
POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

TO

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

Trustee

Indenture
(for Senior Debt Securities)

Dated as of _____, 2003

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Reconciliation and tie between Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and Indenture, dated as of _____, 2003

Trust Indenture Act Section	Indenture Section
§310 (a)(1)	909
(a)(2)	909
(a)(3)	914
(a)(4)	Not Applicable
(a)(5)	909
(b)	908
	910
§311 (a)	913
(b)	913
(c)	913
§312 (a)	1001
(b)	1001
(c)	1001
§313 (a)	1002
(b)	1002
(c)	1002
(d)	1002
§314 (a)	1002
(a)(4)	606
(b)(1)	610
(b)(2)	610
(c)(1)	102
(c)(2)	102
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(d)(1)	1308
(d)(2)	1302
(d)(3)	Not Applicable
(e)	102
§315 (a)	901
	903
(b)	902
(c)	901
(d)	901
(e)	814
§316 (a)(1)(A)	802
	812
(a)(1)(B)	813
(a)(2)	Not Applicable
(b)	808

	(c)	104
§317	(a)(1)	803
	(a)(2)	804
	(b)	603
§318	(a)	108

INDENTURE, dated as of _____, 2003, between **POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia, having its principal office at 701 Ninth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20068 (herein called the "Company"), and **THE BANK OF NEW YORK**, a New York banking corporation, having its principal corporate trust office at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee").

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of its senior debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (herein called the "Securities"), in an unlimited aggregate principal amount to be issued in one or more series as contemplated herein. Prior to the Release Date, the Company shall issue First Mortgage Bonds (as hereinafter defined), and deliver such First Mortgage Bonds to the Trustee to hold in trust for the benefit of the Holders (as hereinafter defined) from time to time of the outstanding Securities in order to provide security for the payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Securities.

All acts necessary to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company have been performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders (as defined herein) thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities or of any series thereof, as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

Definitions and Other Provisions of General Application

SECTION 101. Definitions.

For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article and include the plural as well as the singular;

(b) all terms used herein without definition which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(c) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, and, except as otherwise herein expressly provided, the term "generally accepted accounting principles" with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder shall mean such accounting principles as are generally accepted in the United States at the

date of such computation or, at the election of the Company from time to time, at the date of the execution and delivery of this Indenture; provided, however, that in determining generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the Company, the Company shall, to the extent required, conform to any order, rule or regulation of any administrative agency, regulatory authority or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company; and

(d) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

Certain terms, used principally in Article Nine, are defined in that Article.

"**Act**", when used with respect to any Holder of a Security, has the meaning specified in Section 104.

"**Affiliate**" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "**control**" when used with respect to any specified Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or through one or more intermediaries, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "**controlling**" and "**controlled**" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"**Authenticating Agent**" means any Person (other than the Company or an Affiliate of the Company) authorized by the Trustee pursuant to Section 915 to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate one or more series of Securities or Tranche thereof.

"**Authorized Officer**" means the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, or any other officer or agent of the Company duly authorized by the Board of Directors to act in respect of matters relating to this Indenture.

"**Board of Directors**" means either the board of directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly authorized to act in respect of matters relating to this Indenture.

"**Board Resolution**" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"**Business Day**", when used with respect to a Place of Payment or any other particular location specified in the Securities or this Indenture, means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, which is not a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in such Place of Payment or other location are generally authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed, except as may be otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301.

"**Capitalization**" means the total of all the following items appearing on, or included in, the consolidated balance sheet of the Company: (i) all liabilities for Indebtedness

and (ii) common stock, preferred stock, Hybrid Preferred Securities, premium on capital stock, capital surplus, capital in excess of par value, and retained earnings (however the foregoing may be designated), less, to the extent not otherwise deducted, the cost of shares of capital stock of the Company held in its treasury.

"Capital Lease" means any lease that has been or would be capitalized on the books of the lessee in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or, if at any time after the date of execution and delivery of this Indenture such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body, if any, performing such duties at such time.

"Company" means the Person named as the "Company" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Company" shall mean such successor Person.

"Company Request" or **"Company Order"** means a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by an Authorized Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered, which office at the date of execution and delivery of this instrument is located on the 8th floor, at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286.

"Corporation" means a corporation, association, company, limited liability company, partnership, joint stock company or business trust.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 307.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities of any series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the Person designated as Depository for such series by the Company pursuant to Section 301, which Person shall be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act; and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Depository", as used with respect to the Securities of any series, shall mean the Depository with respect to the Securities of such series.

"Discount Security" means any Security which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 802. "Interest" with respect to a Discount Security means interest, if any, borne by such Security at a Stated Interest Rate.

"Dollar" or **"\$"** means a dollar or other equivalent unit in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

"Eligible Obligations" means:

(a) with respect to Securities denominated in Dollars, Government Obligations;
or

(b) with respect to Securities denominated in a currency other than Dollars or in a composite currency, such other obligations or instruments as shall be specified with respect to such Securities, as contemplated by Section 301.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 801.

"Exchange Act" means, as of any time, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor statute, as in effect at such time.

"First Mortgage Bonds" means mortgage bonds issued and outstanding under the Mortgage.

"Global Security" means a Security bearing the legend prescribed in Section 202 (or such legend as may be specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such Securities) evidencing all or part of a series of Securities, authenticated and delivered to the Depository for such series or to its nominee, and registered in the name of such Depository or nominee.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia or of any county, municipality or other political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any department, agency, authority or other instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

"Government Obligations" means:

(a) direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States and entitled to the benefit of the full faith and credit thereof; and

(b) certificates, depositary receipts or other instruments which evidence a direct ownership interest in obligations described in clause (a) above or in any specific interest or principal payments due in respect thereof; provided, however, that the custodian of such obligations or specific interest or principal payments shall be a bank or trust company (which may include the Trustee or any Paying Agent) subject to Federal, State or District of Columbia supervision or examination with a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000; and provided, further, that except as may be otherwise required by law, such custodian shall be obligated to pay to the holders of such certificates, depositary receipts or other instruments the full amount received by such custodian in respect of such obligations or specific payments and shall not be permitted to make any deduction therefrom.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Security Register.

"Hybrid Preferred Securities" means any preferred securities issued by a Hybrid Preferred Securities Subsidiary, where such preferred securities have the following characteristics:

(i) such Hybrid Preferred Securities Subsidiary uses substantially all of the proceeds from the issuance of such preferred securities to purchase Junior Subordinated Indebtedness issued by the Company;

(ii) such preferred securities contain terms providing for the deferral of interest payments corresponding to provisions, if any, providing for the deferral of interest payments on the Junior Subordinated Indebtedness; and

(iii) the Company makes periodic interest payments on the Junior Subordinated Indebtedness, which interest payments are in turn used by the Hybrid Preferred Securities Subsidiary to make corresponding payments to the holders of the preferred securities.

"Hybrid Preferred Securities Subsidiary" means any business trust (or similar entity) (i) all of the common equity interest of which is owned (either directly or indirectly through one or more wholly-owned Subsidiaries of the Company) at all times by the Company, (ii) that has been formed for the purpose of issuing Hybrid Preferred Securities, and (iii) substantially all of the assets of which consist at all times of Junior Subordinated Indebtedness issued by the Company and payments made from time to time in respect of such Junior Subordinated Indebtedness.

"Indebtedness" of any Person means, as at any date of determination, all outstanding indebtedness of such Person for money borrowed evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other securities or guarantees of any thereof and all Capital Lease obligations of such Person.

"Indenture" means this instrument as originally executed and delivered and as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and shall include the terms of a particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 301.

"Independent Expert" means an accounting firm, an investment banking firm, an appraiser or valuation firm or other expert selected by the Company that (i) is in fact independent, (ii) does not have any direct material financial interest in the Company or in any obligor upon the Securities or in any Affiliate of the Company, and (iii) is approved by the Trustee in the exercise of reasonable care.

"Interest Payment Date", when used with respect to any Security, means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Security.

"Issuance Fair Value Certificate" means a certificate or opinion delivered to the Trustee in accordance with Section 1302, which shall comply with Section 314(d) of the Trust

Indenture Act and shall include: (i) a statement that the Person executing the certificate is familiar with the provisions of the First Mortgage Bonds that are being delivered to the Trustee as security for a series of Securities and with the provisions of this Indenture, (ii) a statement of the principal amount of the First Mortgage Bonds to be delivered, the stated interest rate of such First Mortgage Bonds and the stated maturity date of such First Mortgage Bonds, (iii) a statement of the fair value to the Company of such First Mortgage Bonds, and (iv) a statement identifying the Securities that are to be secured by such First Mortgage Bonds. The Issuance Fair Value Certificate shall be made by an Independent Expert, unless the Trust Indenture Act permits the Certificate to be made by an engineer, appraiser or other expert who is an officer or employee of the Company and who is duly authorized to make such Certificate by the Company.

"Junior Subordinated Indebtedness" means any unsecured Indebtedness of the Company (i) issued in consideration of the proceeds of the sale of Hybrid Preferred Securities and (ii) subordinated to the rights of the Holders hereunder.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset of any Person, (i) any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, encumbrance, charge or security interest in or on such asset and (ii) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, Capital Lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset.

"Maturity", when used with respect to any Security, means the date on which the principal of such Security or an installment of principal becomes due and payable as provided in such Security or in this Indenture, whether at the Stated Maturity, by declaration of acceleration, upon call for redemption or otherwise.

"Mortgage" means the Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of July 1, 1936, from the Company to The Bank of New York, as successor trustee to The Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., as it heretofore has been and hereafter is supplemented and amended.

"Mortgage Default" has the meaning specified in Section 801(f).

"Mortgage Trustee" means the Person serving as trustee at the time under the Mortgage.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed by an Authorized Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

"Operating Property" means (i) any interest in real property owned by the Company and (ii) any asset owned by the Company that is depreciable in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, excluding, in either case, any interest of the Company as lessee under a Capital Lease (except for a Capital Lease that results from a Sale and Leaseback Transaction).

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be an employee of the Company, or other counsel acceptable to the Trustee.

"Outstanding", when used with respect to Securities, means, as of the date of determination, all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

(a) Securities theretofore canceled or delivered to the Security Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Securities deemed to have been paid in accordance with Section 702; and

(c) Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 306 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof reasonably satisfactory to it and the Company that such Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser or purchasers in whose hands such Securities are valid obligations of the Company;

provided, however, that in determining whether or not the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the Securities Outstanding under this Indenture, or the Outstanding Securities of any series or Tranche, have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder,

(x) Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor (unless the Company, such Affiliate or such obligor owns all Securities Outstanding under this Indenture, or (except for the purposes of actions to be taken by Holders of (i) more than one series voting as a class under Section 812 or (ii) more than one series or more than one Tranche, as the case may be, voting as a class under Section 1202) all Outstanding Securities of each such series and each such Tranche, as the case may be, determined without regard to this clause (x)) shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver or upon any such determination as to the presence of a quorum, only Securities which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded; provided, however, that Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor; and

(y) the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 802;

provided, further, that, in the case of any Security the principal of which is payable from time to time without presentment or surrender, the principal amount of such Security that shall be

deemed to be Outstanding at any time for all purposes of this Indenture shall be the original principal amount thereof less the aggregate amount of principal thereof theretofore paid.

"Paying Agent" means any Person, including the Company, authorized by the Company to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Securities on behalf of the Company.

"Periodic Offering" means an offering of Securities of a series from time to time any or all of the specific terms of which Securities, including without limitation the rate or rates of interest, if any, thereon, the Stated Maturity or Maturities thereof and the redemption provisions, if any, with respect thereto, are to be determined by the Company or its agents upon the issuance of such Securities.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, joint venture, trust or unincorporated organization or any Governmental Authority.

"Place of Payment", when used with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, means the place or places, specified as contemplated by Section 301, at which, subject to Section 602, principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities of such series or Tranche are payable.

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 306 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be deemed (to the extent lawful) to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security.

"Redemption Date", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

"Redemption Price", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date on the Securities of any series means the date specified for that purpose as contemplated by Section 301.

"Release Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 1308(a).

"Release Fair Value Certificate" means a certificate or opinion delivered to the Trustee in accordance with Section 1308, which shall comply with Section 314(d) of the Trust Indenture Act and shall include (i) a statement that the Person executing the certificate is familiar with the provisions of the First Mortgage Bonds that are being surrendered by the Trustee and with the provisions of this Indenture, (ii) a statement of the principal amount of the First Mortgage Bonds to be surrendered, the stated interest rate of such First Mortgage Bonds and the stated maturity date of such First Mortgage Bonds, (iii) a statement of the fair value of such First Mortgage Bonds, and (iv) a statement identifying the Securities, the payment of the interest on and principal of which has been secured by such First Mortgage Bonds, and (v) a statement that,

in the opinion of the Person executing the Certificate, such surrender will not, in contravention of the provisions of this Indenture, impair the security under the Indenture; it being understood, however, that no surrender of First Mortgage Bonds effected in accordance with the provisions, and in compliance with the conditions, set forth in Article Thirteen shall be deemed to impair the security of this Indenture in contravention of any provision hereof. The Release Fair Value Certificate shall be made by an Independent Expert, unless the Trust Indenture Act permits the Certificate to be made by an engineer, appraiser or other expert who is an officer or employee of the Company and who is duly authorized to make such Certificate by the Company.

