

of a majority in amount of the bonds hereby secured and provided with the amount of such cash necessary therefor (whether such amount be more or less than ten per centum of the price of such property shall purchase or cause to be purchased, or shall permit the Gas Company to purchase such property, either in the name or in behalf of the Trustee or of the Gas Company or by purchasing Trustee and shall use or shall permit the Gas Company to use such bonds obligations claims indebtedness and shares of stock as far as may be to make payment for such property. In case of any such purchase the Trustee shall take such steps as it may deem proper to cause such property to be vested either in the Gas Company, subject to the lien of this Indenture or in some other corporation organized or to be organized with power to acquire and to manage such property, provided that all the bonds and other secured indebtedness and capital stock thereof (excepting the number of shares required to qualify directors) shall be received by the Trustee and shall be held for the benefit of the Gas Company or its assigns subject to the lien of this Indenture. The amount advanced by the Trustee or by any bondholder as a cash payment on account of any such property so purchased shall be a lien thereon prior to the bonds hereby secured.

(16) Subject to the limitations of this article the Trustee at any time may vote upon the shares of stock held by it hereunder or take such other steps as in its discretion it shall deem advisable to protect its interest and the interest of the bond holders hereunder in respect of the bonds obligations and shares of stock of any company at any time held by it hereunder and with the consent of the Gas Company the Trustee may join in any plan of reorganization in respect of such