliates, (ii) to its legal counsel, accountants, and other professional advisors, (iii) to regulatory officials, (iv) as requested pursuant to or as required by law, regulation, or legal process, (v) in connection with any legal proceeding to which it is a party, (vi) permitted by Section 12.4, and (vii) of such portions of such information which is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of disclosure by it or its representatives.

## ARTICLE X

### THE AGENT

10.1. Appointment. The First National Bank of Chicago is hereby appointed Agent hereunder and under each other Loan Document, and each of the Lenders irrevocably (except to the extent provided in Section 10.11) authorizes the Agent to act as the agent of such Lender. The Agent agrees to act as such upon the express conditions contained in this Article X. The Agent shall not have a fiduciary relationship in respect of the Borrower or any Lender by reason of this Agreement.

10.2. Powers. The Agent shall have and may exercise such powers under the Loan Documents as are specifically delegated to the Agent by the terms of each thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The Agent shall have no duties or obligations to the Lenders (including, without limitation, duties or obligations to take action under the Loan Documents) other than those specifically set forth in the Loan Documents.

10.3. General Immunity. Neither the Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable to the Borrower, the Lenders or any Lender for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them hereunder or under any other Loan Document or in connection herewith or therewith except for its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

10.4. No Responsibility for Loans, Recitals, etc.; Delivery of Documents. Neither the Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain, inquire into, or verify (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in connection with any Loan Document or any borrowing hereunder; (ii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants or agreements of any obligor under any Loan Document; (iii) the satisfaction of any condition specified in Article IV, except receipt of items required to be delivered to the Agent; or (iv) the validity, effectiveness or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other instrument or writing furnished in connection therewith. The Agent will deliver to the Lenders copies of all documents received from the Borrower

which are specifically required by the terms of the Loan Documents to be provided to the Lenders, together with any other documents which the Agent hereafter agrees in writing to deliver to the Lenders.

10.5. Action on Instructions of Lenders. The Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, hereunder and under any other Loan Document in accordance with written instructions signed by the Required Lenders (or, when required hereunder, all of the Lenders), and such instructions and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding on all of the Lenders and on all holders of Notes. The Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action hereunder and under any other Loan Document unless it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability, cost and expense that it may incur by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action.

10.6. Employment of Agents and Counsel. The Agent may execute any of its duties as Agent hereunder and under any other Loan Document by or through employees, agents, and attorneys-in-fact and shall not be answerable to the Lenders, except as to money or securities received by it or its authorized agents, for the default or misconduct of any such agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care. The Agent shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to the agency hereby created and its duties hereunder and under any other Loan Document.

10.7. Reliance on Documents; Counsel. The Agent shall be entitled to rely upon any Note, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telegram, statement, paper or document believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed or sent by the proper Person or Persons, and, in respect to legal matters, upon the opinion of counsel selected by the Agent, which counsel may be employees of the Agent.

10.8. Agent's Reimbursement and Indemnification. The Lenders agree to reimburse and indemnify the Agent ratably in proportion to their respective Commitments (i) for any amounts not reimbursed by the Borrower for which the Agent is entitled to reimbursement by the Borrower under the Loan Documents, provided that, to the extent the Agent is subsequently reimbursed for such amounts by the Borrower, the Agent will refund any such amounts paid by the Lenders, (ii) for any other expenses incurred by the Agent on behalf of the Lenders, in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration (other than routine administrative duties under the Loan Documents) and enforcement of the Loan Documents and (iii) for any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind and nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against the Agent in any way relating to or arising out of the Loan Documents or any other document delivered in connection therewith or the transactions contemplated thereby, or the enforcement of any of the terms thereof or of any such other documents, provided that no Lender shall be liable for any of the foregoing to the

extent they arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Agent. The obligations of the Lenders under this Section 10.8 shall survive payment of the Obligations and termination of this Agreement and all Facility Letters of Credit.

10.9. Rights as a Lender. With respect to its Commitment, Loans made by it and the Notes issued to it, the Agent shall have the same rights and powers hereunder and under any other Loan Document as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Agent, and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, at any time when the Agent is a Lender, unless the context otherwise indicates, include the Agent in its individual capacity. The Agent may accept deposits from, lend money to, and generally engage in any kind of trust, debt, equity or other transaction, in addition to those contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document, with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in which the Borrower or such Subsidiary is not restricted hereby from engaging with any other Person. The Agent, in its individual capacity, is not obligated to remain a Lender.

10.10. Lender Credit Decision. Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, the Issuer or any other Lender and based on the financial statements prepared by the Borrower and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, the Issuer or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

10.11. Successor Agent. The Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Lenders, the Issuer and the Borrower, and the Agent may be removed at any time with or without cause by written notice received by the Agent from the Required Lenders. Upon any such resignation or removal, the Required Lenders (with the consent of the Borrower at any time other than during the continuance of a Default) shall have the right to appoint, on behalf of the Borrower and the Lenders, a successor Agent. If no successor Agent shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty days after the retiring Agent's giving notice of resignation, then the retiring Agent may appoint, on behalf of the Borrower and the Lenders, a successor Agent. Such successor Agent shall be a commercial bank having capital and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Agent hereunder by a successor Agent, such successor Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or removed Agent, and the retiring or removed Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. After any retiring or removed Agent's resignation or removal hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this Article X shall continue in effect for its benefit in

respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was acting as the Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents.

10.12. Notice of Default. The Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Unmatured Default hereunder unless the Agent has received written notice from a Lender or the Borrower referring to this Agreement describing such Default or Unmatured Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that the Agent receives such a notice, the Agent shall give prompt notice thereof to the Lenders.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### SETOFF; RATABLE PAYMENTS

11.1. Setoff. In addition to, and without limitation of, any rights of the Lenders or the Issuer under applicable law, if the Borrower becomes insolvent, however evidenced, or any Default or Unmatured Default occurs, any and all deposits (including all account balances, whether provisional or final and whether or not collected or available) and any other Indebtedness at any time held or owing by any Lender or the Issuer to or for the credit or account of the Borrower may be offset and applied toward the payment of the Obligations owing to such Lender or the Issuer, whether or not the Obligations, or any part hereof, shall then be due.