"Required Currency" has the meaning specified in Section 311.

"Responsible Officer", when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer in the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Sale and Leaseback Transaction" means any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing to the Company of any property, which property prior to the leasing thereof to the Company was Operating Property and was sold by the Company to such Person; provided, however, Sale and Leaseback Transaction shall not include any arrangement entered into prior to the date of this Indenture and shall not include any transaction pursuant to which the Company sells Operating Property to, and thereafter purchases energy or services from, any Person which transaction is ordered or authorized by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or its operations or is entered into pursuant to any plan or program of industry restructuring ordered or authorized by any such regulatory authority.

"Secured Debt" has the meaning specified in Section 608(a).

"Secured Obligations" has the meaning specified in Section 608(a).

"Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture and more particularly means any securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Security Register" and **"Security Registrar"** have the respective meanings specified in Section 305.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Securities of any series means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 307.

"Stated Interest Rate" means a rate (whether fixed or variable) at which an obligation by its terms is stated to bear simple interest. Any calculation or other determination to be made under this Indenture by reference to the Stated Interest Rate on a Security shall be made without regard to the effective interest cost to the Company of such Security and without regard to the Stated Interest Rate on, or the effective cost to the Company of, any other indebtedness in respect of which the Company's obligations are evidenced or secured in whole or in part by such Security.

"Stated Maturity", when used with respect to any obligation or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date on which the principal of such obligation or such installment of principal or interest is stated to be due and payable (without regard to any provisions for redemption, prepayment, acceleration, purchase or extension).

"Subsidiary" means a corporation more than 50% of the outstanding voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by the Company and one or more other Subsidiaries. For the purposes of this definition, "voting stock" means stock that ordinarily has voting power for the election of directors, whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has such voting power by reason of any contingency.

"Tangible Assets" means the amount shown as total assets on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company, less all intangible assets, including, but without limitation, such items as goodwill, trademarks, trade names, patents, and unamortized debt discount and expense, all as determined by the Company in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the type of business in which the Company is engaged.

"Tranche" means a group of Securities which (a) are of the same series and (b) have identical terms except as to principal amount and/or date of issuance.

"Trust Indenture Act" means, as of any time, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, or any successor statute, as in effect at such time.

"Trustee" means the Person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Trustee shall have become such with respect to one or more series of Securities pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

"United States" means the United States of America, its Territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its political jurisdiction.

SECTION 102. Compliance Certificates and Opinions.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company shall, if requested by the Trustee, furnish to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that in the opinion of the Authorized Officer executing such Officer's Certificate all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action (including any covenants compliance with which constitutes a condition precedent) have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

(a) a statement that each Person signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(c) a statement that, in the opinion of each such Person, such Person has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such Person to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

SECTION 103. Form of Documents Delivered to Trustee.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an officer of the Company may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which such officer's certificate or opinion are based are erroneous. Any such certificate or Opinion of Counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Company stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

Whenever, subsequent to the receipt by the Trustee of any Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate, Opinion of Counsel or other document or instrument, a clerical, typographical or other inadvertent or unintentional error or omission shall be discovered therein, a new document or instrument may be substituted therefor in corrected form with the same force and effect as if originally filed in the corrected form and, irrespective of the date or dates of the actual execution and/or delivery thereof, such substitute document or instrument shall be deemed

to have been executed and/or delivered as of the date or dates required with respect to the document or instrument for which it is substituted. Anything in this Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, if any such corrective document or instrument indicates that action has been taken by or at the request of the Company which could not have been taken had the original document or instrument not contained such error or omission, the action so taken shall not be invalidated or otherwise rendered ineffective but shall be and remain in full force and effect, except to the extent that such action was a result of willful misconduct or bad faith. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any Securities issued under the authority of such defective document or instrument shall nevertheless be the valid obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits of this Indenture equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Securities, except as aforesaid.

SECTION 104. Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, election, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 901) conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Holder, including a Depositary that is a Holder of a Global Security, may make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies, duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act provided or permitted in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders, and a Depositary that is a Holder of a Global Security may provide its proxy or proxies to the beneficial owners of interest in any such Global Security.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof or may be proved in any other manner which the Trustee and the Company deem sufficient. Where such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than his individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

(c) The principal amount (except as otherwise contemplated in clause (y) of the first proviso to the definition of Outstanding) and serial numbers of Securities held by any Person, and the date of holding the same, shall be proved by the Security Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, election, waiver or other Act of a Holder shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Company in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.

(e) Until such time as written instruments shall have been delivered to the Trustee with respect to the requisite percentage of principal amount of Securities for the action contemplated by such instruments, any such instrument executed and delivered by or on behalf of a Holder may be revoked with respect to any or all of such Securities by written notice by such Holder or any subsequent Holder, proven in the manner in which such instrument was proven.

(f) Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, authenticated and delivered after any Act of Holders may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any action taken by such Act of Holders. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Company, to such action may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche.

(g) If the Company shall solicit from Holders any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, the Company may, at its option, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, but the Company shall have no obligation to do so. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders of record at the close of business on the record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purposes of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of the Outstanding Securities have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, and for that purpose the Outstanding Securities shall be computed as of the record date.

SECTION 105. Notices, etc. to Trustee and Company.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, election, waiver or Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with, the Trustee by any Holder or by the Company, or the Company by the Trustee or by any Holder, shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and delivered personally to an officer or other responsible employee of the addressee at the applicable location set forth below or at such other location as such party may from time to time designate by written notice, or transmitted by facsimile transmission to the applicable telephone number set forth below or to such other telephone number as such party may from time to time designate by written notice, or transmitted by other direct written electronic means to such electronic communications address as the parties hereto shall from time to time designate by written notice, or transmitted by

certified or registered mail, charges prepaid, to the applicable address set forth below or to such other address as either party hereto may from time to time designate by written notice:

If to the Trustee, to:

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street - 8W
New York, NY 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Telephone: (212) 815-5360
Facsimile: (212) 815-5707

If to the Company, to:

Potomac Electric Power Company
701 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20068
Attention: Treasurer

Telephone: (202) 872-2056
Facsimile: (202) 872-3015

Any communication contemplated herein shall be deemed to have been made, given, furnished and filed if personally delivered, on the date of delivery, if transmitted by facsimile transmission or other direct written electronic means, on the date of receipt, and if transmitted by certified or registered mail, on the date of receipt.

SECTION 106. Notice to Holders of Securities; Waiver.

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, where this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given, and shall be deemed given, to Holders if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder affected by such event, at the address of such Holder as it appears in the Security Register, not later than the latest date, if any, and not earlier than the earliest date, if any, prescribed for the giving of such notice. Any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given or provided, whether or not such notice is received by the Holder.

In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give such notice to Holders by mail, then such notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders.

Any notice required by this Indenture may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event otherwise to be specified therein,

and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 107. Language of Notices.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, election or waiver required or permitted under this Indenture shall be in the English language.

SECTION 108. Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with a provision of the Trust Indenture Act that is required under the Trust Indenture Act to be a part of and govern this Indenture, the provision of the Trust Indenture Act shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act that may be so modified or excluded, the provision of the Trust Indenture Act shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or to be excluded.

SECTION 109. Effect of Headings and Table of Contents.

The Article and Section headings in this Indenture and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 110. Successors and Assigns.

All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the Company and Trustee shall bind their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 111. Separability Clause.

In case any provision in this Indenture or the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 112. Benefits of Indenture.

Nothing in this Indenture or the Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto, their successors hereunder and the Holders, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

SECTION 113. Governing Law.

This Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Indenture to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

SECTION 114. Legal Holidays.

In any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Security shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Securities other than a provision in Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, or in the Board Resolution or Officer's Certificate which establishes the terms of the Securities of such series or Tranche, which specifically states that such provision shall apply in lieu of this Section) payment of interest or principal and premium, if any, need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment, with the same force and effect, and in the same amount, as if made on the Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date, or at the Stated Maturity, as the case may be, and, if such payment is made or duly provided for on such Business Day, no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be, to such Business Day.

ARTICLE TWO

Security Forms

SECTION 201. Forms Generally.

The definitive Securities of each series shall be in substantially the form or forms thereof established in the indenture supplemental hereto establishing such series or in a Board Resolution establishing such series, or in an Officer's Certificate pursuant to such supplemental indenture or Board Resolution, in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may be required to comply with the rules of any securities exchange or as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers executing such Securities, as evidenced by their execution of the Securities. If the form or forms of Securities of any series are established in a Board Resolution or in an Officer's Certificate pursuant to a Board Resolution, such Board Resolution and Officer's Certificate, if any, shall be delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Company Order contemplated by Section 303 for the authentication and delivery of such Securities.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 or clause (g) of Section 1201, the Securities of each series shall be issuable in registered form without coupons. The definitive Securities shall be produced in such manner as shall be determined by the officers executing such Securities, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

SECTION 202. Form of Legend for Global Security.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for the Securities evidenced thereby, any Global Security authenticated and delivered hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"This Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of a Depositary or a nominee thereof. This Security may not be transferred to, or registered or exchanged for Securities registered in the name of, any Person other than the Depositary or a nominee thereof, and no such transfer may be registered, except in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture. Every Security authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for or in lieu of, this Security shall be a Global Security that is subject to the foregoing, except in such limited circumstances."

SECTION 203. Form of Trustee's Certificate of Authentication.

The Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be in substantially the form set forth below:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated:

as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ARTICLE THREE

The Securities

SECTION 301. Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Securities may be issued in one or more series. Subject to the last paragraph of this Section, prior to the authentication and delivery of Securities of any series there shall be established by specification in a supplemental indenture or in a Board Resolution, or in an Officer's Certificate pursuant to a Board Resolution:

(a) the title of the Securities of such series (which shall distinguish the Securities of such series from Securities of all other series);

(b) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of such series pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 406 or 1206 and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 303, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder);

(c) the Person or Persons (without specific identification) to whom interest on Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, shall be payable on any Interest Payment Date, if other than the Persons in whose names such Securities (or one or more Predecessor

Securities) are registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest;

(d) the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, is payable or any formula or other method or other means by which such date or dates shall be determined, by reference to an index or other fact or event ascertainable outside of this Indenture or otherwise (without regard to any provisions for redemption, prepayment, acceleration, purchase or extension);

(e) the rate or rates at which the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, shall bear interest, if any (including the rate or rates at which overdue principal shall bear interest, if different from the rate or rates at which such Securities shall bear interest prior to Maturity, and, if applicable, the rate or rates at which overdue premium or interest shall bear interest, if any), or any formula or other method or other means by which such rate or rates shall be determined, by reference to an index or other fact or event ascertainable outside of this Indenture or otherwise; the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue; the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable and the Regular Record Date, if any, for the interest payable on such Securities on any Interest Payment Date; the right of the Company, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of any such extension as contemplated by Section 312; and the basis of computation of interest, if other than as provided in Section 310;

(f) the place or places at which or methods by which (1) the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, shall be payable, (2) registration of transfer of Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, may be effected, and (3) exchanges of Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, may be effected; the Security Registrar for such series or Tranche; and if such is the case, that the principal of such Securities shall be payable without presentment or surrender thereof;

(g) the period or periods within which, or the date or dates on which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company and any restrictions on such redemptions, including but not limited to a restriction on a partial redemption by the Company of the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, resulting in delisting of such Securities from any national exchange;

(h) the obligation or obligations, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, pursuant to any sinking fund or other mandatory redemption provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, or the date or dates on which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which such Securities shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, and applicable exceptions to the requirements of

Section 404 in the case of mandatory redemption or redemption at the option of the Holder;

(i) the denominations in which Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, shall be issuable if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;

(j) the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, shall be payable (if other than in Dollars), and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in Dollars for purposes of the definition of "Outstanding" in Section 101;

(k) if the principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in a coin or currency other than that in which the Securities are stated to be payable, the period or periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made;

(l) if the principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, are to be payable, or are to be payable at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in securities or other property, the type and amount of such securities or other property, or the formula or other method or other means by which such amount shall be determined, and the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, any such election may be made;

(m) if the amount payable in respect of principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other fact or event ascertainable outside of this Indenture, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined to the extent not established pursuant to clause (e) of this paragraph;

(n) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 802;

(o) any Events of Default, in addition to those specified in Section 801, with respect to the Securities of such series, and any covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, in addition to those set forth in Article Six;

(p) the terms, if any, pursuant to which the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, may be converted into or exchanged for shares of capital stock or other securities of the Company or any other Person;

(q) the obligations or instruments, if any, which shall be considered to be Eligible Obligations in respect of the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, denominated in a currency other than Dollars or in a composite currency;

(r) whether the Securities of the series shall be issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, in such case, the Depositary or Depositaries for such Global Security or Global Securities, and any circumstances, other than those set

forth in the last paragraph of Section 305, in which any such Global Security may be transferred to, and registered and exchanged for Securities registered in the name of, a Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or a nominee thereof and in which any such transfer may be registered;

(s) if the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, are to be issuable as bearer securities, any and all matters incidental thereto which are not specifically addressed in a supplemental indenture as contemplated by clause (g) of Section 1201;

(t) to the extent not established pursuant to clause (r) of this paragraph, any limitations on the rights of the Holders of the Securities of such Series, or any Tranche thereof, to transfer or exchange such Securities or to obtain the registration of transfer thereof; and if a service charge will be made for the registration of transfer or exchange of Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, the amount or terms thereof;

(u) any exceptions to Section 114, or variation in the definition of Business Day, with respect to the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof;

(v) prior to the Release Date, the designation of the related series of First Mortgage Bonds being delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302 in connection with the issuance of the Securities;

(w) after the Release Date, any collateral security, assurance or guarantee for the Securities of such series;

(x) any rights or duties of another Person to assume the obligations of the Company with respect to the Securities of such series (whether as joint obligor, primary obligor, secondary obligor or substitute obligor) and any rights or duties to discharge and release any obligor with respect to the Securities of such series or the Indenture to the extent related to such series; and

(y) any other terms of the Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture.

