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or shall be construed, to give to any person or corporation, other than the parties hereto and the holders of Bonds and Notes issued under or secured by the Indenture and indentures supplemental thereto, including this Third Supplemental Indenture, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Third Supplemental Indenture, or under any covenant, condition or provision herein contained, all the covenants, conditions and provisions of this Third Supplemental Indenture being intended to be, and being, for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto and of the holders of Bonds and Notes issued and to be issued under or secured by the Original Indenture and indentures supplemental thereto, including this Third Supplemental Indenture, and secured thereby. All covenants, promises and agreements in this Third Supplemental Indenture contained by or on behalf of the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 2.03. This Third Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each of such counterparts when so executed shall be deemed to be an original; but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 2.04. Terms not defined in this Third Supplemental Indenture and which are defined in the Original Indenture and the indentures supplemental thereto shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings set forth in the Original Indenture and the indentures supplemental thereto.

SECTION 2.05. So long as the Rural Telephone Bank is the holder of any of the Exchange Bonds, all rights granted to the United States of America by any provision of the Indenture may also be exercised by the Rural Telephone Bank. The rights hereby granted to the Rural Telephone Bank may be exercised by the Rural Telephone Bank without regard to whether the United States of America exercises any of its rights under the Indenture or is at the time a holder of any of the Bonds or Notes.