11.2. Ratable Payments. If any Lender, whether by setoff or otherwise, has payment made to it upon its Loans or participations in Facility Letters of Credit (other than payments received pursuant to Sections 3.1, 3.2 or 3.4) in a greater proportion than that received by any other Lender, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to purchase a portion of the Loans or participations in Facility Letters of Credit held by the other Lenders so that after such purchase each Lender will hold its ratable proportion of Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit. If any Lender, whether in connection with setoff or amounts which might be subject to setoff or otherwise, receives collateral or other protection for its Obligations or such amounts which may be subject to setoff, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to take such action necessary such that all Lenders share in the benefits of such collateral ratably in proportion to their Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit. In case any such payment is disturbed by legal process, or otherwise, appropriate further adjustments shall be made.

## ARTICLE XII

## BENEFIT OF AGREEMENT; ASSIGNMENTS; PARTICIPATIONS

12.1. Successors and Assigns. The terms and provisions of the Loan Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Agent, the Issuer and the Lenders and their respective successors and assigns, except that (i) the Borrower shall not have the right to assign its rights or obligations under the Loan Documents and (ii) any assignment by any Lender must be made in compliance with Section 12.3. Notwithstanding clause (ii) of this Section, any Lender may at any time, without the consent of the Borrower, the Issuer or the Agent and without the payment of any fee to the Agent, assign all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement and its Notes to a Federal Reserve Bank; provided, however, that no such assignment shall release the transferor Lender from its obligations hereunder. The Agent may treat the payee of any Note as the owner thereof for all purposes hereof unless and until such payee complies with Section 12.3 in the case of an assignment thereof or, in the case of any other transfer, a written notice of the transfer is filed with the Agent. Any assignee or transferee of a Note (other than a Federal Reserve Bank in the case of an assignment for security purposes) agrees by acceptance thereof to be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Loan Documents. Any request, authority or consent of any Person, who at the time of making such request or giving such authority or consent is the holder of any Note, shall be conclusive and binding on any subsequent holder, transferee or assignee of such Note or of any Note or Notes issued in exchange therefor.

## 12.2. Participations.

12.2.1. Permitted Participants; Effect. Any Lender may, in the ordinary course of its business and in accordance with applicable law, at any time sell to one or more banks or other entities ("Participants") participating interests in any Loan owing to such Lender, any participation in Facility Letters of Credit owned by such Lender, any Note held by such Lender, any Commitment of such Lender or any other interest of such Lender under the Loan Documents. Unless a Default has occurred and is continuing, the consent of the Borrower and the Agent shall be required prior to such sale becoming effective with respect to a Participant which is not a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or of such Lender's parent corporation. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of any such sale by a Lender of participating interests to a Participant, such Lender's obligations under the Loan Documents shall remain unchanged, such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, such Lender shall remain the holder of any such Note for all purposes under the Loan Documents, all amounts payable by the Borrower under this Agreement shall be determined as if such Lender had not sold such participating interests, and the Borrower, the Issuer and the Agent shall continue

to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under the Loan Documents.

12.2.2. Voting Rights. Each Lender shall retain the sole right to approve, without the consent of any Participant, any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of the Loan Documents other than any amendment, modification or waiver with respect to any Loan, Facility Letter of Credit or Commitment in which such Participant has an interest which forgives principal, interest or fees or reduces the interest rate or fees payable with respect to any such Loan, Facility Letter of Credit or Commitment, postpones any date fixed for any regularly-scheduled payment of principal of, or interest or fees on, any such Loan, Reimbursement Obligations, interest or fees in respect of any such Facility Letter of Credit or Commitment, releases any guarantor of any such Loan or Facility Letter of Credit or releases any collateral held in the Letter of Credit Collateral Account (except in accordance with Section 8.1) or any substantial portion of any other collateral, if any, securing any such Loan or Facility Letter of Credit.

12.2.3. Benefit of Setoff. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be deemed to have the right of setoff provided in Section 11.1 in respect of its participating interest in amounts owing under the Loan Documents to the same extent as if the amount of its participating interest were owing directly to it as a Lender under the Loan Documents, provided that each Lender shall retain the right of setoff provided in Section 11.1 with respect to the amount of participating interests sold to each Participant. The Lenders agree to share with each Participant, and each Participant, by exercising the right of setoff provided in Section 11.1, agrees to share with each Lender, any amount received pursuant to the exercise of its right of setoff, such amounts to be shared in accordance with Section 11.2 as if each Participant were a Lender.

### 12.3. Assignments.

12.3.1. Permitted Assignments. Any Lender may, in the ordinary course of its business and in accordance with applicable law and the provisions of this Section 12.3, at any time assign to one or more banks or other entities ("Purchasers") all or any part of its rights and obligations under the Loan Documents. Such assignment shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit "I" hereto or in such other form as may be agreed to by the parties thereto. The Lender which desires to make such an assignment (the "Transferor Lender") shall so inform the Borrower and the Agent in writing. The Borrower shall then have an exclusive period of 30 days after such notice from the Transferor Lender to locate a Purchaser (which may or may not be an entity recommended by the Transferor Lender) for that portion of the Transferor Lender's rights and obligations which are proposed to be sold and, if the Borrower locates a



Purchaser within such period, the Transferor Lender will make the proposed assignment to such Purchaser as long as the terms of such assignment are no worse than the Transferor Lender could obtain in a sale to a Purchaser of its choice. If a sale to a Purchaser selected by the Borrower does not occur within such 30 day period, the Transferor Lender may, with the consent of the Agent and the Borrower (which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), make the proposed assignment to a Purchaser of its choice. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, any Lender may make an assignment of all or any part of its rights and obligations under the Loan Documents (i) without the consent of the Borrower or the Agent and without giving the Borrower the 30-day exclusive period to locate a Purchaser described above if the Purchaser is another Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or (ii) without the consent of the Borrower and without giving the Borrower the 30-day exclusive period to locate a Purchaser described above if a Default has occurred and is continuing.