With respect to Securities of a series subject to a Periodic Offering, the indenture supplemental hereto, the Board Resolution or the Officer's Certificate pursuant to a Board Resolution which establishes such series, as the case may be, may provide general terms or parameters for Securities of such series and provide either that the specific terms of Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, shall be specified in a Company Order or that such terms shall be determined by the Company or its agents in accordance with procedures specified in a Company Order as contemplated by clause (b) of Section 303.

SECTION 302. Denominations.

Unless otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, the Securities of each series shall be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof.

SECTION 303. Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.

Unless otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, the Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Company by an Authorized Officer and may have the corporate seal of the Company affixed thereto or reproduced thereon attested by any other Authorized Officer or by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company. The signature of any or all of these officers on the Securities may be manual or facsimile.

Securities bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at the time of execution Authorized Officers or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Securities or did not hold such offices at the date of such Securities.

The Trustee shall authenticate and deliver Securities of a series, for original issue, at one time or from time to time in accordance with the Company Order referred to below, upon receipt by the Trustee of:

(a) the instrument or instruments establishing the form or forms and terms of such series, as provided in Sections 201 and 301;

(b) a Company Order requesting the authentication and delivery of such Securities and, to the extent that the terms of such Securities shall not have been established in an indenture supplemental hereto or in a Board Resolution, or in an Officer's Certificate pursuant to a Board Resolution, all as contemplated by Sections 201 and 301, either (i) establishing such terms or (ii) in the case of Securities of a series subject to a Periodic Offering, specifying procedures, acceptable to the Trustee, by which such terms are to be established (which procedures may provide, to the extent acceptable to the Trustee, for authentication and delivery pursuant to oral or electronic instructions from the Company or any agent or agents thereof, which oral instructions are to be promptly confirmed electronically or in writing), in either case in accordance with the instrument or instruments delivered pursuant to clause (a) above;

(c) the Securities of such series, executed on behalf of the Company by an Authorized Officer;

(d) if prior to the Release Date, any certificates, documents and instruments required by Article Thirteen;

(e) an Officer's Certificate which states that, to the knowledge of the signer, no Event of Default under this Indenture has occurred or is occurring;

(f) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that:

- (i) the form or forms of such Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (ii) the terms of such Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (iii) that all consents or approvals of any Federal, State or District of Columbia regulatory agency required in connection with the Company's execution and delivery of such Securities have been obtained and are in full force and effect (except that no statement need be made with respect to State securities laws);
- (iv) in the case of the issuance of Securities prior to the Release Date, that the First Mortgage Bonds delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302 in respect of such Securities (A) have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and established in conformity with the provisions of the Mortgage, and have been duly authenticated and delivered by the Mortgage Trustee under the Mortgage and (B) when such Securities shall have been authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in accordance with this Indenture and issued and delivered by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits provided by the Mortgage equally and ratably with all other First Mortgage Bonds then outstanding under the Mortgage, and enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject, as to enforcement, to laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights, including, without limitation, bankruptcy and insolvency laws, and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and
- (v) such Securities, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued and delivered by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will have been duly issued under this Indenture and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits provided by this Indenture, and enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject, as to enforcement, to laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights, including, without limitation, bankruptcy and insolvency laws, and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether

such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

provided, however, that, with respect to Securities of a series subject to a Periodic Offering, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive such Opinion of Counsel only once at or prior to the time of the first authentication of such Securities (provided that such Opinion of Counsel addresses the authentication and delivery of all Securities of such series) and that in lieu of the opinions described in clauses (ii), (iv) and (v) above Counsel may opine that:

(x) when the terms of such Securities shall have been established pursuant to a Company Order or Orders or pursuant to such procedures (acceptable to the Trustee) as may be specified from time to time by a Company Order or Orders, all as contemplated by and in accordance with the instrument or instruments delivered pursuant to clause (a) above, such terms will have been duly authorized by the Company and will have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;

(y) in the case of the issuance of Securities prior to the Release Date, (i) either (A) the First Mortgage Bonds delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302 in respect of such Securities have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and established in conformity with the provisions of the Mortgage, and have been duly authenticated and delivered by the Mortgage Trustee under the Mortgage or (2) when the First Mortgage Bonds to be delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302 in respect of such Securities shall have been authenticated and delivered by the Mortgage Trustee under the Mortgage in accordance with the instrument or instruments creating the series of which such First Mortgage Bonds are a part, such First Mortgage Bonds will have been duly authenticated and delivered under the Mortgage, and (ii) when such Securities shall have been authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in accordance with this Indenture and issued and delivered by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits provided by the Mortgage equally and ratably with all other First Mortgage Bonds then outstanding under the Mortgage, and enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject, as to enforcement, to laws relating to or affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights, including, without limitation, bankruptcy and insolvency laws, and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and

(z) such Securities, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in accordance with this Indenture and the Company Order or Orders or specified procedures referred to in paragraph (x) above and issued and delivered by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will have been duly issued under this Indenture and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits provided by the Indenture, and enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject, as to enforcement, to laws relating to or affecting generally the

enforcement of creditors' rights, including, without limitation, bankruptcy and insolvency laws, and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

With respect to Securities of a series subject to a Periodic Offering, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the authorization by the Company of any of such Securities, the form, terms thereof and the legality, validity, binding effect and enforceability thereof, and compliance of the authentication and delivery thereof with the terms and conditions of this Indenture, upon the Opinion of Counsel and other documents delivered pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 and this Section, as applicable, at or prior to the time of the first authentication of Securities of such series unless and until such opinion or other documents have been superseded or revoked or expire by their terms. In connection with the authentication and delivery of Securities of a series subject to a Periodic Offering, the Trustee shall be entitled to assume that the Company's instructions to authenticate and deliver such Securities do not violate any applicable law or any applicable rule, regulation or order of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Company.

If the form or terms of the Securities of any series have been established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate as permitted by Sections 201 or 301, the Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Securities if the issuance of such Securities pursuant to this Indenture will materially or adversely affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise in a manner which is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 301 that the Securities of a series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with this Section 303 and the Company Order with respect to such series, authenticate and deliver one or more Global Securities in permanent form that (a) shall represent and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series to be represented by such Global Security or Securities, (b) shall be registered in the name of the Depositary for such Global Security or Securities or the nominee of such Depositary, and (c) shall be delivered by the Trustee to such Depositary or pursuant to such Depositary's instruction.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, no Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Trustee or an Authenticating Agent by manual signature, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security shall have been authenticated and delivered hereunder to the Company, or any Person acting on its behalf, but shall never have been issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall

deliver such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 309 together with a written statement (which need not comply with Section 102 and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel) stating that such Security has never been issued and sold by the Company, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits hereof.

SECTION 304. Temporary Securities.

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued, with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Securities may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities; provided, however, that temporary Securities need not recite specific redemption, sinking fund, conversion or exchange provisions.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, after the preparation of definitive Securities of such series or Tranche, the temporary Securities of such series or Tranche shall be exchangeable, without charge to the Holder thereof, for definitive Securities of such series or Tranche upon surrender of such temporary Securities at the office or agency of the Company maintained pursuant to Section 602 in a Place of Payment for such Securities. Upon such surrender of temporary Securities for such exchange, the Company shall, except as aforesaid, execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor definitive Securities of the same series and Tranche of authorized denominations and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

Until exchanged in full as hereinabove provided, temporary Securities shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of the same series and Tranche and of like tenor authenticated and delivered hereunder.

SECTION 305. Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

The Company shall cause to be kept in each office designated pursuant to Section 602, with respect to the Securities of each series, a register (all registers kept in accordance with this Section being collectively referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Securities of such series, or any Tranche thereof, and the registration of transfer thereof. The Company shall designate one Person to maintain the Security Register for the Securities of each series on a consolidated basis, and such Person is referred to herein, with respect to such series, as the "Security Registrar." Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may designate one or more of its offices as an office in which a register with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall be maintained, and the Company may designate itself the Security Registrar with respect to one or more of such series. The Security Register shall be open for inspection by the Trustee and the Company at all reasonable times.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Security of such series or Tranche at the office or agency of the Company maintained pursuant to Section 602 in a Place of Payment for such series or Tranche, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Securities of the same series and Tranche, of authorized denominations and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount. The Securities shall be transferable only upon the surrender of a Security for registration of transfer.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, any Security of such series or Tranche may be exchanged at the option of the Holder, for one or more new Securities of the same series and Tranche, of authorized denominations and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged at any such office or agency. Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Securities delivered upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities shall be valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange shall (if so required by the Company, the Trustee or the Security Registrar) be duly endorsed or shall be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Trustee or the Security Registrar, as the case may be, duly executed by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, no service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 304, 406 or 1206 not involving any transfer.

The Company shall not be required to execute or to provide for the registration of transfer of or the exchange of (a) Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, during a period of 15 days immediately preceding the date notice is to be mailed identifying the Securities of such series or Tranche called for redemption or (b) any Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, no Global Security shall be exchangeable pursuant to this Section 305 or Sections 304, 406 or 1206 for Securities registered in the name of, and no transfer of a Global Security of any series may be registered to, any Person other than the Depositary for such Security or its nominee, unless (a) such Depositary (i) notifies the Company that it is unwilling

or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Security or (ii) ceases to be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act, and the Company within 90 days after it receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility does not appoint a successor Depositary, (b) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee a Company Order that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable and the transfer thereof so registerable, or (c) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default, or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default, with respect to the Securities evidenced by such Global Security. Upon the occurrence in respect of any Global Security of any series of any one or more of the conditions specified in clause (a), (b) or (c) of the preceding sentence or such other conditions as may be specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such series, such Global Security shall be exchanged for Securities registered in the names of, and the transfer of such Global Security shall be registered to, such Persons (including Persons other than the Depositary with respect to such series and its nominees) as such Depositary shall direct. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, any Security authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, any Global Security shall also be a Global Security and shall bear the legend specified in Section 202, except for any Security authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or upon registration of transfer of, a Global Security pursuant to the preceding sentence.

SECTION 306. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Security of the same series and Tranche, and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Trustee (a) evidence to their satisfaction of the ownership of and the destruction, loss or theft of any Security and (b) such security or indemnity as may be reasonably required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security is held by a Person purporting to be the owner of such Security, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of the same series and Tranche, and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time

enforceable by anyone other than the Holder of such new Security, and any such new Security shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of such series duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

SECTION 307. Payment of Interest; Interest Rights Preserved.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, interest on any Security which is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name that Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest.

Subject to Section 312, any interest on any Security of any series which is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on the related Regular Record Date by virtue of having been such Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (a) or (b) below:

(a) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names the Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a date (herein called a "Special Record Date") for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Security of such series and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit on or prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall promptly cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder of Securities of such series at the address of such Holder as it appears in the Security Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been so mailed, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names the Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date.

(b) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Securities of any series in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section and Section 305, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue in the future, which were carried by such other Security.

SECTION 308. Persons Deemed Owners.

Prior to due presentment of a Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name such Security is registered as the absolute owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and premium, if any, and (subject to Sections 305 and 307) interest, if any, on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

SECTION 309. Cancellation by Security Registrar.

All Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer or exchange shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Security Registrar, be delivered to the Security Registrar and, if not theretofore canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Security Registrar. The Company may at any time deliver to the Security Registrar for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever or which the Company shall not have issued and sold, and all Securities so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Security Registrar. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities canceled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All canceled Securities held by the Security Registrar shall be disposed of in accordance with the customary practices of the Security Registrar at the time in effect, and the Security Registrar shall not be required to destroy any such certificates. The Security Registrar shall promptly deliver a certificate of disposition to the Trustee and the Company unless, by a Company Order, similarly delivered, the Company shall direct that canceled Securities be returned to it. The Security Registrar shall promptly deliver evidence of any cancellation of a Security in accordance with this Section 309 to the Trustee (if the Security Registrar is not then the Trustee) and the Company.

SECTION 310. Computation of Interest.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, interest on the Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and for any period shorter than a full month, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed in such period.

SECTION 311. Payment to Be in Proper Currency.

In the case of the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, denominated in any currency other than Dollars or in a composite currency (the "Required Currency"), except as otherwise specified with respect to such Securities as contemplated by Section 301, the obligation of the Company to make any payment of the principal thereof, or the premium or interest thereon, shall not be discharged or satisfied by any tender by the Company, or recovery by the Trustee, in any currency other than the Required Currency, except to the extent that such tender or recovery shall result in the Trustee timely holding the full amount of the Required Currency then due and payable. If any such tender or recovery is in a currency other than the Required Currency, the Trustee may take such actions as it considers appropriate to exchange such currency for the Required Currency. The costs and risks of any such exchange, including without limitation the risks of delay and exchange rate fluctuation, shall be borne by the Company, the Company shall remain fully liable for any shortfall or delinquency in the full amount of Required Currency then due and payable, and in no circumstances shall the Trustee be liable therefor except in the case of its negligence or willful misconduct.

