

to bearer and noted hereon, in which case it shall again pass by delivery until again registered. Such registration of this bond as to principal shall not affect the negotiability of its coupons, which shall remain payable to bearer and payment thereof to the bearer shall fully discharge the Company in respect of the interest therein mentioned, whether or not this bond is registered. Coupon bonds of this series may be exchanged, upon surrender thereof, with all unmatured coupons attached, at said office of the Trustee for a registered bond or bonds of the same series without coupons, of authorized denominations, for the same aggregate principal amount upon payment of the charges and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture. In like manner, any such registered bonds without coupons (so long as the same shall not have been called for redemption) may in turn be exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of coupon bonds of this series with all unmatured coupons attached.

The Company, the Trustee, any paying agent, and any registrar may deem and treat the bearer of this bond, or if this bond is registered as to principal as herein authorized, the person in whose name this bond is registered, and the bearer of any interest coupon appurtenant hereto whether or not this bond shall be registered as to principal, as the absolute owner of this bond or such coupon, as the case may be (whether or not this bond or such coupon shall be overdue), for the purpose of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any registrar shall be affected by any notice or writing to the contrary.

In case a default as defined in the Indenture shall occur, the principal of this bond may become or be declared due and payable before maturity in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture. The holders, however, of certain specified percentages of the bonds at the time outstanding, including in certain cases specified percentages of bonds of particular series, may in the cases, to the extent and as provided in the Indenture, waive past defaults thereunder and the consequences of such defaults.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on this bond, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof or of the Indenture, to or against any incorporator, stockholder, director or officer, past, present or future, as such, of the Company, or of any predecessor or successor corporation, either directly or through

the Company, or such predecessor or successor corporation, under any constitution or statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty, or otherwise, all such liability of incorporators, stockholders, directors and officers, as such, being waived and released by the holder and owner hereof by the acceptance of this bond and as provided in the Indenture.

Neither this bond nor any of the coupons for interest hereon shall become or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the authentication certificate hereon shall have been signed by the Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., has caused these presents to be executed in its name and behalf by its President or a Vice President and its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof, to be affixed hereto, and attested by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and has likewise caused coupons bearing the facsimile signature of its Treasurer to be attached hereto, all as of the first day of July, 1952.

PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.,

By _____
President.

Secretary.

[FORM OF INTEREST COUPON APPURTENANT TO COUPON BONDS
 OF THE 1977 SERIES]

\$22.50 _____ No. _____

On the first day of _____, 19____, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., upon surrender hereof, unless the bond mentioned below shall previously have become due and payable and payment duly provided therefor, will pay to the bearer at the principal office in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, of J. P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated, or at the principal office of its successor in trust, Twenty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$22.50) in lawful money of the United States of America, being six months' interest then due on its First Mortgage Bond, 4½% Series due 1977, No. _____

Treasurer.