12.3.2. Effect; Effective Date. Upon (i) delivery to the Agent of a notice of assignment, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit "I" to Exhibit "I" hereto (a "Notice of Assignment"), together with any consents required by Section 12.3.1, and (ii) payment of a \$3,500 fee to the Agent for processing such assignment, such assignment shall become effective on the effective date specified in such Notice of Assignment. The Notice of Assignment shall contain a representation by the Purchaser to the effect that none of the consideration used to make the purchase of the Commitment, Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit under the applicable assignment agreement are "plan assets" as defined under ERISA and that the rights and interests of the Purchaser in and under the Loan Documents will not be "plan assets" under ERISA. On and after the effective date of such assignment, such Purchaser shall for all purposes be a Lender party to this Agreement and any other Loan Document executed by the Lenders and shall have all the rights and obligations of a Lender under the Loan Documents, to the same extent as if it were an original party hereto, and no further consent or action by the Borrower, the Issuer, the Lenders or the Agent shall be required to release the Transferor Lender with respect to the percentage of the Aggregate Commitment, Loans and participation in Facility Letters of Credit assigned to such Purchaser. Upon the consummation of any assignment to a Purchaser pursuant to this Section 12.3.2, the Transferor Lender, the Agent and the Borrower shall make appropriate arrangements so that replacement Notes are issued to such Transferor Lender and new Notes or, as appropriate, replacement Notes, are issued to such Purchaser, in each case in principal amounts reflecting their respective Commitments, as adjusted pursuant to such assignment.

12.4. Dissemination of Information. The Borrower authorizes each Lender to disclose to any Participant or Purchaser or any other Person acquiring an interest in the Loan Documents by operation of law (each a "Transferee") and any prospective Transferee any and all information in such Lender's possession concerning the creditworthiness of the Borrower

and its Subsidiaries; provided that each Transferee and prospective Transferee agrees to be bound by Section 9.15 of this Agreement.

12.5. Tax Treatment. If any interest in any Loan Document is transferred to any Transferee which is organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States or any State thereof, the Transferor Lender shall cause such Transferee, concurrently with the effectiveness of such transfer, to comply with the provisions of Section 2.6.14.

#### ARTICLE XIII

##### NOTICES

13.1. Giving Notice. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 2.6.9 with respect to borrowing notices, all notices and other communications provided to any party hereto under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be in writing and shall be sent by United States mail, telegraph, telex, FAX or nationally established overnight courier service, and shall be deemed received (i) when received by the addressee if sent via the United States mail, postage prepaid, (ii) when delivered to the appropriate office or machine operator for transmission, charges prepaid, if sent by telegraph or telex (answerback confirmed in the case of telexes), (iii) when receipt thereof by the addressee is confirmed by telephone if sent by FAX and (iv) one business day after delivery to an overnight courier service, if sent by such service, in each case addressed to such party at its address or facsimile number set forth below its signature hereto.

13.2. Change of Address. The Borrower, the Agent, the Issuer and any Lender may each change the address for service of notice upon it by a notice in writing to the other parties hereto.

## ARTICLE XIV

## COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one agreement, and any of the parties hereto may execute this Agreement by signing any such counterpart. This Agreement shall be effective when it has been executed by the Borrower, the Agent, the Issuer and the Lenders and each party has notified the Agent by facsimile or telephone that it has taken such action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower, the Lenders, the Issuer and the Agent have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

YELLOW CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

10990 Roe Avenue  
Overland Park, Kansas 66211-1213

Attention: Lawrence D. Berkowitz  
Assistant Treasurer  
Telephone: (913) 696-6130  
FAX: (913) 696-6122

Commitments

\$60,000,000

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO,  
Individually, as Issuer and as Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

One First National Plaza  
Suite 0374  
Chicago, Illinois 60670

Attention: Timothy J. King  
Telephone: (312) 732-6456  
FAX: (312) 732-3885

\$50,000,000

NATIONSBANK, N.A.  
Individually, and as Documentation Agent

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

10th & Baltimore  
5th Floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64183

Attention: Bruce A. Easterly  
Telephone: (816) 979-7727  
FAX: (816) 979-7426

\$25,000,000

BANK OF HAWAII

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

1850 N. Central Avenue, Suite 400  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Attention: Donna Parker  
Telephone: (602) 257-2436  
FAX: (602) 257-2235

\$25,000,000

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

60 Wall Street  
New York, New York 10260-0060

Attention: Charles H. King  
Vice-President  
Telephone: (212) 648-7138  
FAX: (212) 648-5336

\$25,000,000

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

Grand Cayman (North America No. 1)  
c/o New York Branch  
Financial Square, 23rd Floor  
New York, New York 10005-3531

Attention: Manager, Loans Administration  
Telephone: (212) 428-6311  
FAX: (212) 428-2372

with a copy to:

Financial Square  
24th Floor  
New York, New York 10005-3531

Attention: Michael J. Madnick  
Manager  
Telephone: (212) 428-6203

FAX: (212) 428-6459

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WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

191 Peachtree St., N.E.  
Mail Code GA-370  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Mark L. Thomas  
Vice President  
Telephone: (404) 332-6450  
FAX: (404) 332-6898

\$15,000,000

BANQUE PARIBAS

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

227 W. Monroe, Suite 3300  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Attention: Nick Mast  
Telephone: (312) 853-6038  
FAX: (312) 853-6020

\$15,000,000

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

270 Park Avenue, 47th Floor  
New York, New York 10017

Attention: Andris G. Kalnins  
Telephone: (212) 270-5732  
FAX: (212) 270-5127

\$15,000,000

CAISSE NATIONALE DE CREDIT AGRICOLE

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

55 E. Monroe, 47th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Attention: Paul Dytrych  
Telephone: (312) 917-7573  
FAX: (312) 372-3724

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THE MITSUI TRUST AND BANKING  
COMPANY, LIMITED, NEW YORK BRANCH

By: -----

Print Name: -----

Title: -----

1251 Avenue of the Americas, 39th Floor  
New York 10020-1104

Attention: Koichi Yokoyama



Telephone: (312) 201-4700  
FAX: (312) 201-0593

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TOKAI BANK, LTD.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

181 W. Madison Street, Suite 3600  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Attention: Thomas Kania  
Telephone: (312) 456-3422  
FAX: (312) 977-0003

\$15,000,000

UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA, N.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

350 California Street, 6th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104

Attention: Alison Mason  
Telephone: (415) 705-7452  
FAX: (415) 705-7566

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Aggregate Commitment

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTE  
(Ratable Loans)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ September 24, 1997

Yellow Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), promises to pay, on the Termination Date (as defined in the Agreement referred to below), to the order of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Lender") the lesser of the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars or the aggregate unpaid principal amount of all Ratable Loans made by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.2 of that certain Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 1997, among the Borrower, The First National Bank of Chicago, individually, as Issuer and as Agent, and the financial institutions named therein, including the Lender (as the same may be amended or modified, the "Agreement"), in immediately available funds at the main office of The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent, in Chicago, Illinois, together with interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof at the rates and on the dates set forth in the Agreement. The Borrower shall pay each Ratable Loan in full on the last day of such Ratable Loan's applicable Interest Period.