SECTION 312. Extension of Interest Payment.

The Company shall have the right at any time, so long as the Company is not in default in the payment of interest on the Securities of any series hereunder, to extend interest payment periods on all Securities of one or more series, if so specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to such Securities and upon such terms as may be specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to such Securities.

SECTION 313. CUSIP and ISIN Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" or "ISIN" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" or "ISIN" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the "CUSIP" or "ISIN" numbers.

ARTICLE FOUR

Redemption of Securities

SECTION 401. Applicability of Article.

Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, that are redeemable before their Stated Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of such series or Tranche) in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 402. Election to Redeem; Notice to Trustee.

The election of the Company to redeem any Securities shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate. The Company shall, at least 45 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee in writing of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of such Securities to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Securities (a) prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture or (b) pursuant to an election of the Company which is subject to a condition specified in the terms of such Securities, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officer's Certificate evidencing compliance with such restriction or condition.

SECTION 403. Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed.

If less than all the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, are to be redeemed, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected by the Trustee from the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche not previously called for redemption, by such method as shall be provided for any particular series, or, in the absence of any such provision, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of such series or Tranche or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Securities of such series or Tranche of a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of such series or Tranche; provided, however, that if, as indicated in an Officer's Certificate, the Company shall have offered to purchase all or any principal amount of the Securities then Outstanding of any series, or any Tranche thereof, and less than all of such Securities as to which such offer was made shall have been tendered to the Company for such purchase, the Trustee, if so directed by Company Order, shall select for redemption all or any principal amount of such Securities which have not been so tendered.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company and the Security Registrar in writing of the Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Securities selected to be redeemed in part, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

SECTION 404. Notice of Redemption.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any series, notice of redemption shall be given in the manner provided in Section 106 to the Holders of the Securities to be redeemed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any series, all notices of redemption shall identify the Securities to be redeemed (including CUSIP or ISIN numbers) and shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date,
- (b) the Redemption Price (if known), or the manner of calculation thereof,
- (c) if less than all the Securities of any series or Tranche are to be redeemed, the identification of the particular Securities to be redeemed and the portion of the principal amount of any Security to be redeemed in part,
- (d) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date, will become due and payable upon each such Security to be redeemed and, if applicable, that interest thereon will cease to accrue on and after said date,
- (e) the place or places where such Securities are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest, if any, unless it shall have been specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to such Securities that such surrender shall not be required,
- (f) that the redemption is for a sinking or other fund, if such is the case, and
- (g) such other matters as the Company shall deem desirable or appropriate.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to any Securities in accordance with Section 301, with respect to any notice of redemption of Securities at the election of the Company, unless, upon the giving of such notice, such Securities shall be deemed to have been paid in accordance with Section 702, such notice may state that such redemption shall be conditional upon the receipt by the Paying Agent or Agents for such Securities, on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such Securities and that if such money shall not have been so received such notice shall be of no force or effect and the Company shall not be required to redeem such Securities. In the event that such notice of redemption contains such a condition and such money is not so received, the redemption shall not be made and within a reasonable time thereafter notice shall be given, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such money was not so received and such redemption was not required to be made, and the Paying Agent or Agents for the Securities otherwise to have been redeemed shall promptly return to the Holders thereof any of such Securities which had been surrendered for payment upon such redemption.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Company, and any notice of non-satisfaction of a condition for redemption as aforesaid, shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request, by the Security Registrar in the name and at the expense of the Company. Notice of mandatory redemption of Securities shall be given by the Security Registrar in the name and at the expense of the Company.

SECTION 405. Securities Payable on Redemption Date.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, and the conditions, if any, set forth in such notice having been satisfied, the Securities or portions thereof so to be redeemed

shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless, in the case of an unconditional notice of redemption, the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest, if any) such Securities or portions thereof, if interest-bearing, shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with such notice, such Security or portion thereof shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date; provided, however, that no such surrender shall be a condition to such payment if so specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to such Security; and provided, further, that except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to such Security, any installment of interest on any Security the Stated Maturity of which installment is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holder of such Security, or one or more Predecessor Securities, registered as such at the close of business on the related Regular Record Date according to the terms of such Security and subject to the provisions of Section 307.

SECTION 406. Securities Redeemed in Part.

Upon the surrender of any Security which is to be redeemed only in part at a Place of Payment therefor (with, if the Company or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing), the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security, without service charge, a new Security or Securities of the same series and Tranche, of any authorized denomination requested by such Holder and of like tenor and in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered.

ARTICLE FIVE

Sinking Funds

SECTION 501. Applicability of Article.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of such series or Tranche.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment", and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment". If provided for by the terms of Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 502. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of the series or Tranche in respect of which it was made as provided for by the terms of such Securities.

SECTION 502. Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities.

The Company (a) may deliver to the Trustee Outstanding Securities (other than any previously called for redemption) of a series or Tranche in respect of which a mandatory sinking fund payment is to be made and (b) may apply as a credit Securities of such series or Tranche which have been redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Securities or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of such Securities, in each case in satisfaction of all or any part of such mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of such series; provided, however, that no Securities shall be applied in satisfaction of a mandatory sinking fund payment if such Securities shall have been previously so applied. Securities so applied shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such mandatory sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

SECTION 503. Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund.

Not less than 45 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate specifying:

- (a) the amount of the next succeeding mandatory sinking fund payment for such series or Tranche;
- (b) the amount, if any, of the optional sinking fund payment to be made together with such mandatory sinking fund payment;
- (c) the aggregate sinking fund payment;
- (d) the portion, if any, of such aggregate sinking fund payment which is to be satisfied by the payment of cash; and
- (e) the portion, if any, of such aggregate sinking fund payment which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Securities of such series or Tranche pursuant to Section 502 and stating the basis for such credit and that such Securities have not previously been so credited, and the Company shall also deliver to the Trustee any Securities to be so delivered.

If the Company shall have not delivered such Officer's Certificate and, to the extent applicable, all such Securities, the next succeeding sinking fund payment for such series or Tranche shall be made entirely in cash in the amount of the mandatory sinking fund payment. Not less than 30 days before each such sinking fund payment date the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 403 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 404. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 405 and 406.

ARTICLE SIX

Covenants

SECTION 601. Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest.

The Company shall pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities of each series in accordance with the terms of such Securities and this Indenture. Interest on Securities shall be payable without presentment of such Securities, and only to the registered Holders thereof determined as provided in Section 307. The Company shall have the right to require a Holder, in connection with the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, or interest on a Security, to present at the office or agency of the Company at which such payment is made a certificate, in such form as the Company may from time to time prescribe, to enable the Company to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes, assessments or governmental charges that it may be required to deduct or withhold therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America or of any State, county, municipality or taxing or withholding authority therein, and the Company shall be entitled to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to such deduction or withholding on the basis of information contained in such certificate or, if no such certificate shall be so presented, on the basis of any presumption created by any such law, and shall be entitled to act in accordance with such determination.

SECTION 602. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company shall maintain in each Place of Payment for the Securities of each series, or any Tranche thereof, an office or agency where payment of such Securities shall be made, where the registration of transfer or exchange of such Securities may be effected and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of such Securities and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of each such office or agency and prompt notice to the Holders of any such change in the manner specified in Section 106. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency in respect of Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, payment of such Securities shall be made, registration of transfer or exchange thereof may be effected and notices and demands in respect thereof may be served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee as its agent for all such purposes in any such event.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies with respect to the Securities of one or more series, or any Tranche thereof, for any or all of the foregoing purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to the Securities of such series or Tranche, no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency for such purposes in each Place of Payment for such Securities in accordance with the requirements set forth above. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee, and prompt notice to the Holders in the manner specified in Section 106, of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, any office or agency required by this Section may be maintained at an office of the Company, in which event the Company shall perform all functions to be performed at such office or agency.

SECTION 603. Money for Securities Payments to Be Held in Trust.

If the Company shall at any time act as its own Paying Agent with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, it shall, on or before each due date of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on any of such Securities, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay the principal and premium or interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of any failure by the Company (or any other obligor on such Securities) to make any payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on such Securities.

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents for the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, it shall, on or before each due date of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such Securities, deposit with such Paying Agents sums sufficient (without duplication) to pay the principal and premium or interest so becoming due, such sums to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such principal, premium or interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of any failure by it so to act.

The Company shall cause each Paying Agent for the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, other than the Company or the Trustee, to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent shall:

- (a) hold all sums held by it for the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, or interest, if any, on such Securities in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided;

- (b) give the Trustee notice of any failure by the Company (or any other obligor upon such Securities) to make any payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on such Securities; and

- (c) at any time during the continuance of any such failure, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent and furnish to the Trustee such information as it possesses regarding the names and addresses of the Persons entitled to such sums.

The Company may at any time pay, or by Company Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Company or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Company or such Paying Agent and, if so stated in a Company Order delivered to the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of Article Seven; and, upon such payment by any

Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Security and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on Company Request, or, if then held by the Company, shall be discharged from such trust; and, upon such payment or discharge, the Holder of such Security shall, as an unsecured general creditor and not as a Holder of an Outstanding Security, look only to the Company for payment of the amount so due and payable and remaining unpaid, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such payment to the Company, shall at the expense of the Company cause to be mailed, on one occasion only, notice to such Holder that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such mailing, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be paid to the Company.

SECTION 604. Corporate Existence.

Subject to the rights of the Company under Article Eleven, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence.

SECTION 605. Vacancy in the Office of Trustee.

The Company, whenever necessary to avoid or fill a vacancy in the office of Trustee, shall appoint, in the manner provided in Article Nine, a Trustee, so that there shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder.

SECTION 606. Annual Officer's Certificate as to Compliance; Notice of Default Under Mortgage.

(a) Within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company after the date hereof, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate which need not comply with Section 102, executed by the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer or the principal accounting officer of the Company, as to such officer's knowledge of the Company's compliance with all conditions and covenants under this Indenture during such preceding fiscal year, such compliance to be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice under this Indenture, and making any other statements as may be required by the provisions of Section 314(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(b) Prior to the Release Date, upon the occurrence of an "event of default" under Article IX, Section 1, of the Mortgage, the Company shall promptly deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate notifying the Trustee of such event of default.

SECTION 607. Waiver of Certain Covenants.

The Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in (a) Section 602 or any additional covenant or restriction specified with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, as contemplated by Section 301, if before the time for such compliance the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all series and Tranches with respect to which compliance with Section 602 or such additional covenant or restriction is to be omitted, considered as one class, shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such term, provision or condition and (b) Section 604 or Article Eleven if before the time for such compliance the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities Outstanding under this Indenture shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such term, provision or condition; but, in the case of (a) or (b), no such waiver shall extend to or affect such term, provision or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 608. Limitation on Liens.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section 608, from and after the Release Date and for so long as the Securities of any series are Outstanding, the Company will not issue, assume, guarantee or permit to exist any Indebtedness secured by any Lien on any Operating Property now owned or hereafter acquired by the Company ("Secured Debt") unless the Company elects to either:

- (i) make effective provision whereby the Securities of each series then or thereafter Outstanding shall be secured by such Lien equally and ratably with the Secured Debt thereby secured, for so long as such Secured Debt shall be so secured; or
- (ii) deliver to the Trustee, in respect of the Securities of each series then Outstanding, a corresponding series of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness secured by the Lien which secures such Secured Debt ("Secured Obligations") (A) in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding, (B) bearing interest at a rate equal to the interest rate borne by the Securities of such series, (C) having interest payment dates that are the same as the Interest Payment Dates of the Securities of such series, (D) with a stated maturity that is the same as the Stated Maturity of the Securities of such series, and (E) containing the same redemption provisions as the Securities of such series and provisions providing for the mandatory redemption thereof upon an acceleration of the maturity of any Outstanding Securities of such series following an Event of Default (such mandatory redemption to be rescinded upon the rescission of such acceleration); it being expressly understood that

each such series of Secured Obligations shall be held by the Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the corresponding series of Securities from time to time Outstanding subject to such terms and conditions relating to surrender to the Company, transfer restrictions, voting, application of payments of principal and interest and other matters as shall be set forth in an indenture supplemental hereto specifically providing for the delivery to the Trustee of such Secured Obligations.

Nothing in this Section 608 shall be construed to prevent the Company from issuing, assuming, guaranteeing or permitting to exist any Indebtedness secured by any Lien of the following character, to all of which the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section 608 shall not be applicable:

- (i) Liens on Operating Property existing on the date hereof, other than the Lien of the Mortgage, provided that such Liens shall secure only those obligations which they secure as of the date hereof;
- (ii) any Lien existing on Operating Property existing at the time of the acquisition thereof by the Company, provided that (A) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition and (B) such Lien does not extend to any other property or assets of the Company;
- (iii) Liens on property of a corporation existing at the time such corporation is merged into or consolidated with the Company; provided that (A) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such transaction and (B) such Lien does not extend to any other property or assets of the Company;
- (iv) Liens upon any Operating Property acquired, constructed or improved by the Company that are created or incurred within 18 months after such acquisition or the completion of such construction or improvement to secure or provide for the payment of any part of the purchase price of such Operating Property or the cost of such construction or improvement, including carrying costs; provided that any such Lien shall not apply to any other property of the Company;
- (v) Liens in favor of any State or the District of Columbia, or any department, agency, or instrumentality or political subdivision of any State or the District of Columbia, or for the benefit of holders of securities issued by any such entity (or providers of credit enhancement with respect to such securities), to secure any Indebtedness (including, without limitation, obligations of the Company with respect to industrial development, pollution control or similar revenue or private activity bonds) incurred for the

purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or the cost of constructing, developing, or substantially repairing, altering, or improving any Operating Property.

