

All terms used in this Supplemental Indenture shall have the meanings specified in the Original Indenture unless the context otherwise specifies or requires.

SECTION 7.02. All the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements by or on behalf of the Company contained in this Supplemental Indenture shall bind, benefit and inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 7.03. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be, and shall be taken to be, an original and all collectively but one instrument.

Although this Supplemental Indenture for convenience and for the purposes of reference is dated as of May 1, 1956, the actual date of execution by the Company and by the Trustee is as indicated by their respective acknowledgments hereto annexed.

SECTION 7.04. The recitals contained herein and in the Bonds of the 1981 Series shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Trustee makes no representation as to the value of the mortgaged and pledged property or any part thereof, or as to the title of the Company thereto or as to the validity or adequacy of the security afforded thereby and hereby, or as to the validity of this Supplemental Indenture, or of the Bonds or coupons issued hereunder.

SECTION 7.05. In case of one or more of the provisions contained in this Supplemental Indenture or in the Bonds of the 1981 Series issued hereunder or the coupons appurtenant thereto should be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and therein shall not in any way be affected, impaired, prejudiced or disturbed thereby.

SECTION 7.06. The date of commencement of the first interest period for the Bonds of the 1981 Series is May 1, 1956.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. has caused this Supplemental Indenture to be signed in its corporate name and behalf by its President or one of its Vice Presidents and

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its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries; and J. P. MORGAN & Co. INCORPORATED, in token of its acceptance of the trust hereby created, has caused this Supplemental Indenture to be signed in its corporate name and behalf by one of its Vice Presidents and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries; all as of the day and year first above written.

PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.

By *[Signature]*  
President

Attest:

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

Signed, sealed, executed, acknowledged and delivered on behalf of PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., in the presence of:

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

J. P. MORGAN & Co. INCORPORATED

By *[Signature]*  
Vice President

Attest:

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Secretary

Signed, sealed, executed, acknowledged and delivered on behalf of J. P. MORGAN & Co. INCORPORATED, in the presence of:

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*