The Lender shall, and is hereby authorized to, record on the schedule attached hereto, or to otherwise record in accordance with its usual practice, the date and amount of each Ratable Loan and the date and amount of each principal payment hereunder, provided that the failure by the Lender to so record or any mistake in so recording shall not affect the obligations of the Borrower hereunder.

This Note (Ratable Loans) is one of the Notes issued pursuant to, and is subject to the terms of and entitled to the benefits of, the Agreement, to which Agreement reference is hereby made for a statement of the terms and conditions under which this Note may be prepaid or its maturity date accelerated. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein are used with the meanings attributed to them in the Agreement.

THIS NOTE (RATABLE LOANS) SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, BUT GIVING EFFECT TO FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL BANKS.

YELLOW CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE OF LOANS AND PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL  
TO  
NOTE (RATABLE LOANS) OF YELLOW CORPORATION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

| Date  | Principal<br>Amount of<br>Loan | Maturity<br>of Interest<br>Period | Principal<br>Amount<br>Paid | Unpaid<br>Balance |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
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## EXHIBIT "B"

NOTE  
(Competitive Bid Loans)

\$300,000,000

September 24, 1997

Yellow Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), promises to pay, on the Termination Date, to the order of (the "Lender") the aggregate unpaid principal amount of all Competitive Bid Loans made by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.3 of that certain Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 1997, among the Borrower, The First National Bank of Chicago, individually, as Issuer and as Agent, and the financial institutions named therein, including the Lender (as the same may be amended or modified, the "Agreement"), in immediately available funds at the main office of The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent, in Chicago, Illinois, together with interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof at the rates and on the dates set forth in the Agreement. The Borrower shall pay each Competitive Bid Loan in full on the last day of such Competitive Bid Loan's applicable Interest Period.

The Lender shall, and is hereby authorized to, record on the schedule attached hereto, or otherwise record in accordance with its usual practice, the date and amount of each Competitive Bid Loan and the date and amount of each principal payment hereunder, provided that the failure by the Lender to so record or any mistake in so recording shall not affect the obligations of the Borrower hereunder.

This Note (Competitive Bid Loans) is one of the Notes issued pursuant to, and is subject to the terms of and entitled to the benefits of, the Agreement, to which Agreement reference is hereby made for a statement of the terms and conditions under which this Note may be prepaid or its maturity date accelerated. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein are used with the meanings attributed to them in the Agreement.

Each Note (Competitive Bid Loans) issued pursuant to the Agreement is in the amount of \$300,000,000, provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of all Loans outstanding from all Lenders under the Agreement shall not exceed \$300,000,000 at any time.

THIS NOTE (COMPETITIVE BID LOANS) SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, BUT GIVING EFFECT TO FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL BANKS.

YELLOW CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE OF LOANS AND PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL  
TO  
NOTE (COMPETITIVE BID LOANS)  
OF YELLOW CORPORATION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

| Date | Principal<br>Amount of<br>Loan | Maturity<br>of Interest<br>Period | Principal<br>Amount<br>Paid | Unpaid<br>Balance |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|

EXHIBIT C"  
COMPETITIVE BID QUOTE REQUEST  
(Section 2.3.2)

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

To: The First National Bank of Chicago,  
as agent (the "Agent")

From: Yellow Corporation ("Borrower")

Re: Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of September 24, 1997, among the  
Borrower, The First National Bank of Chicago, individually, as Issuer  
and as Agent, and the Lenders parties thereto

We hereby give notice pursuant to Section 2.3.2 of the Agreement that we  
request Competitive Bid Quotes for the following proposed Competitive Bid  
Advance(s):

Borrowing Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

Principal Amount (1)                      Interest Period (2)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Such Competitive Bid Quotes should offer [a Competitive Bid Margin] [an  
Absolute Rate].

Upon acceptance by the undersigned of any or all of the Competitive Bid  
Loans offered by Lenders in response to this request, the undersigned shall be  
deemed to affirm as of such date that the representations and warranties made  
in the Agreement are true and correct in all material respects to the extent  
specified in Article IV thereof. Capitalized terms used herein have the  
meanings assigned to them in the Agreement.

YELLOW CORPORATION

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Amount must be at least \$10,000,000 and an integral multiple of \$5,000,000.
- (2) One, two, three or six months (Eurodollar Auction) or at least 30 days and up to six months (Absolute Rate Auction), subject to the provisions of the definitions of Eurodollar Interest Period and Absolute Rate Interest Period.

EXHIBIT "D"

INVITATION FOR COMPETITIVE BID QUOTES  
(Section 2.3.3)

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

To: [Name of Lender]

Re: Invitation for Competitive Bid Quotes to  
Yellow Corporation (the "Borrower")

Pursuant to Section 2.3.3 of the Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of September 24, 1997 among the Borrower, the Lenders parties thereto, and the undersigned, as Issuer and as Agent, we are pleased on behalf of the Borrower to invite you to submit Competitive Bid Quotes to the Borrower for the following proposed Competitive Bid Advance(s):

\_\_Borrowing Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 19)

Principal Amount

Interest Period

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Such Competitive Bid Quotes should offer [a Competitive Bid Margin] [an Absolute Rate]. Your Competitive Bid Quote must comply with Section 2.3.4 of the Agreement and the foregoing terms in which the Competitive Bid Quote Request was made. Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Agreement.