- (vi) extensions, renewals and replacements of Liens, referred to in paragraphs (i) through (v) of this Section 608(b), provided that any such extension, renewal or replacement Lien shall be limited to the property or assets covered by the Lien extended, renewed or replaced and that the obligations secured by any such extension, renewal or replacement Lien shall be in an amount not greater than the amount of the obligations secured by the Lien extended, renewed or replaced;
- (vii) Liens on Operating Property resulting from Sale and Leaseback Transactions; and
- (viii) Liens on Operating Property to secure Indebtedness if, immediately after the grant thereof, the aggregate amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens, other than Liens permitted by Sections 608(b)(i) through (vi) and Sections 609(a) through (d), does not exceed the greater of (A) 15% of Tangible Assets as of the date of the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act and (B) 15% of Capitalization as shown on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act.

(c) If the Company shall issue, assume, or guarantee any Secured Debt that requires the Company to elect either of the alternatives specified in Section 608(a), the Company promptly shall deliver to the Trustee:

- (i) either (A) such instruments as are necessary to secure by the Lien securing such Secured Debt all Outstanding Securities equally and ratably with such Secured Debt, together with an indenture supplemental hereto containing appropriate intercreditor arrangements and with such other terms and conditions as are reasonably necessary to enable the Trustee to enforce effectively the rights of the Holders of Outstanding Securities so secured equally and ratably with such Secured Debt, or (B) an indenture supplemental hereto providing for the delivery to the Trustee of Secured Obligations in accordance with Section 608(a)(ii), together with such Secured Obligations;
- (ii) an Officer's Certificate (A) stating that, to the knowledge of the signer, (1) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (2) no event has occurred and is continuing which entitles the secured party under such Lien to accelerate the maturity of the

Indebtedness outstanding thereunder and (B) stating the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness issuable, and then proposed to be issued, under and secured by such Lien; and

- (iii) an Opinion of Counsel (A) if the Outstanding Securities under this Indenture are to be secured by such Lien, to the effect that all Securities then Outstanding are entitled to the benefit of such Lien equally and ratably with all other Indebtedness outstanding secured by such Lien or (B) if Secured Obligations are to be delivered to the Trustee, to the effect that such Secured Obligations have been duly issued under such Lien and constitute valid obligations, entitled to the benefit of such Lien equally and ratably with all other Indebtedness then outstanding secured by such Lien.

SECTION 609. Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

From and after the Release Date, and for so long as the Securities of any series are Outstanding, the Company will not enter into or permit to exist any Sale and Leaseback Transaction; provided, however, that this Section 609 shall not prevent the Company from entering into or permitting to exist:

- (a) any Sale and Leaseback Transaction involving a lease with a term of four years or shorter;

- (b) any Sale and Leaseback Transaction of a corporation existing at the time such corporation is merged into or consolidated with the Company and any extensions, renewals and replacements thereof;

- (c) any Sale and Leaseback Transaction with respect to any Operating Property if such lease is entered into within 18 months after the later of the acquisition of, completion of construction of or improvement to, or commencement of operation of such Operating Property and any extensions, renewals and replacements thereof;

- (d) any Sale and Leaseback Transaction if the Company, within 120 days after the effective date of the lease, applies to the retirement of Secured Debt of the Company an amount equal to the greater of (i) the net proceeds of the sale of the Operating Property sold in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction and (ii) the fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors) of such Operating Property on any date within 90 days prior to the effective date of the lease; provided, however, that the amount required to be applied to the retirement of Secured Debt of the Company shall be reduced by:

- (A) the principal amount of any Securities surrendered to the Trustee by the Company for cancellation within 120 days after the effective date of the lease, and

- (B) the principal amount of Secured Debt, other than Securities, voluntarily retired by the Company within 120 days after the effective date of the lease;

and provided further that no retirement referred to in this clause (d) may be effected by payment on Maturity or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund or prepayment provision; and

(e) any Sale and Leaseback Transaction if, immediately after such transaction, the aggregate amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens, other than Liens permitted by Sections 608(b)(i) through (vi) and Sections 609(a) through (d), does not exceed the greater of (i) 15% of Tangible Assets as of the date of the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act and (ii) 15% of Capitalization as shown on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act.

SECTION 610. Perfection of Security Interests.

The Company will cause this Indenture, any indentures supplemental to this Indenture, and any financing or continuation statements to be promptly recorded and filed, and re-recorded and refiled, in such a manner, at such times and in such places as may be required by law in order fully to preserve, protect and perfect the security interest, if any, for any series of Securities and all rights therein of the Trustee.

(b) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, promptly after the execution and delivery of this Indenture and within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company ending after the date hereof and prior to the Release Date, an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel either (i) such action has been taken, with respect to the recording, filing, re-recording and refiling of this Indenture, each supplemental indenture and any financing or continuation statements, as is necessary to maintain and perfect the security interest intended to be created by this Indenture or any supplemental indenture for the benefit of the Holders from time to time of any series of Securities that is so secured, and reciting the details of such action, or (ii) no such action is necessary to maintain and perfect such security interest.

SECTION 611. Calculation of Original Issue Discount.

The Company shall file with the Trustee promptly at the end of each calendar year (a) a written notice specifying the amount of original issue discount (including daily rates and accrual periods) accrued on Outstanding Securities as of the end of such year and (b) such other specific information relating to such original issue discount as may then be relevant under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

SECTION 612. Maintenance of Properties.

The Company shall cause (or, with respect to property owned in common with others, make reasonable effort to cause) all its properties used or useful in the conduct of its businesses, considered as a whole, to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order and shall cause (or, with respect to property owned in common with others, make reasonable effort to cause) to be made such repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, as, in the judgment of the Company, may be necessary in order that the operation of such properties, considered as a whole, may be conducted in accordance with

common industry practice; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Company from discontinuing, or causing the discontinuance of, the operation and maintenance of any of its properties; and provided, further, that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Company from selling, transferring or otherwise disposing of, or causing the sale, transfer or other disposition of, any of its properties.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Defeasance, Satisfaction and Discharge

SECTION 701. Company's Option to Elect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may elect, at its option at any time, to have Section 702 or Section 703 applied to the Securities of any series or Tranche as provided in either Section 702 or 703 and upon compliance with the additional requirements set forth below in this Article Seven.

SECTION 702. Legal Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise of its option to have this Section 702 applied to the Securities of any series or Tranche, the Company shall be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche on and after the date the conditions precedent set forth in Section 704 are satisfied (hereinafter, "legal defeasance"). For this purpose, such legal defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche and to have satisfied all of its other obligations under such Securities and this Indenture insofar as such Securities are concerned (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following rights and obligations which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (a) the rights of Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche to receive, solely from the trust fund described in Section 705 as more fully set forth in such Section, payments of the principal of and premium, if any, or interest on such Securities when such payments are due, (b) the Company's obligations with respect to such Securities under Sections 304, 305, 306, 404, 503 (as to notice of redemption), 602, 603, 907 and 915, and (c) this Article Seven. Subject to compliance with this Article Seven, the Company may exercise its option under this Section 702 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 703 with respect to the Securities of such series or Tranche. Following a legal defeasance, payment of the Securities of such series or Tranche may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default. In the event that Securities in respect of which the Company's indebtedness shall have been satisfied and discharged as provided in this Section do not mature and are not to be redeemed within the 60 day period commencing with the date of the deposit of moneys or Eligible Obligations as provided in Section 704 below, the Company shall, as promptly as practicable, give a notice, in the same manner as a notice of redemption with respect to such Securities, to the Holders of such Securities to the effect that such deposit has been made and the effect thereof.

SECTION 703. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise of its option to have this Section 703 applied to the Securities of any series or Tranche and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 704 are

satisfied, the Company shall be released from its obligations under (a) Sections 608 or 609 or Article Eleven and (b) any covenant established with respect to the Securities of such series pursuant to Section 301(o) (each such covenant, including those referred to in clause (a), hereinafter a "defeasible covenant"), and the occurrence of an event specified in Section 801(c) with respect to such defeasible covenant shall not be deemed to be an Event of Default with respect to the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche (hereinafter, "covenant defeasance"). For this purpose, such covenant defeasance means that, with respect to the Outstanding Securities of such series, the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability or obligation in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such defeasible covenant whether directly or indirectly by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such defeasible covenant or by reason of any reference in any such defeasible covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document, but the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities shall be unaffected thereby. Following a covenant defeasance, payment of the Securities of such series or Tranche may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default under Section 801(c) by reason of such defeasible covenant or as provided in Section 801(d) or 801(e).

SECTION 704. Conditions to Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions precedent to application of either Section 702 or Section 703 to the Outstanding Securities of any series or Tranche:

(a) The Company shall irrevocably have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, (i) money in an amount, (ii) Eligible Obligations which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (iii) a combination thereof, in each case sufficient, without reinvestment, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, and which shall be applied by the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee) to pay and discharge, the principal of and premium, if any, or interest on the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche on the Maturity of such principal, premium or interest and any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments applicable to the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche on the due dates thereof. Before such a deposit, the Company may make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the redemption of Securities at a future date or dates in accordance with Article Four, which shall be given effect in applying the foregoing.

(b) No Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing (i) on the date of such deposit or (ii) insofar as subsections 801(d) and (e) are concerned, at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after the date of such deposit or, if longer, ending on the day following the expiration of the longest preference period applicable to the Company in respect of such deposit (it being understood that the condition in this clause (ii) shall not be deemed satisfied until the expiration of such period).

(c) Such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not (i) cause the Trustee for the Securities of such series or Tranche to have a conflicting interest for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act or (ii) result in the trust arising from such deposit to constitute, unless it is qualified as, a regulated investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(d) Such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound.

(e) Such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not cause any Securities of such series or Tranche then listed on any national securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act to be delisted.

(f) In the case of an election under Section 702, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (i) the Company has received

from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (ii) since the date of this Indenture there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case, to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the Holders of the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such legal defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such legal defeasance had not occurred.

(g) In the case of an election under Section 703, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of the Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred.

(h) Such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall be effected in compliance with any additional terms, conditions or limitations which may be imposed on the Company in connection therewith pursuant to Section 301.

(i) The Company shall have paid, or provided for the payment of, the fees and expenses of the Trustee payable pursuant to Section 907.

(j) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to either the legal defeasance under Section 702 or the covenant defeasance under Section 703 (as the case may be) have been complied with.

SECTION 705. Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of Section 603, all money and Eligible Obligations (including principal or interest payments on any such Eligible Obligations) deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 704 in respect of the Outstanding Securities of any series or Tranche

shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (but not including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities, of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, or interest; provided, however, that, so long as there shall not have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default, any cash received from such principal or interest payments on such Eligible Obligations, if not then needed for such purpose, shall, to the extent practicable and upon Company Request, be invested in Eligible Obligations of the type described in clause (a)(ii) of Section 704 and interest earned from such reinvestment shall be paid over to the Company as received, free and clear of any trust, lien or pledge under this Indenture except the lien provided by Section 907; and provided, further, that, so long as there shall not have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default, any moneys held in accordance with this Section on the Maturity of all such Securities in excess of the amount required to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, then due on such Securities shall be paid over to the Company free and clear of any trust, lien or pledge under this Indenture except the lien provided by Section 907; and provided, further, that if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, moneys to be paid over to the Company pursuant to this Section shall be held until such Event of Default shall have been waived or cured.

The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the money or Eligible Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 704 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof.

SECTION 706. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee (or any Paying Agent) is unable to apply any money in accordance with Section 705 by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's obligations under the Securities of such series shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article Seven until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 705; provided, however, that if the Company makes any payment of principal, premium or interest on any such Securities following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or the Paying Agent.

SECTION 707. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall upon Company Request cease to be of further effect (except as hereinafter expressly provided), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

- (a) no Securities remain Outstanding hereunder; and
- (b) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company;

provided, however, that if, in accordance with Section 706, any Security, previously deemed to have been paid for purposes of this Indenture, shall be deemed retroactively not to have been so paid, this Indenture shall thereupon be deemed retroactively not to have been satisfied and discharged, as aforesaid, and to remain in full force and effect, and the Company shall execute and deliver such instruments as the Trustee shall reasonably request to evidence and acknowledge the same.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture as aforesaid, the obligations of the Company and the Trustee under Sections 304, 305, 306, 404, 503 (as to notice of redemption), 602, 603, 907 and 915 and this Article Seven shall survive. Upon satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture as provided in this Section, the Trustee shall assign, transfer and turn over to the Company, subject to the lien provided by Section 907, any and all money, securities and other property then held by the Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities other than money and Eligible Obligations held by the Trustee pursuant to Section 705.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Events of Default; Remedies

SECTION 801. Events of Default.

