

STATE OF WASHINGTON, )  
COUNTY OF SKAMANIA ) ss.

PERSONAL CERTIFICATE  
OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this day personally appeared before me Bert J. Howe and Ruth A Howe, husband and wife to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this 8 day of October, A.D., 1945

My commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1945

(Notarial seal affixed)

Raymond C. Sly

Notary Public in and for the State  
of Washington, residing at Stevenson

Filed for record October 9, 1945 at 1:25 p.m. by grantee.

Mae O. Fraser  
Skamania County Auditor

#34489

Bankers Trust Company to Northern Pacific Railway Company

DEED OF RELEASE - PRIOR LIEN MORTGAGE

No. 14869

THIS INDENTURE, Made this first day of September A.D. 1945 between BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, a corporation under the laws of the state of New York, Trustee, hereinafter called "The Trustee," party of the first part, and the NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, Whereas, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (which has succeeded to lands and rights to lands granted by Congress to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing by and under an act of Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound on the Pacific coast by the Northern Route", approved July 2, 1864) in and by a certain mortgage bearing date the tenth day of November, A.D. 1896, did mortgage unto The Mercantile Trust Company, as Trustee, certain railways and other property including the lands hereinafter described, which mortgage was given to secure the payment of the prior lien railway and land grant gold bonds of said Northern Pacific Railway Company to be issued to an amount not exceeding \$130,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Said The Mercantile Trust Company has been merged into and with Bankers Trust Company, party of the first part, which has thereby become the corporate successor of said The Mercantile Trust Company, and the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the mortgagor in said mortgage, did on the eleventh day of October, 1911, duly appoint Bankers Trust Company trustee of said mortgage above described in the place of and as successor to The Mercantile Trust Company, which it was authorized to do by the terms of said mortgage, and

WHEREAS, The said Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, is authorized in and by said mortgage by itself, or by its authorized attorney, to release from the lien of said mortgage any lands which may be sold upon payment to said trustee of the net sum received from such sales, so that the purchaser, or purchasers thereof, shall take and hold the same free from any encumbrance existing by reason of said mortgage, and

WHEREAS, All the lands hereinafter described have been sold and conveyed by the Northern Pacific Railway Company (which has succeeded to the right, title and interest in said lands of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company) by several deeds in various