Please respond to this invitation by no later than 9:00 a.m. Chicago time on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO,  
as Agent

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer



EXHIBIT "E"  
 COMPETITIVE BID QUOTE  
 (Section 2.3.4)

\_\_\_\_\_, 19

To: The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent  
 Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Competitive Bid Quote to Yellow Corporation (the "Borrower")

In response to your invitation on behalf of the Borrower dated , 19 , we hereby make the following Competitive Bid Quote pursuant to Section 2.3.4 of the Revolving Credit Agreement hereinafter referred to and on the following terms:

1. Quoting Lender: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Person to contact at Quoting Lender: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Borrowing Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_ (1)
4. We hereby offer to make Competitive Bid Loan(s) in the following principal amounts, for the following Interest Periods and at the following rates:

| Principal Amount(2) | Interest Period(3) | [Competitive Bid Margin(4)] | [Absolute Rate(5)] | Minimum Amount(6) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| -----               | -----              | -----                       | -----              | -----             |

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- 1 As specified in the related Invitation.
  - 2 Principal amount bid for each Interest Period may not exceed principal amount requested. Bids must be made for \$2,000,000 and an integral multiple of \$500,000.
  - 3 One, two, three or six months or at least 30 days and up to six months, as specified in the related Invitation.
  - 4 Competitive Bid Margin over or under the Eurodollar Base Rate, rounded, if necessary, to the next higher 1/16 of 1%, determined for the applicable Interest Period. Specify percentage (rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) and specify whether "PLUS" or "MINUS".
  - 5 Specify rate of interest per annum (rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%).
  - 6 Specify minimum amount which the Borrower may accept (see Section 2.3.4(b)(iv)).

We understand and agree that the offer(s) set forth above, subject to the satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in the Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of September 24, 1997, as amended or modified, among the Borrower, the Issuer, the Lenders parties thereto and yourselves, as Agent, irrevocably obligate(s) us to make the Competitive Bid Loan(s) for which any offer(s) are accepted, in whole or in part.

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF LENDER]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

## EXHIBIT "F"

## FORM OF OPINION OF COUNSEL TO YELLOW CORPORATION

September 24, 1997

The Agent, the Issuer and the Lenders who are parties to the Revolving Credit Agreement described below

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am counsel for Yellow Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), and have represented the Borrower in connection with its execution and delivery of that certain Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of September 24, 1997 among the Borrower, The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent and as Issuer, and the financial institutions party thereto (each, including The First National Bank of Chicago in its individual capacity, a "Lender" and collectively, the "Lenders"), providing for Advances and issuances of Facility Letters of Credit in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$300,000,000 at any one time outstanding (the "Agreement"). All capitalized terms used in this opinion and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Agreement.

I have examined the Borrower's, each Original Guarantor's and each Subsidiary Co-Applicant's (the Borrower, the Original Guarantors and the Subsidiary Co-Applicants are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Credit Parties") certificate or articles of incorporation, by-laws, resolutions of each Credit Party's Board of Directors, the Loan Documents and such other matters of fact and law which I deem necessary in order to render this opinion. Based upon the foregoing, it is my opinion that:

1. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted.

2. Each Credit Party has the corporate power and authority and legal right to execute and deliver the Loan Documents to which it is a party and to perform its obligations thereunder. The execution and delivery by each Credit Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and the payment and performance by each Credit Party of its respective

obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and proceedings on the part of each Credit Party and will not:

(a) require any consent of any Credit Party's shareholders;

(b) violate any law, rule, regulation, order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree or award binding on the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or the Borrower's or any Subsidiary's certificate or articles of incorporation or by-laws or any indenture, instrument or agreement binding upon the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries; or

(c) result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien in, of or on the Property of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to the provisions of any indenture, instrument or agreement binding upon the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

3. Each Loan Document (other than any LC Application which has not been executed and delivered on or prior to the Closing Date) has been duly executed and delivered by each Credit Party which is a party thereto and constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation of each such Credit Party enforceable in accordance with its terms except to the extent the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and subject also to the availability of equitable remedies if equitable remedies are sought. Without limiting the foregoing, a Kansas court (or a federal court applying Kansas choice of law principles) would uphold the choice of the internal law of the State of Illinois as the law governing the interpretation of the Loan Documents.

4. There is no litigation, arbitration, governmental investigation, proceeding or inquiry pending or, to the best of my knowledge, threatened against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries the probable outcome of which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

5. No order, consent, approval, license, authorization, or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with, or exemption by, any governmental or public body or authority, or any subdivision thereof, is required to authorize, or is required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of, or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of, any of the Loan Documents.

6. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

7. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is a "holding company" or a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company", or an "affiliate" of a "holding company" or of a

"subsidiary company" of a "holding company", within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended.

I am licensed to practice in the State of Kansas and the opinions expressed above are limited to the laws of the State of Kansas, the corporate laws of the State of Delaware, and the Federal law of the United States of America. As the Loan Documents explicitly state that they are governed by the internal law of the State of Illinois, I have assumed (with your consent) for the purpose of rendering my opinions set forth herein that the substantive laws of the State of Illinois relating to the matters discussed herein are substantially similar to those of the State of Kansas.

This opinion may be relied upon by the Agent, the Issuer, the Lenders and their participants, assignees and other transferees.