"Event of Default", wherever used herein with respect to Securities of any series, means any one of the following events:

(a) failure to pay interest, if any, on any Security of such series within 30 days after the same becomes due and payable; provided, however, that a valid extension of the interest payment period by the Company as contemplated in Section 312 of this Indenture shall not constitute a failure to pay interest for this purpose; or

(b) failure to pay the principal of or premium, if any, on any Security of such series at its Maturity; or

(c) failure to perform or breach of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty a default in the performance of which or breach of which is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which has expressly been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of one or more series of Securities other than such series) for a period of 90 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee, or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder, unless the Trustee, or the Trustee and the Holders of a principal amount of Securities of such series not less than the principal amount of Securities the Holders of which gave such notice, as the case may be, shall agree in writing to an extension of such period prior to its expiration; provided, however, that the Trustee, or the Trustee and the Holders of such principal amount of Securities of such series, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have agreed to an extension of such period if

corrective action is initiated by the Company within such period and is being diligently pursued; or

(d) the entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (1) a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or (2) a decree or order adjudging the Company a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition by one or more Persons other than the Company seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official for the Company or for any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order shall have remained unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days; or

(e) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in a case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable Federal or State law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the authorization of such action by the Board of Directors;

(f) prior to the Release Date, an "event of default" under Article IX, Section 1, of the Mortgage has occurred and is continuing (a "Mortgage Default"); or

(g) any other Event of Default specified with respect to such Securities as contemplated by Section 301.

SECTION 802. Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.

(a) If an Event of Default due to the default in payment of principal of, or interest on, any series of Securities or due to the default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or warranty of the Company applicable to the Securities of such series but not applicable to all Outstanding Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Trustee or the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series may by notice in writing to the Company then declare the principal amount (or, if any of the Securities of such series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms thereof as contemplated by Section 301) of all Securities of such series and interest accrued thereon to be due and payable immediately.

(b) If an Event of Default due to default in the performance of any other of the covenants or agreements herein applicable to all Outstanding Securities or an Event of Default specified in Section 801(d) or (e) shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Trustee or the Holders of a majority in principal amount of all Securities then Outstanding (considered as one class), and not the Holders of the Securities of any one of such series, may by notice in writing to the Company declare the principal amount (or, if any of such Securities are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms thereof as contemplated by Section 301) of all Securities and interest accrued thereon to be due and payable immediately.

(c) If an Event of Default specified in Section 801(f) shall have occurred and be continuing, (i) the principal amount (or, if any of the Securities are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms thereof as contemplated by Section 301) of all of the Securities of each series of Securities (unless the principal amount of all of the Securities of any such series shall have already become due and payable) shall become immediately due and payable if the First Mortgage Bonds securing the Securities shall have become immediately due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage, which acceleration shall occur without any further action on the part of the Trustee (other than action by the Trustee as a holder of First Mortgage Bonds under the Mortgage) or the Holders of such Securities, and (ii) the waiver or cure of any Mortgage Default and the rescission and annulment of its consequences in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage shall constitute an automatic waiver of the corresponding Event of Default under this Indenture and automatic rescission and annulment of the consequences thereof under this Indenture, in either case, anything in this Indenture or in the Securities contained to the contrary notwithstanding, subject only to paragraph (e) of this Section 802. (d) As a consequence of each such declaration under paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) above (herein referred to as a declaration of acceleration) with respect to Securities of any series, the principal amount (or portion thereof in the case of Discount Securities) of such Securities and interest accrued thereon shall become due and payable immediately.

(e) At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to Securities of any series shall have been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due shall have been obtained by the Trustee as hereinafter in this Article provided, the Event or Events of Default giving rise to such declaration of acceleration shall, without further act, be deemed to have been waived, and such declaration and its consequences shall, without further act, be deemed to have been rescinded and annulled, if

(i) the Company shall have paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay

(A) all matured installments of interest upon all Securities of that series;

(B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any and all Securities of that series that have become due otherwise than by acceleration (with interest on overdue installments of interest (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) and on

such principal (and premium, if any) at the rate of interest prescribed therefor by such Securities, to the date of such payment or deposit); and

(C) all amounts due to the Trustee under Section 907;

and

- (ii) any other Event or Events of Default with respect to Securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of Securities of such series which shall have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, shall have been cured or waived as provided in Section 813 (including, if applicable, a Mortgage Default).

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

(f) Prior to the Release Date, upon an acceleration of the Securities pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 802, the Trustee promptly shall file with the Company a written demand for redemption of the First Mortgage Bonds securing such Securities pursuant to Article Thirteen.

SECTION 803. Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

If an Event of Default described in clause (a) or (b) of Section 801 shall have occurred and be continuing, the Company shall, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to the Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of the series with respect to which such Event of Default shall have occurred, the whole amount then due and payable on such Securities for principal and premium, if any, and interest, if any, and, to the extent permitted by law, interest on any overdue principal and interest, at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Securities, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover any amounts due to the Trustee under Section 907.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee as an express trust, may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights (including, prior to the Release Date, the exercise of all rights that the Trustee may have as a holder of First Mortgage Bonds), whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted under this Indenture, or to enforce any other legal or equitable right vested in the Trustee by this Indenture or by law.

SECTION 804. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Securities

shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, owing and unpaid in respect of the Securities and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for amounts due to the Trustee under Section 907) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding (including, prior to the Release Date, any claims of the Trustee as a holder of First Mortgage Bonds), and

(b) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the

Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amounts due it under Section 907.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

SECTION 805. Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Securities.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

SECTION 806. Application of Money Collected.

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal or premium, if any, or interest, if any, upon presentation of the Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money shall have been collected and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

First: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 907;

Second: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid upon the Securities for principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, in respect of which or for the benefit of

which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, respectively; and

Third: To the payment of the remainder, if any, to the Company or to whomsoever may be lawfully entitled to receive the same or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct.

SECTION 807. Limitation on Suits.

No Holder shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

(a) such Holder shall have previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series;

(b) the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all series in respect of which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, considered as one class, shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(c) such Holder or Holders shall have offered to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(d) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity shall have failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(e) no direction inconsistent with such written request shall have been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all series in respect of which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, considered as one class;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders.

SECTION 808. Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal, Premium and Interest.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and (subject to Sections 307 and 312) interest, if any, on such Security on the Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on

the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 809. Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or shall have been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and such Holder shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and such Holder shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

SECTION 810. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided in the last paragraph of Section 306, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 811. Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

SECTION 812. Control by Holders of Securities.

If an Event of Default with respect to any series of Securities shall occur and be continuing, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee (including, prior to the Release Date, the exercise by the Trustee of any rights, powers or privileges possessed by the Trustee as a holder of the First Mortgage Bonds that secure such series of Securities under the terms of such First Mortgage Bonds or under the Mortgage), with respect to the Securities of such series; provided, however, that if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to more than one series of Securities, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all such series, considered as one class, shall have the right to make such direction, and not the Holders of the Securities of any one of such series; and provided, further, that such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture (and, in the case of the First Mortgage Bonds, the terms such First Mortgage Bonds and the Mortgage). The Trustee may take any other action, deemed proper by the Trustee, which is not inconsistent with any such direction. Before

proceeding to exercise any right or power hereunder at the direction of such Holders, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive from such Holders security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with any such direction.

SECTION 813. Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default

(a) in the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Security of such series, or

(b) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under Section 1202 cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of such series affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any and all Events of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 814. Undertaking for Costs.

The Company and the Trustee agree, and each Holder of a Security by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all series in respect of which such suit may be brought, considered as one class, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Security on or after the Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

SECTION 815. Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws.

The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein

granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

SECTION 816. Mortgage Defaults.

In the case of any series of Securities that is secured by First Mortgage Bonds in accordance with Article Thirteen, in addition to every other right and remedy provided in this Indenture, the Trustee, subject to Section 812, may exercise any right or remedy available to the Trustee in its capacity as owner and holder of First Mortgage Bonds that arises as a result of a default under the Mortgage.

ARTICLE NINE

The Trustee

SECTION 901. Certain Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default,

(i) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties, and only such duties, as specifically are set forth in this Indenture, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine such certificates or opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(b) In case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(c) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except, to the extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, that:

(i) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(ii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding

Securities of any series (or if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to more than one series of Securities, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all such series, considered as one class), relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of the affected series, provided such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture; and

(iii) no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 902. Notice of Defaults.

The Trustee shall give notice of any Default hereunder known to the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series to the Holders of Securities of such series in the manner and to the extent required to do so by the Trust Indenture Act, unless such Default shall have been cured or waived. The Trustee shall give to the Mortgage Trustee (if other than the Trustee) a copy of each notice of default given to the Holders pursuant to this Section. In addition, the Trustee shall give to the Holders copies of each notice of default under the Mortgage given to the Trustee in its capacity as holder of First Mortgage Bonds.

SECTION 903. Certain Rights of Trustee.

Subject to the provisions of Section 901 and to the applicable provisions of the Trust Indenture Act:

(a) the Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting in good faith upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order, or as otherwise expressly provided herein, and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(c) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any

action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officer's Certificate, except that in the case of any such Officer's Certificate that by any provision hereof is specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not it conforms to the requirements of this Indenture;

(d) the Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon except that in the case of any such Opinion of Counsel that by any provision hereof is specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not it conforms to the requirements of this Indenture;

(e) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any Holder pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(f) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall (subject to applicable legal requirements) be entitled to examine, during normal business hours, the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney;

(g) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder;

(h) the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder;

(i) the Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any default or Event of Default, as the case may be, with respect to the Securities of any series for which it is acting as Trustee unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall have actual knowledge that such default or Event of Default, as the case may be, exists and constitutes a default or Event of Default under this Indenture or (2) written notice of such default or Event of Default, as the case may be, shall have been given in the manner provided in Section 105 hereof to the Trustee by the Company, any other obligor on such Securities or by any Holder of such Securities; and

(j) the Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officer's Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officer's Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officer's Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

SECTION 904. Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained herein and in the Securities (except the Trustee's certificates of authentication) shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent assumes responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Securities. Neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent shall be accountable for the use or application by the Company of Securities or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 905. May Hold Securities.

Each of the Trustee, any Authenticating Agent, any Paying Agent, any Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and, subject to Sections 908 and 913, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not the Trustee, Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 906. Money Held in Trust.

Money held by the Trustee in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds, except to the extent required by law. The Trustee shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder except as expressly provided herein or otherwise agreed in writing with, and for the sole benefit of, the Company.

SECTION 907. Compensation and Reimbursement.

The Company shall

(a) pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation as shall be agreed in writing between the Company and the Trustee for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(b) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances reasonably incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except to the extent that any such expense, disbursement or advance may be attributable to the Trustee's negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith; and

(c) indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor trustee for, and hold it harmless from and against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense, including

taxes (other than taxes based on the income of the Trustee and any taxes applied generally without regard to the acceptance or administration of the specific trust or trusts hereunder or the performance of its specific duties hereunder), reasonably incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder or the performance of its duties hereunder, including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim of liability (whether asserted by the Company, a Holder or any other Person) in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense may be attributable to its negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith; provided that:

- (i) with respect to any such claim, the Trustee shall have given the Company written notice thereof promptly after the Trustee shall have knowledge thereof, but failure by the Trustee to give such notice shall not affect the Trustee's right or the Company's obligation to indemnify hereunder;
- (ii) while maintaining absolute control over its own defense, the Trustee shall cooperate and consult with the Company in preparing such defense; and
- (iii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Company shall not be liable for settlement of any such claim by the Trustee entered into without the prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such other than property and funds held in trust under Section 705 (except as otherwise provided in Section 705). "Trustee" for purposes of this Section shall include any predecessor Trustee; provided, however, that the negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of any Trustee hereunder shall not affect the rights of any other Trustee hereunder.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services in connection with an Event of Default specified in Section 801(d) or Section 801(e), the expenses (including the reasonable charges and expenses of its counsel) and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law.

The provisions of this Section 907 shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

SECTION 908. Disqualification; Conflicting Interests.

If the Trustee shall have or acquire any conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, it shall either eliminate such conflicting interest or resign to the extent, in the manner and with the effect, and subject to the conditions, provided in the Trust Indenture Act and this Indenture.

SECTION 909. Corporate Trustee Required; Eligibility.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be

(a) a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States, any State or Territory thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State or District of Columbia authority, or

(b) if and to the extent permitted by the Commission by rule, regulation or order upon application, a corporation or other Person organized and doing business under the laws of a foreign government, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 or the Dollar equivalent of the applicable foreign currency and subject to supervision or examination by authority of such foreign government or a political subdivision thereof substantially equivalent to supervision or examination applicable to United States institutional trustees,

and, in either case, qualified and eligible under this Article and the Trust Indenture Act. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of such supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

SECTION 910. Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 911.

(b) The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 911 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 60 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition, at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(c) The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the Securities of any series by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series delivered to the Trustee and to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 911 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 60 days after the giving of such notice of removal, the Trustee being removed may petition, at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 908 after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 909 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

(3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation,

then, in any such case, (x) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all Securities or (y) subject to Section 814, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee with respect to all Securities and the appointment of a successor Trustee or Trustees.

