

In addition to the Sinking Fund Payments required by the immediately preceding paragraph, the Company may elect in the manner hereinafter provided to make, at least one business day prior to each Sinking Fund Payment Date occurring on or after March 15, 1981, an optional Sinking Fund Payment to the Corporate Trustee in an amount not in excess of the applicable mandatory Sinking Fund Payment. The exercise of such election shall not have the effect of reducing the amount of any Sinking Fund Payment which the Company shall be required to make pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph. The election shall be noncumulative so that the failure to exercise such election in any year, in whole or in part, shall not increase the amount of any optional Sinking Fund Payment that may be made to the Corporate Trustee in any subsequent year. Any such election by the Company with respect to any such Sinking Fund Payment Date shall be made in the Officers' Certificate hereinafter mentioned in this Section 3.09, which election shall be irrevocable.

In lieu of making all or any part of any Sinking Fund Payment required by the second preceding paragraph in cash, the Company may at its option (a) surrender to the Corporate Trustee for cancellation Bonds of Series A theretofore issued by the Company and acquired by it in the open market or otherwise (other than through operation of the Sinking Fund), (b) by Request direct the Corporate Trustee to credit against such Sinking Fund Payment the principal amount of Bonds of Series A theretofore redeemed by the Company pursuant to Section 3.01 hereof which have not theretofore been so credited (such Bonds being hereinafter called "Redeemed Bonds"), or (c) by Request direct the Corporate Trustee to apply Deposited Cash for such purpose pursuant to subparagraph (2) of the second paragraph of Section 5.09 hereof. The Company shall be entitled so to deliver Bonds of Series A or obtain credit for Redeemed Bonds in anticipation of all or any part of any one or more Sinking Fund Payments, but in each case the Company shall specify, in the Officers' Certificate hereinafter mentioned in this Section 3.09, the Sinking Fund Payment or Payments in anticipation of which such Bonds of Series A are delivered or Redeemed Bonds credited. Each Bond of Series A so delivered or Redeemed Bond so credited shall be treated by the Corporate Trustee as the equivalent of a cash deposit to the extent of the Sinking Fund Redemption Price of such Bond. All Bonds of Series A so delivered to the Corporate Trustee shall be cancelled.