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by such county, school district or school districts, and other political unit or units, if the project were owned by the lessee, but with appropriate reductions similar to the tax exemptions, if any, which would be afforded to the lessee if it were the owner of the project. For the sole purpose of enabling the Lessee to comply with the aforesaid obligation, it is agreed that the County in cooperation with the Lessee

(i) shall cause the Project to be valued as if privately owned as aforesaid for purposes of the said taxes by the State Tax Commission of South Carolina or such other appropriate officer or officers as may from time to time be charged with responsibility for making such valuations;

(ii) shall cause to be appropriately applied to the valuation or valuations so determined the respective rate or rates of such taxes, that would be applicable to the Project if so privately owned;

(iii) shall cause the respective appropriate officer or officers charged with the duty of levying and collecting taxes to submit to the Lessee, when the respective levies are made upon property privately owned as aforesaid, a statement specifying the amount and due date of such taxes which the County, school district and other political units having taxing powers would receive if the Project were so privately owned; and Lessee shall file any accounts or tax returns required with the appropriate officer or officers.

The Lessee shall pay to the aforesaid taxing authorities when due all such payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project required by the Act to be paid to the aforesaid taxing authorities, subject in each case to the Lessee's right to obtain exemptions (and discounts), if any, therefrom which would be afforded to a private owner of the Project and to seek to obtain a refund of any such payments made, and to contest the same in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 6.3 in the case of taxes and other governmental charges. The Lessee's obligation to make such additional payments shall continue only so long as and to the extent the Lessee is required by law to pay the aforesaid amounts in lieu of taxes. In the event the Lessee shall fail to make any of the payments required by this Section 5.5, the amount or amounts so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Lessee until fully paid and the Lessee agrees to pay the same with interest thereon at the Penalty Rate until paid.

SECTION 5.6. Obligations of Lessee Hereunder Absolute and Unconditional. Subject to the provisions of this Section and Section 9.6 hereof, the obligations of the Lessee to make the payments required in Sections 5.3 and 5.5 hereof and to perform and observe the other agreements on its part contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional and until such time as the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall have been fully paid or provisions

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