(e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause (other than as contemplated in clause (y) in Subsection (d) of this Section), with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Securities of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 911. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 911, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders and accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 911, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months may, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(f) So long as no event which is, or after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become, an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and except with respect to a Trustee appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities pursuant to Subsection (e) of this Section, if the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee (i) a Board Resolution appointing a successor Trustee, effective as of a date specified therein, and (ii) an instrument of acceptance of such appointment, effective as of such date, by such successor Trustee in accordance with

Section 911, the Trustee shall be deemed to have resigned as contemplated in Subsection (b) of this Section, the successor Trustee shall be deemed to have been appointed by the Company pursuant to Subsection (e) of this Section and such appointment shall be deemed to have been accepted as contemplated in Section 911, all as of such date, and all other provisions of this Section and Section 911 shall be applicable to such resignation, appointment and acceptance except to the extent inconsistent with this Subsection (f).

(g) The Company (or, should the Company fail so to act promptly, the successor Trustee at the expense of the Company) shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series by mailing written notice of such event by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to all Holders of Securities of such series as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and the address of its corporate trust office.

SECTION 911. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

(a) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of all series, every such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of all sums owed to it, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder (including all right, title and interest in and to any First Mortgage Bonds held by the retiring Trustee in accordance with Article Thirteen).

(b) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee and (3) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, it being understood that nothing herein or in such supplemental indenture shall

constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates; but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee, upon payment of all sums owed to it, shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates (including all right, title and interest in and to any First Mortgage Bonds held by the retiring Trustee in accordance with Article Thirteen).

(c) Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any instruments which fully vest in and confirm to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in Subsection (a) or (b) of this Section, as the case may be.

(d) No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible under this Article.

SECTION 912. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any Person into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such Person shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Securities.

SECTION 913. Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

If the Trustee shall be or become a creditor of the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities (other than by reason of a relationship described in Section 311(b) of the Trust Indenture Act), the Trustee shall be subject to any and all applicable provisions of the Trust Indenture Act regarding the collection of claims against the Company or such other obligor. For purposes of Section 311(b) of the Trust Indenture Act:

(a) the term "cash transaction" means any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks or bankers and payable upon demand;

(b) the term "self-liquidating paper" means any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purpose of financing the purchase, processing, manufacturing, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

SECTION 914. Co-trustees and Separate Trustees.

At any time or times, for the purpose of meeting the legal requirements of any applicable jurisdiction, the Company and the Trustee shall have power to appoint, and, upon the written request of the Trustee or of the Holders of at least 33% in principal amount of the Securities then Outstanding, the Company shall for such purpose join with the Trustee in the execution and delivery of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to appoint, one or more Persons approved by the Trustee either to act as co-trustee, jointly with the Trustee, or to act as separate trustee, in either case with such powers as may be provided in the instrument of appointment, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in the capacity aforesaid, any property, title, right or power deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the other provisions of this Section. If the Company does not join in such appointment within 15 days after the receipt by it of a request so to do, or if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Trustee alone shall have power to make such appointment.

Should any written instrument or instruments from the Company be required by any co-trustee or separate trustee so appointed to more fully confirm to such co-trustee or separate trustee such property, title, right or power, any and all such instruments shall, on request, be executed, acknowledged and delivered by the Company.

Every co-trustee or separate trustee shall, to the extent permitted by law, but to such extent only, be appointed subject to the following conditions:

(a) the Securities shall be authenticated and delivered, and all rights, powers, duties and obligations hereunder in respect of the custody of securities, cash and other personal property held by, or required to be deposited or pledged with, the Trustee hereunder, shall be exercised solely, by the Trustee;

(b) the rights, powers, duties and obligations hereby conferred or imposed upon the Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Trustee or by the Trustee and such co-trustee jointly, except to the extent that under any law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed, the Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations shall be exercised and performed by such co-trustee trustee;

(c) the Trustee at any time, by an instrument in writing executed by it, with the concurrence of the Company, may accept the resignation of or remove any co-trustee or

separate trustee appointed under this Section, and, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Trustee shall have power to accept the resignation of, or remove, any such co-trustee or separate trustee without the concurrence of the Company. Upon the written request of the Trustee, the Company shall join with the Trustee in the execution and delivery of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to effectuate such resignation or removal. A successor to any co-trustee or separate trustee so resigned or removed may be appointed in the manner provided in this Section;

(d) no co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of the Trustee, or any other such trustee hereunder; and

(e) any Act of Holders delivered to the Trustee shall be deemed to have been delivered to each such co-trustee and separate trustee.

SECTION 915. Appointment of Authenticating Agent.

The Trustee may appoint an Authenticating Agent or Agents with respect to the Securities of one or more series, or Tranche thereof, which shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of such series or Tranche issued upon original issuance and upon exchange, registration of transfer or partial redemption thereof or pursuant to Section 306, and Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Securities by the Trustee or the Trustee's certificate of authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent and a certificate of authentication executed on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent. Each Authenticating Agent shall be acceptable to the Company and shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States, any State or territory thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to act as Authenticating Agent, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State or District of Columbia authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any corporation into which an Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate agency or corporate trust business of an Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be an Authenticating Agent, provided such corporation shall be otherwise eligible under this Section, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent.

An Authenticating Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of an Authenticating Agent by giving written notice thereof to such Authenticating Agent and to the Company. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time such Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee may appoint a successor Authenticating Agent which shall be acceptable to the Company and shall notify all Holders of Securities of the series with respect to which such Authenticating Agent will serve in accordance with Section 106. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent. No successor Authenticating Agent shall be appointed unless eligible under the provisions of this Section.

The Company agrees to pay to each Authenticating Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services under this Section.

The provisions of Sections 308, 904 and 905 shall be applicable to each Authenticating Agent.

If an appointment with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall be made pursuant to this Section, the Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon an alternate certificate of authentication substantially in the following form:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated:

As Trustee

By _____
As Authenticating Agent

By _____
Authorized Signatory

If all of the Securities of a series may not be originally issued at one time, and if the Trustee does not have an office capable of authenticating Securities upon original issuance located in a Place of Payment where the Company wishes to have Securities of such series authenticated upon original issuance, the Trustee, if so requested by the Company in writing (which writing need not comply with Section 102 and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel), shall appoint, in accordance with this Section and in accordance with such procedures as shall be acceptable to the Trustee, an Authenticating Agent having an office in a Place of Payment designated by the Company with respect to such series of Securities.

ARTICLE TEN

Holders' Lists and Reports by Trustee and Company

SECTION 1001. Lists of Holders.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee:

(a) semi-annually, not later than June 30 and December 31 in each year, a list for each series of Securities, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of Securities of such series as of the preceding June 15 or December 15, and

(b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 45 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that if the Trustee is acting in the capacity of Security Registrar, no delivery of such lists shall be required.

The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable and for so long as is required by the Trust Indenture Act, the names and addresses of Holders of each series of Securities (a) contained in the most recent list, if any, furnished to the Trustee as provided in this Section and (b) received by the Trustee in the capacity of Security Registrar, if the Trustee is then acting in such capacity.

The rights of the Holders to communicate with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Securities of any series, and the corresponding rights and privileges of the Trustee, shall be as provided by the Trust Indenture Act.

Every Holder of Securities, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any agent of either of them shall be held accountable to the full extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act by reason of any disclosure of information as to names and addresses of Holders made pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 1002. Reports by Trustee and Company.

The Trustee shall transmit to Holders such reports concerning the Trustee, its relationship to the Company (or any other obligor under the Securities) and its actions under this Indenture as are required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times or such intervals and in the manner provided for in the Trust Indenture Act. If required, the report contemplated by Section 313(a) of the Trust Indenture Act, shall be dated May 15 and shall be delivered to the Holders by the Trustee within sixty days after each May 15 following the date of this Indenture.

A copy of each report required by the immediately preceding paragraph, at the time of transmission to Holders, shall be filed by the Trustee with the Commission and with each stock exchange upon which any Securities of any series are listed and shall be furnished to the

Company. If and when Securities of any series are listed on any stock exchange, the Company shall notify the Trustee promptly of such listing and of any subsequent delisting thereof.

The Company shall file with the Trustee (within 30 days after filing with the Commission in the case of reports which pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act must be filed with the Commission and furnished to the Trustee) and transmit to the Holders, such other information, reports and other documents, if any, at such times and in such manner, as shall be required by the Trust Indenture Act.

Subject to the provisions of Section 901 and to the applicable provisions of the Trust Indenture Act, (a) delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and (b) the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein,

including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance or Other Transfer

SECTION 1101. Company May Consolidate, etc., Only on Certain Terms.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person, or convey or otherwise transfer or lease (in each case, whether in a single transaction or in a series of transactions) its properties and assets as or substantially as an entirety to any Person or Persons, unless

(a) the Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person or Persons which acquires or acquire by conveyance or transfer, or which leases or lease, the properties and assets of the Company as or substantially as an entirety shall be a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, and (i) shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all Outstanding Securities according to their tenor and the performance of every covenant of this Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed and (ii) if such transaction occurs prior to the Release Date, shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture to the Mortgage executed and delivered to the Mortgage Trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Mortgage Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the First Mortgage Bonds securing any series of Securities in accordance with Article Thirteen according to their tenor and the performance of every covenant of the Mortgage on the part of the Company to be performed or observed with respect to such First Mortgage Bonds;

(b) in the case of a lease, such lease shall be made expressly subject to termination at any time during the continuance of an Event of Default, by (i) the Company or the Trustee and (ii) the purchaser of the property so leased at any sale thereof hereunder,

whether such sale be made under any power of sale hereby conferred or pursuant to judicial proceedings;

(c) immediately after giving effect to such transaction no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing; and

(d) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, or other transfer or lease and such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transactions have been complied with.

Nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities shall prevent the Company (a) from merging into itself any other Person, (b) from selling or otherwise disposing of its property or assets not as or substantially as an entirety (provided that such sale or disposition is not part of a series of transactions that would result in the sale or disposition by the Company of its properties and assets as or substantially as an entirety), or (c) from acquiring by purchase or otherwise all or any part of the property of any other Person.

SECTION 1102. Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation by the Company with or merger by the Company into any other Person or any conveyance, or other transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Company as or substantially as an entirety in accordance with Section 1101, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor Person shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Securities Outstanding hereunder.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Supplemental Indentures

SECTION 1201. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Company and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any of the following purposes:

(a) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Company and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Company herein and in the Securities, all as provided in Article Eleven; or

(b) to add one or more covenants of the Company or other provisions for the benefit of all Holders or for the benefit of the Holders of, or to remain in effect only so

long as there shall be Outstanding, Securities of one or more specified series, or one or more specified Tranches thereof, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company; or

(c) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any series of Securities Outstanding hereunder; or

(d) to change or eliminate any provision of this Indenture or to add any new provision to this Indenture; provided, however, that if such change, elimination or addition shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any series or Tranche Outstanding on the date of such indenture supplemental hereto in any material respect, such change, elimination or addition shall become effective with respect to such series or

Tranche only pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202 hereof or when no Security of such series or Tranche remains Outstanding; or

(e) to provide collateral security for all but not part of the Securities; or

(f) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series or Tranche as contemplated by Sections 201 and 301; or

(g) to provide for the authentication and delivery of bearer securities and coupons appertaining thereto representing interest, if any, thereon and for the procedures for the registration, exchange and replacement thereof and for the giving of notice to, and the solicitation of the vote or consent of, the holders thereof, and for any and all other matters incidental thereto; or

(h) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a separate or successor Trustee or co-trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 911(b); or

(i) to provide for the procedures required to permit the Company to utilize, at its option, a noncertificated system of registration for all, or any series or Tranche of, the Securities; or

(j) to change any place or places where (1) the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all or any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, shall be payable, (2) all or any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, may be surrendered for registration of transfer, (3) all or any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, may be surrendered for exchange and (4) notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of all or any series of Securities, or any Tranche thereof, and this Indenture may be served; or

(k) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, or to make any other changes to the provisions hereof or to add other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture, provided that such other changes or additions shall

not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any series or Tranche in any material respect, or

(l) to modify, eliminate or add to the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to effect the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act and to add to this Indenture such other provisions as may be expressly required under the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 1202. Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders.

With the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of all series then Outstanding under this Indenture, considered as one class, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Trustee, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series under the Indenture; provided, however, that if there shall be Securities of more than one series Outstanding hereunder and if a proposed supplemental indenture shall directly affect the rights of the Holders of Securities of one or more, but less than all, of such series, then the consent only of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all series so directly affected, considered as one class, shall be required; and provided, further, that if the Securities of any series shall have been issued in more than one Tranche and if the proposed supplemental indenture shall directly affect the rights of the Holders of Securities of one or more, but less than all, of such Tranches, then the consent only of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of all Tranches so directly affected, considered as one class, shall be required; and provided, further, that no such supplemental indenture shall:

(a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon (or the amount of any installment of interest thereon) or change the method of calculating such rate or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of a Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 802, or change the coin or currency (or other property), in which any Security or any premium or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity of any Security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), without, in any such case, the consent of the Holder of such Security, or

(b) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with any provision of this Indenture or of any default hereunder and its consequences, without, in any such case, the consent of the Holders of each Outstanding Security of such series or Tranche,

(c) modify any of the provisions of this Section, Section 607 or Section 813 with respect to the Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, except to increase the percentages in principal amount referred to in this Section or such other Sections or to provide that other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 911(b), 914 and 1201(h), or the deletion of this proviso, or

(d) in the case of any series of Securities that is secured by First Mortgage Bonds in accordance with Article Thirteen, impair the interest of the Trustee hereunder in such First Mortgage Bonds, or reduce the principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds securing the Securities of a series to an amount less than the principal amount of Outstanding Securities of such series.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or one or more Tranches thereof, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series or Tranche.