Very truly yours,



EXHIBIT "H"  
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

To: The Lenders parties to the  
Agreement Described Below

This Compliance Certificate is furnished pursuant to that certain Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of September 24, 1997 (as amended or modified from time to time, the "Agreement") among the Borrower, the Lenders party thereto and The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent for the Lenders and as Issuer. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this Compliance Certificate have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Agreement.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:

1. I am the duly elected Treasurer of the Borrower or his designee;
2. I have reviewed the terms of the Agreement and I have made, or have caused to be made under my supervision, a review of the transactions and conditions of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements to determine whether the Borrower has fulfilled all of its obligations under the Agreement and the Notes;
3. To the best of my knowledge after due inquiry, during such fiscal period and as at the date hereof, the Borrower has not been and is not in default in the fulfillment of any of the terms, covenants, provisions or conditions of the Agreement and no Default or Unmatured Default existed or exists, except as set forth below;
4. Schedule I attached hereto sets forth financial data and computations evidencing the Borrower's compliance with Sections 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.16 and 6.17 [and 6.20] of the Agreement, all of which data and computations are true, complete and correct;
5. If the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries has formed or acquired one or more Subsidiaries since the date of the preceding certificate delivered pursuant to Section 6.1(iii) of the Agreement, the name of each such Subsidiary, its jurisdiction of incorporation and a brief description of its business is described in a schedule attached hereto; and

6. Described below are the exceptions, if any, to paragraph 3 by listing, in detail, the nature of the condition or event, the period during which it has existed and the action which the Borrower has taken, is taking, or proposes to take with respect to each such condition or event:

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The foregoing certifications, together with the computations set forth in Schedule I hereto and the financial statements delivered with this Certificate in support hereof, are made and delivered this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

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[SAMPLE]

SCHEDULE I TO COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

Schedule of Compliance as of \_\_\_\_\_ with  
Provisions of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of  
the Agreement

## EXHIBIT "I"

## FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This Assignment Agreement (this "Assignment Agreement") between (the "Assignor") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Assignee") is dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_ . The parties hereto agree as follows:

1. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT. The Assignor is a party to a Revolving Credit Agreement (which, as it may be amended or modified from time to time is herein called the "Credit Agreement") described in Item 1 of Schedule 1 attached hereto ("Schedule 1"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Credit Agreement.

2. ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION. The Assignor hereby sells and assigns to the Assignee, and the Assignee hereby purchases and assumes from the Assignor, an interest in and to the Assignor's rights and obligations under the Credit Agreement such that after giving effect to such assignment the Assignee shall have the percentage interest specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1 of all outstanding rights and obligations under the Credit Agreement relating to the facilities listed in Item 3 of Schedule 1 and the other Loan Documents. The aggregate Commitment (or Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit, if the applicable Commitment has been terminated) purchased by the Assignee hereunder is set forth in Item 4 of Schedule 1.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Assignment Agreement (the "Effective Date") shall be the later of the date specified in Item 5 of Schedule 1 or two Business Days (or such shorter period agreed to by the Agent) after a Notice of Assignment substantially in the form of Exhibit "I" attached hereto has been delivered to the Agent. Such Notice of Assignment must include any consents required to be delivered to the Agent by Section 12.3.1 of the Credit Agreement. In no event will the Effective Date occur if the payments required to be made by the Assignee to the Assignor on the Effective Date under Sections 4 and 5 hereof are not made on the proposed Effective Date. The Assignor will notify the Assignee of the proposed Effective Date no later than the Business Day prior to the proposed Effective Date. As of the Effective Date, (i) the Assignee shall have the rights and obligations of a Lender under the Loan Documents with respect to the rights and obligations assigned to the Assignee hereunder and (ii) the Assignor shall relinquish its rights and be released from its corresponding obligations under the Loan Documents with respect to the rights and obligations assigned to the Assignee hereunder.

4. PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS. On and after the Effective Date, the Assignee shall be entitled to receive from the Agent all payments of principal, Reimbursement Obligations, interest and fees with respect to the interest assigned hereby. The Assignee shall advance

funds directly to the Agent with respect to all Loans made and participations in Facility Letters of Credit funded on or after the Effective Date with respect to the interest assigned hereby. [In consideration for the sale and assignment of Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit hereunder, (i) the Assignee shall pay the Assignor, on the Effective Date, an amount equal to the principal amount of the portion of all Floating Rate Loans assigned to the Assignee hereunder and (ii) with respect to each Fixed Rate Loan made by the Assignor and assigned to the Assignee hereunder which is outstanding on the Effective Date, (a) on the last day of the Interest Period therefor or (b) on such earlier date agreed to by the Assignor and the Assignee or (c) on the date on which any such Fixed Rate Loan either becomes due (by acceleration or otherwise) or is prepaid (the date as described in the foregoing clauses (a), (b) or (c) being hereinafter referred to as the "Payment Date"), the Assignee shall pay the Assignor an amount equal to the principal amount of the portion of such Fixed Rate Loan assigned to the Assignee which is outstanding on the Payment Date. If the Assignor and the Assignee agree that the Payment Date for such Fixed Rate Loan shall be the Effective Date, they shall agree to the interest rate applicable to the portion of such Loan assigned hereunder for the period from the Effective Date to the end of the existing Interest Period applicable to such Fixed Rate Loan (the "Agreed Interest Rate") and any interest received by the Assignee in excess of the Agreed Interest Rate shall be remitted to the Assignor. In the event interest for the period from the Effective Date to but not including the Payment Date is not paid by the Borrower with respect to any Fixed Rate Loan sold by the Assignor to the Assignee hereunder, the Assignee shall pay to the Assignor interest for such period on the portion of such Fixed Rate Loan sold by the Assignor to the Assignee hereunder at the applicable rate provided by the Credit Agreement. In the event a prepayment of any Fixed Rate Loan which is existing on the Payment Date and assigned by the Assignor to the Assignee hereunder occurs after the Payment Date but before the end of the Interest Period applicable to such Fixed Rate Loan, the Assignee shall remit to the Assignor the excess of the prepayment penalty paid with respect to the portion of such Fixed Rate Loan assigned to the Assignee hereunder over the amount which would have been paid if such prepayment penalty was calculated based on the Agreed Interest Rate. The Assignee will also promptly remit to the Assignor (i) any principal payments received from the Agent with respect to Fixed Rate Loans prior to the Payment Date and (ii) any amounts of interest on Loans and Reimbursement Obligations and fees received from the Agent which relate to the portion of the Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit assigned to the Assignee hereunder for periods prior to the Effective Date, in the case of Floating Rate Loans or participations in Facility Letters of Credit, or the Payment Date, in the case of Fixed Rate Loans, and not previously paid by the Assignee to the Assignor.]\* In the event that either party hereto receives any payment to which the other party hereto is entitled under this Assignment Agreement, then the party receiving such amount shall promptly remit it to the other party hereto.

