out limit as to aggregate principal amount, designated generally as its First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, all issued and to be issued under and equally and ratably secured by an indenture dated as of December 1, 1927, duly executed by the Company to Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, to which indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is made for a description of the property mortgaged, the nature and extent of the security, the rights of the holders of the bonds in respect thereof, the terms and conditions upon which the bonds are secured and the restrictions subject to which additional bonds secured thereby may be issued.

In case an event of default as defined in said indenture shall occur, the principal of all the bonds outstanding thereunder may become or be declared due and payable, at the time, in the manner and with the effect provided in said indenture.

The bonds of the 2.65% Series due 1977 are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Company, as a whole at any time, or in part on any interest payment date or dates from time to time, at the office or agency of the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, upon at least thirty days' prior notice, given as more fully provided in said indenture, including publication at least once a week for at least three successive weeks in a daily newspaper printed in the English language and published and of general circulation in said Borough of Manhattan, at the following redemption prices (expressed as percentages of their principal amounts), respectively:

103% if redeemed on or before August 31, 1951, 1021% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1953, 10234% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1954, 1025% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1956, 1021/2% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1957, 1023/8% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1959, 1021/4% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1960, 1021/8% if redeemed thereafter to and including August 31, 1961,