

All registered Bonds without coupons and all coupon Bonds registered as to principal delivered to the Trustee by the Company for the sinking fund for Bonds of the 1978 Series pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be accompanied by proper instruments of transfer duly executed in blank.

All Bonds of the 1978 Series and the coupons appertaining thereto delivered to the Trustee for the sinking fund or redeemed for the sinking fund shall be cancelled by the Trustee, and so long as any of the Bonds of the 1978 Series are outstanding, no Bonds of the 1978 Series or of any other series outstanding at or prior to June 1, 1958 which are or were delivered to the Trustee for the sinking fund or redeemed for the sinking fund for any of said series shall be made the basis of the authentication and delivery of additional Bonds pursuant to §3.06 of the Indenture or the withdrawal of cash included in the trust estate or (except as permitted by paragraph (D) of Section 7, Article 2, of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Supplemental Indentures with respect to Bonds of the 1975 Series, 1976 Series and 1977 Series, respectively, and by paragraph (D) of this Section 7 with respect to the Bonds of the 1978 Series) the reduction of the amount of cash required to be deposited in the trust estate under any provision of the Indenture.

SECTION 8. The Company covenants that, so long as any Bonds of the 1978 Series are outstanding, it will file with the Trustee annually on or before December 1 in each year beginning with the year 1961 to and including December 1, 1977, a certificate of available gas supply stating that, in the opinion of the signer or signers of such certificate, the date of exhaustion of the Company's available gas supply will be a date not earlier than December 1, 1980 or will be a specified date earlier than December 1, 1980. Any such certificate which states that the date of exhaustion of available gas supply will be a specified date earlier than December 1, 1980 is herein referred to as a "short term certificate."

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Each such annual certificate of available gas supply shall be an engineer's certificate except that each certificate filed for December 1 in the years 1962, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1973 and 1976 shall be an independent engineer's certificate and any other certificate of available gas supply may be an independent engineer's certificate if the Company so determines. Each certificate of available gas supply shall include supplementary tabulations and other information in support of the conclusions stated therein.

The term "available gas supply" shall mean the minimum volume of natural gas which, by reason of the existence of proven natural gas reserves (including gas in solution or in a common reservoir with oil or distillate and to be produced with such oil or distillate in the form of casinghead gas) and the location of such reserves in relation to the Company's pipe lines, and after giving due consideration to the dedication of any portion of such reserves to others than the Company and to the effect of any applicable proration laws, regulations or orders, to all withdrawals (for the Company and others) from such reserves which may reasonably be expected and to all other pertinent factors relative to such reserves, the Company can, in the opinion of the signer or signers of such certificates, reasonably expect to produce, or to purchase at economically practical prices (whether or not the Company then has a contract right to purchase such gas), to meet requirements in the future for the purpose of transportation to the Company's markets and sale to its customers.

The term "date of exhaustion of available gas supply" as used herein, shall mean the date on which, in the opinion of the signer or signers of a certificate of available gas supply, the Company's available gas supply, determined as at a date fixed as hereinafter provided, would be exhausted on the assumption that the volume of gas in such gas supply were withdrawn after the date of determination thereof as specified in such certificate at a rate per twelve-month period equal to the volume of the Company's sales and use of gas (including gas unaccounted for but excluding gas owned by, and transported for the account of, others) during the twelve-month period ended on the June