\*Each Assignor may insert its standard payment provisions in lieu of the payment terms included in this Exhibit.

5. FEES PAYABLE BY THE ASSIGNEE. The Assignee shall pay to the Assignor a fee on each day on which a payment of interest or [facility or letter of credit] fees is made under the Credit Agreement with respect to the amounts assigned to the Assignee hereunder (other than a payment of interest or facility fees for the period prior to the Effective Date or, in the case of Fixed Rate Loans, the Payment Date, which the Assignee is obligated to deliver to the Assignor pursuant to Section 4 hereof). The amount of such fee shall be the difference between (i) the interest or fee, as applicable, paid with respect to the amounts assigned to the Assignee hereunder and (ii) the interest or fee, as applicable, which would have been paid with respect to the amounts assigned to the Assignee hereunder if each interest rate was \_\_\_\_ of 1% less than the interest rate paid by the Borrower or if the facility fee was \_\_\_\_ of 1% less than the facility fee paid by the Borrower, as applicable. In addition, the Assignee agrees to pay % of the processing fee required to be paid to the Agent in connection with this Assignment Agreement.

6. REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ASSIGNOR; LIMITATIONS ON THE ASSIGNOR'S LIABILITY. The Assignor represents and warrants that it is the legal and beneficial owner of the interest being assigned by it hereunder and that such interest is free and clear of any adverse claim. It is understood and agreed that the assignment and assumption hereunder are made without recourse to the Assignor and that the Assignor makes no other representation or warranty of any kind to the Assignee. Neither the Assignor nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or attorneys shall be responsible for (i) the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or collectability of any Loan Document, including without limitation, documents granting the Agent, the Issuer, the Assignor and the other Lenders a security interest in assets of the Borrower, any Subsidiary Co-Applicant or any guarantor, (ii) any representation, warranty or statement made in or in connection with any of the Loan Documents, (iii) the financial condition or creditworthiness of the Borrower, any Subsidiary Co-Applicant or any guarantor, (iv) the performance of or compliance with any of the terms or provisions of any of the Loan Documents, (v) inspecting any of the Property, books or records of the Borrower, (vi) the validity, enforceability, perfection, priority, condition, value or sufficiency of any collateral securing or purporting to secure the Credit Extensions or (vii) any mistake, error of judgment, or action taken or omitted to be taken in connection with the Credit Extensions or the Loan Documents.

7. REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ASSIGNEE. The Assignee (i) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement, together with copies of the financial statements requested by the Assignee and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment Agreement, (ii) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, the Issuer, the Assignor or any other Lender and based on such documents and information at it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Loan Documents, (iii) appoints and authorizes the Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under the Loan Documents as are

delegated to the Agent by the terms thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto, (iv) agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Loan Documents are required to be performed by it as a Lender, (v) agrees that its payment instructions and notice instructions are as set forth in the attachment to Schedule 1, (vi) confirms that none of the funds, monies, assets or other consideration being used to make the purchase and assumption hereunder are "plan assets" as defined under ERISA and that its rights, benefits and interests in and under the Loan Documents will not be "plan assets" under ERISA[, and (vii) attaches the forms prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States certifying that the Assignee is entitled to receive payments under the Loan Documents without deduction or withholding of any United States federal income taxes].

8. INDEMNITY. The Assignee agrees to indemnify and hold the Assignor harmless against any and all losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) and liabilities incurred by the Assignor in connection with or arising in any manner from the Assignee's non-performance of the obligations assumed under this Assignment Agreement.

9. SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENTS. After the Effective Date, the Assignee shall have the right pursuant to Section 12.3.1 of the Credit Agreement to assign the rights which are assigned to the Assignee hereunder to any Person, provided that (i) any such subsequent assignment does not violate any of the terms and conditions of the Loan Documents or any law, rule, regulation, order, writ, judgment, injunction or decree and that any consent required under the terms of the Loan Documents has been obtained and (ii) unless the prior written consent of the Assignor is obtained, the Assignee is not thereby released from its obligations to the Assignor hereunder, if any remain unsatisfied, including, without limitation, its obligations under Sections 4, 5 and 8 hereof.

10. REDUCTIONS OF AGGREGATE COMMITMENT. If any reduction in the Aggregate Commitment occurs between the date of this Assignment Agreement and the Effective Date, the percentage interest specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1 shall remain the same, but the dollar amount purchased shall be recalculated based on the reduced Aggregate Commitment.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Assignment Agreement and the attached Notice of Assignment embody the entire agreement and understanding between the parties hereto and supersede all prior agreements and understandings between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof.

12. GOVERNING LAW. This Assignment Agreement shall be governed by the internal law, and not the law of conflicts, of the State of Illinois.

13. NOTICES. Notices shall be given under this Assignment Agreement in the manner set forth in the Credit Agreement. For the purpose hereof, the addresses of the parties hereto (until notice of a change is delivered) shall be the addresses set forth in the attachment to Schedule 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Assignment Agreement by their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHEDULE 1  
to Assignment Agreement

1. Description and Date of Credit Agreement: Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of September 24, 1997 among Yellow Corporation, the Lenders parties thereto and The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent and as Issuer

2. Date of Assignment Agreement: -----, 19---

3. Amounts (As of Date of Item 2 above):

a. Total of  
Commitment (Loans and Facility  
Letter of Credit Participations)\*  
under Credit  
Agreement \$ -----

b. Assignee's  
Percentage  
of Facility  
purchased under  
the Assignment  
Agreement\*\* % -----

c. Amount of  
Assigned Share  
in Facility  
purchased under  
the Assignment  
Agreement \$ -----

4. Assignee's Aggregate  
(Loan Amount and Amount of  
Participations in Facility Letters  
of Credit)\*\* Commitment  
Amount Purchased Hereunder: \$ -----

5. Proposed Effective Date: -----

Accepted and Agreed:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| [NAME OF ASSIGNOR] | [NAME OF ASSIGNEE] |
| By: -----          | By: -----          |
| Title: -----       | Title: -----       |

\* If a Commitment has been terminated, insert outstanding Loans and participations in Facility Letters of Credit in place of Commitment

\*\* Percentage taken to 10 decimal places



Attachment to SCHEDULE 1 to ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

Attach Assignee's Administrative Information Sheet, which must include notice address for the Assignor and the Assignee

EXHIBIT "I"  
to Assignment Agreement

NOTICE  
OF ASSIGNMENT

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

To: Yellow Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The First National Bank of Chicago, as Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From: [NAME OF ASSIGNOR] (the "Assignor")

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE] (the "Assignee")

1. We refer to that Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") described in Item 1 of Schedule 1 attached hereto ("Schedule 1"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Credit Agreement.