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof. A waiver by a Holder of such Holder's right to consent under this Section shall be deemed to be a consent of such Holder.

SECTION 1203. Execution of Supplemental Indentures.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall receive, and (subject to Section 901) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which affects the Trustee's own rights, duties, immunities or liabilities under this Indenture or otherwise.

SECTION 1204. Effect of Supplemental Indentures.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby. Any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article may restate this Indenture in its entirety, and, upon the execution and delivery thereof, any such restatement shall supersede this Indenture as theretofore in effect for all purposes.

SECTION 1205. Conformity With Trust Indenture Act.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

SECTION 1206. Reference in Securities to Supplemental Indentures.

Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, authenticated and delivered after the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Company, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Securities of such series or Tranche.

SECTION 1207. Modification Without Supplemental Indenture.

If the terms of any particular series of Securities shall have been established in a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate as contemplated by Section 301, and not in an indenture supplemental hereto, additions to, changes in or the elimination of any of such terms may be effected by means of a supplemental Board Resolution or Officer's Certificate, as the case may be, delivered to, and accepted by, the Trustee; provided, however, that such supplemental Board Resolution or Officer's Certificate shall not be accepted by the Trustee or otherwise be effective unless all conditions set forth in this Indenture which would be required to be satisfied if such additions, changes or elimination were contained in a supplemental indenture shall have been appropriately satisfied. Upon the acceptance thereof by the Trustee, any such supplemental Board Resolution or Officer's Certificate shall be deemed to be a "supplemental indenture" for purposes of Section 1204 and 1206.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Delivery to Trustee and Release of First Mortgage Bonds

SECTION 1301. Applicability of Article.

The provisions of this Article Thirteen shall apply to all Securities issued under this Indenture prior to the Release Date.

SECTION 1302. Delivery of First Mortgage Bonds to Trustee.

(a) In order to provide the benefit of the lien of the Mortgage to the Holders of Securities prior to the Release Date, the Company, at any time prior to or concurrently with its delivery to the Trustee of any Securities for authentication and delivery in accordance with a Company Order pursuant to Section 303, shall deliver to the Trustee as security for payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Securities, and the Trustee shall accept therefor, First Mortgage Bonds registered in the name of the Trustee (i) in an aggregate principal amount equal to or exceeding the aggregate principal amount

of Securities of such series to be authenticated and delivered pursuant to such Company Order, (ii) with a stated maturity date that is the same as the Stated Maturity of such Securities, (iii) bearing an interest rate equal to the interest rate borne by such Securities, (iv) having interest payment dates that are the same as the Interest Payment Dates of such Securities, (v) containing the same redemption provisions as such Securities and provisions providing for the mandatory redemption thereof by the Company upon an acceleration of such Securities pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of Section 802, and (vi) in all other material respects conforming as nearly as is practicable to the terms of such Securities. In addition, if required by the Trust Indenture Act, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Issuance Fair Value Certificate concurrently with the delivery of First Mortgage Bonds pursuant to this Section 1302. The Company shall have no interest in any First Mortgage Bonds delivered to the Trustee pursuant to this Section 1302.

(b) The First Mortgage Bonds shall be in the form established by or in accordance with the Mortgage and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by the Mortgage, or are required or permitted by this Indenture and consistent with the Mortgage.

(c) Any series of First Mortgage Bonds may secure the payment of the principal, premium, if any, and interest on only one corresponding series of Securities, and no series of Securities shall be secured by more than one series of First Mortgage Bonds. Each Security of a series shall specify the series of First Mortgage Bonds that secures the Securities of such series.

SECTION 1303. First Mortgage Bonds as Security for Securities.

(a) Until the Release Date, the First Mortgage Bonds delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302 shall be held in trust by the Trustee for the equal and proportionate benefit and security of the Holders from time to time of the corresponding series of Securities, and shall serve as security for (i) the full and prompt payment of the principal of and premium, if any, on such Securities when and as the same shall become due in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise, and (ii) the full and prompt payment of any interest on such Securities when and as the same shall become due in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Securities and this Indenture.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, from and after the Release Date, (i) the First Mortgage Bonds held by the Trustee shall cease to secure any obligation of the Company under this Indenture, including the payment of principal of and any premium or interest on all Securities issued in accordance with this Article Thirteen, (ii) the obligation of the Company to make payment with respect to the principal of and any premium or interest on the First Mortgage Bonds held by the Trustee shall cease, and (iii) the Trustee shall release the First Mortgage Bonds as provided for in Section 1308.

SECTION 1304. No Modification of Mortgage.

The rights, powers, obligations and duties of the Company and the Mortgage Trustee under the First Mortgage Bonds are governed exclusively by the terms thereof and the Mortgage, and nothing herein shall create any additional rights or powers, or any additional obligation or duty, of any Person in, under or to the Mortgage or the First Mortgage Bonds (other than the rights and powers of the Trustee as a holder of First Mortgage Bonds).

SECTION 1305. Payments on First Mortgage Bonds.

(a) The terms of the Mortgage Bonds delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302 shall provide that the obligation of the Company to make any payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, such First Mortgage Bonds, whether at Stated Maturity, upon call for redemption, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have been satisfied and discharged to the extent that (i) at the time any such payment shall be due, the then due principal of or any premium or interest on the corresponding principal amount of Securities that such First Mortgage Bonds secure shall have been fully or partially paid, deemed to have been paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged in accordance with the terms thereof or this Indenture and such Securities and (ii) the amount of the Company's obligation to make any such payment in respect of such First Mortgage Bonds exceeds the amount of the obligation of the Company at that time to make payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities that are secured by such First Mortgage Bonds.

(b) In the event that the Company fails to make payment of any principal of, or premium or interest on, any series of Securities that are secured by First Mortgage Bonds in accordance with this Article Thirteen, the Trustee shall, within five days after the date such payment was due, notify the Mortgage Trustee in writing of the details of such nonpayment.

SECTION 1306. Certain Responsibilities of Trustee with Respect to First Mortgage Bonds.

(a) The Trustee, as a holder of First Mortgage Bonds, or its agent shall attend any meeting of the holders of First Mortgage Bonds duly called under the Mortgage as to which it receives due notice, or, at its option, shall deliver its proxy in connection therewith, as to matters with respect to which it is entitled to vote or consent. Either at such meeting, or otherwise where the consent of holders of First Mortgage Bonds under the Mortgage is sought without a meeting, the Trustee shall vote the First Mortgage Bonds held by it, or shall grant or withhold its consent with respect thereto, as the Trustee determines to be in the best interests of the Holders of the series of Securities secured by such First Mortgage Bonds, unless the Trustee is directed otherwise by the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of such series of Securities.

(b) In exercising its responsibilities under paragraph (a), the Trustee may solicit instructions from the Holders of any series of Securities that is secured by First Mortgage Bonds and, if so, shall vote or shall grant or withhold its consent with respect to the First Mortgage Bonds as directed by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series.

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Trustee shall be deemed to have voted all First Mortgage Bonds held by it from time to time pursuant to this Article Thirteen in favor of, or shall be deemed to have granted its consent with respect to all First Mortgage Bonds held by it from time to time pursuant to this Article Thirteen to, and shall be deemed to have authorized the Mortgage Trustee to take any action necessary to effect, and (ii) each Holder of Securities by acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have instructed the Trustee to vote in favor of or grant its consent to, and shall be deemed to have authorized the Mortgage Trustee to take any action necessary to effect, the following amendments to the Mortgage: (A) an amendment providing that the amount of cash required to be deposited with the Mortgage Trustee pursuant to the Mortgage to obtain the release of any property from the lien of the Mortgage may, at the election of the Company, be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds that the Company would be entitled to have authenticated and delivered by the Mortgage Trustee at the time of such release pursuant to Section 4 of Article III of the Mortgage and (B) an amendment providing that any moneys held by the Mortgage Trustee as part of the trust estate under the Mortgage shall be paid over from time to time by the Mortgage Trustee to or upon the order of the Company in an amount equal to the principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds that the Company would be entitled to have authenticated and delivered by the Mortgage Trustee at the time of such order pursuant to Section 4 of Article III of the Mortgage.

SECTION 1307. Permitted Transfers of First Mortgage Bonds by the Trustee.

Except (a) as required to effect an assignment to a successor Trustee under this Indenture or (b) in accordance with Section 1308, the Trustee shall not sell, assign or transfer the First Mortgage Bonds delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 1302, and the Company shall issue stop transfer instructions to the Mortgage Trustee and to any transfer agent for the First Mortgage Bonds to effect compliance with this Section 1307.

SECTION 1308. Release of First Mortgage Bonds.

(a) After all First Mortgage Bonds, other than First Mortgage Bonds held by the Trustee pursuant to this Article Thirteen, have been retired through payment or redemption (including those First Mortgage Bonds "deemed to have been paid" within the meaning of that term as used in Article XVI of the Mortgage), whether at, before or after the maturity thereof, upon the date chosen by the Company and specified in a Company Order delivered to the Trustee (the "Release Date"), the Trustee shall deliver to the Company or the Mortgage Trustee (as directed by Company Order), together with such appropriate instruments of transfer or conveyance as may be reasonably requested by the Company, without any payment of consideration by the Company therefor, all First Mortgage Bonds of each series held by the Trustee hereunder for the benefit of the Holders of Securities; provided that the Release Date shall not be earlier than the date of delivery by the Company to the Trustee of (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that (A) all First Mortgage Bonds, other than First Mortgage Bonds held by the Trustee pursuant to this Article Thirteen, have been retired through payment or redemption (including those First

Mortgage Bonds "deemed to have been paid" within the meaning of that term as used in Article XVI of the Mortgage), (B) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and (C) on and immediately following the Release Date, the Company will be in compliance with the covenants contained in Sections 608 and 609, and (ii) if required to be delivered by the Trust Indenture Act, a Release Fair Value Certificate.

(b) If, prior to the Release Date, there shall be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation all of the Outstanding Securities of any series, or the Company pays or causes to be paid, or deposits or causes to be deposited with the Trustee in accordance with Section 702 funds or Eligible Obligations sufficient to pay, the principal of and any premium or interest on all of the Outstanding Securities of such series, (i) such Securities shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security pursuant to this Article Thirteen, (ii) the obligation of the Company to make payment with respect to the principal of and any premium or interest on the series of First Mortgage Bonds securing such Securities shall be deemed satisfied and discharged, and (iii) the Trustee promptly shall deliver to the Mortgage Trustee for cancellation all of the series of First Mortgage Bonds securing such Securities.

(c) If, prior to the Release Date, there shall be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (excluding Securities delivered to the Trustee for cancellation following the registration of transfer or exchange thereof pursuant to Section 305 or the replacement thereof pursuant to Section 306) less than all of the Outstanding Securities of any series, or the Company pays or causes to be paid, the principal of and any premium or interest on less than all of the Outstanding Securities of any series, (i) the Securities cancelled shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security pursuant to this Article Thirteen, (ii) the obligation of the Company to make payment with respect to the principal of and any premium or interest on an equal principal amount of the First Mortgage Bonds securing such cancelled Securities shall be deemed satisfied and discharged, and (iii) the Trustee promptly shall deliver to the Mortgage Trustee for cancellation an equal principal amount of the First Mortgage Bonds securing such cancelled Securities.

(d) Prior to the Release Date, the Company shall not cause the surrender by the Trustee, as contemplated by this Section 1308, of First Mortgage Bonds of any series if, after such surrender, the aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds of such series held by the Trustee would be less than the aggregate principal amount of Securities that are secured by such series of First Mortgage Bonds.

(e) Notice of the occurrence of the Release Date shall be prepared by the Company and shall be given by the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, to the Holders of the Securities in the manner provided in Section 1.06 not later than 30 days after the receipt of such notice from the Company.

SECTION 1309. Further Assurances.

The Company, at its own expense, shall do such further lawful acts and things, and execute and deliver such additional conveyances, assignments, assurances, agreements, financing statements and instruments, as may be necessary in order to better assign, assure,

perfect and confirm to the Trustee its interest in the First Mortgage Bonds in accordance with this Article Thirteen and for maintaining, protecting and preserving such interest.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Immunity of Incorporators, Shareholders, Officers and Directors

SECTION 1401. Liability Solely Corporate.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Securities or on any First Mortgage Bonds, or any part thereof, or for any claim based thereon or otherwise in respect thereof, or of the indebtedness represented thereby, or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement under this Indenture or the Mortgage, against any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation (either directly or through the Company or a predecessor or successor corporation), whether by virtue of any constitutional provision, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Indenture and the Mortgage and all the Securities and First Mortgage Bonds are solely corporate obligations, and that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, or be incurred by, any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, either directly or indirectly through the Company or any predecessor or successor corporation, because of the indebtedness hereby authorized or under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or the Mortgage or in any of the Securities or First Mortgage Bonds or to be implied herefrom or therefrom, and that any such personal liability is hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as part of the consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issuance of the Securities.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

By: _____
Name:
Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title: