

and that the other property described in such statements is not and does not continue to be property other than Natural Gas Properties, at the time of the request for such release, then the amount of Bonds which the Company is to retire, pursuant, to the provisions of this Section, shall be increased or diminished accordingly. COMPARED

AND provided further that there shall be added to the amount of Bonds required to be retired, as hereinbefore stated, such principal amount of Bonds, if any, as will be sufficient to reduce the remaining Bonds of all series outstanding to such principal amount that the combined net earnings of the Company and of the Subsidiary Companies from the properties other than those to be released, for twelve consecutive calendar months within the fourteen months immediately preceding the request for the release, shall have a ratio to the combined annual interest charges on the properties other than those to be released, not less than the ratio between the combined net earnings and the combined annual interest charges for such period prior to the release. For the purpose of this Section, the combined net earnings and annual interest charges shall be calculated in the manner specified in Section 2, Article II of the Original Indenture, except that in calculating the combined net earnings from the properties other than those to be released, there shall not be deducted the items mentioned in clauses (1), (2) and (3) in such Section 2 of Article II in respect of the properties which are being released, and in calculating the combined annual interest charges on the properties other than those to be released there shall not be included the items mentioned in clauses (a), (b) and (c) last to occur in such Section 2 of Article II in respect of the properties which are being released; and in the case of interest on obligations and dividends on preferred stock which are included in the items hereinabove mentioned to be excluded and which constitute charges both upon properties which are to be released and properties which are not to be released, such items shall be excluded only to the extent of the ratio of the value of the properties being released and so charged to the value of the properties not being released and so charged.

(b) The Trustee shall not release or consent to the release of the Natural Gas Properties (pursuant to this Section) unless Bonds of the amount required by this Section shall have been redeemed or the redemption thereof provided for, and until it shall have received the inventory, resolution and report specified in clause (c) of Section 3 of Article IX of the Original Indenture.

(c) The resolution, inventory and report hereinbefore provided for shall be full authority to the Trustee for making any such release, and the Trustee may conclusively rely upon the truth of any statement made in any such resolution, inventory or report, whether such statement be required by any provision of this Section or be voluntarily made; but before making any such release the Trustee may, in its discretion, cause to be made such independent investigation as it may see fit, and the expense thereof shall be paid by the Company, or, if paid by the Trustee, shall be repaid by the Company upon demand, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

(d) The Company agrees that in computing the amount of Bonds required to be retired pursuant to this Section, no Bonds will be deemed retired nor will any Bonds be available for redemption pursuant to this Section, which were or are held in the treasury of the Company or the treasury of any of the Subsidiary Companies, except such Bonds as may have been previously marketed and bought in by it or them.

In the drawing of Bonds by lot to be redeemed for the purposes of this Section there shall be excluded from the Bonds subject to drawing any Bonds so held (without previous marketing) in the Company's treasury or in the Treasury of the Subsidiary Companies.

SECTION 3. So long as any Bonds of Series B shall be out-standing, wherever in the