2. This Notice of Assignment (this "Notice") is given and delivered to the Borrower and the Agent pursuant to Section 12.3.2 of the Credit Agreement.

3. The Assignor and the Assignee have entered into an Assignment Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_ (the "Assignment"), pursuant to which, among other things, the Assignor has sold, assigned, delegated and transferred to the Assignee, and the Assignee has purchased, accepted and assumed from the Assignor the percentage interest specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1 of all outstandings, rights and obligations under the Credit Agreement, including, without limitation, such interest in the Assignor's Commitment (if applicable) and the Loans owing to the Assignor relating to such facilities. The Effective Date of the Assignment shall be the later of the date specified in Item 5 of Schedule 1 to the Assignment ("Schedule 1") or two Business Days (or such shorter period as agreed to by the Agent) after this Notice of Assignment and any fee required by Section 12.3.2 of the Credit Agreement have been delivered to the Agent, provided that the Effective Date shall not occur if any condition precedent agreed to by the Assignor and the Assignee has not been satisfied.

4. The Assignor and the Assignee hereby give to the Borrower and the Agent notice of the assignment and delegation referred to herein. The Assignor will confer with the Agent before the date specified in Item 5 of Schedule 1 to determine if the Assignment Agreement will become effective on such date pursuant to Section 3 hereof, and will confer with the Agent to determine the Effective Date pursuant to Section 3 hereof if it occurs thereafter. The Assignor shall notify the Agent if the Assignment Agreement does not become effective on any proposed Effective Date as a result of the failure to satisfy the conditions precedent agreed to by the Assignor and the Assignee. At the request of the Agent, the Assignor will give the Agent written confirmation of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent.

5. The Assignor or the Assignee shall pay to the Agent on or before the Effective Date the processing fee of \$3,500 required by Section 12.3.2 of the Credit Agreement.

6. The Assignor and the Assignee request and direct that the Agent prepare and cause the Borrower to execute and deliver new Notes or, as appropriate, replacement notes, to the Assignor and the Assignee. The Assignor and, if applicable, the Assignee each agree to deliver to the Agent the original Notes received by it from the Borrower upon its receipt of new Notes in the appropriate amount.

7. The Assignee advises the Agent that notice and payment instructions are set forth in the attachment to Schedule 1.

8. The Assignee hereby represents and warrants that none of the funds, monies, assets or other consideration being used to make the purchase pursuant to the Assignment are "plan assets" as defined under ERISA and that its rights, benefits, and interests in and under the Loan Documents will not be "plan assets" under ERISA.

9. Each party consenting to the Assignment in the space indicated below hereby releases the Assignor from any obligations to it which have been assigned to the Assignee.

| NAME OF ASSIGNOR  | NAME OF ASSIGNEE   |
|---|--|
| By:<br>-----  | By:<br>-----   |
| Print Name:<br>-----                                      | Print Name:<br>-----                                       |
| Title:<br>-----   | Title:<br>-----  |
| <br>ACKNOWLEDGED [AND CONSENTED TO]<br>BY [NAME OF AGENT] | <br>ACKNOWLEDGED AND CONSENTED TO<br>BY YELLOW CORPORATION |
| By:<br>-----  | By:<br>-----   |
| Print Name:<br>-----                                      | Print Name:<br>-----                                       |
| Title:<br>-----   | Title:<br>-----  |

SCHEDULE "1"

POTENTIAL LIABILITIES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

None.

## SCHEDULE "2"

## YELLOW CORPORATION SUBSIDIARIES

| Name<br>- - - - -   | Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation/Date<br>----- |
|---|--|
| I. Direct Subsidiaries of Yellow Corporation (incorporated 1/28/83 in Delaware) |  |
| Yellow Consolidation Services, Inc.   | Delaware (7/30/92)                             |
| Yellow Logistics Services, Inc.   | Delaware (7/29/91)                             |
| Yellow Services, Inc.   | Delaware (5/12/92)                             |
| OPK Insurance Co., Ltd.   | Bermuda (8/11/92)                              |
| WestEx, Inc.  | Arizona (9/24/80)                              |
| Yellow Freight System, Inc.   | Indiana (12/22/50)                             |
| Preston Corporation   | Maryland (3/02/83)                             |
| II. Direct Subsidiaries of Yellow Freight System, Inc.                          |  |
| Yellow Freight Mexicana S.A. de C.V.  | Mexico (12/21/90)                              |
| Yellow Freight System of British Columbia, Inc.                                 | Brit. Col., Canada (4/18/73)                   |
| Yellow Freight System of Ontario, Inc.  | Ontario, Canada (5/20/41)                      |
| Yellow Redevelopment Corporation  | Missouri (12/22/63)                            |
| Yellow Relocation Services  | Kansas (3/20/89)                               |
| Mission Supply Co.  | Kansas (11/03/80)                              |
| Yellow Receivables Corporation  | Delaware (7/23/96)                             |
| III. Direct Subsidiaries of Preston Corporation                                 |  |
| Preston Trucking Company, Inc.  | Maryland (8/27/32)                             |
| Saia Motor Freight Line, Inc.   | Louisiana (6/08/59)                            |
| 151 Tire, Inc. Maryland (12/1/95)   |  |

All subsidiaries are 100% owned by the respective owners shown above except for Yellow Freight Mexicana S.A. de C.V., which is 99.9% owned by Yellow Freight System, Inc.

SCHEDULE "3"

NOTICES OF LEGAL OR REGULATORY VIOLATIONS

None.

SCHEDULE "4"

SPECIFIED LIENS IN EXISTENCE ON THE CLOSING DATE

(Section 6.13(ix) Liens)

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