

provided that, unless the certificate of available gas supply filed for any December 1 shall be signed by an independent engineer, the principal amount of Bonds of the 1991 Series to be retired on the two interest payment dates next succeeding the January 1 following such December 1 shall not be less than the principal amount required by the provisions of this paragraph (C) to have been retired on the June 15 next preceding and the December 15 next following such December 1, and provided further that the principal amount of Bonds of the 1991 Series required by the provisions of this paragraph (C) to be retired on any interest payment date on which any Bonds of the 1975 Series or the 1976 Series shall be outstanding shall not exceed the maximum amount which may be required to be retired on that date within the limitations stated in § 2.02(j) of the Indenture, and provided further that, if at a time when none of the Bonds of the 1975 Series and none of the Bonds of the 1976 Series are outstanding, a short term certificate shall be filed for any December 1 and the terminal date for the Bonds of the 1991 Series on the basis of such certificate is earlier than the next succeeding June 15, the Company shall be obligated to redeem on said next succeeding June 15 all Bonds of the 1991 Series outstanding on said next succeeding June 15, and the Company shall not be in default hereunder by reason of any failure to retire said remaining Bonds prior to such June 15.

(D) The Company shall have the right to anticipate at any time or from time to time all or any part of any one or more of the sinking fund installments under paragraphs (A) or (C) of this Section by delivering to the Trustee, as a credit upon such installment, Bonds of the 1991 Series, or by applying as a credit upon such installment any Bonds of the 1991 Series redeemed by the Company in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Article 2, hereof and any Bonds of the 1991 Series purchased or redeemed by the Trustee through the application of funds held by the Trustee as permitted by § 9.07 of the Indenture. The Company shall not be entitled to use as a credit against any sinking fund payment or payments which shall have been adjusted by operation of paragraph (C) of this Section, any Bond of the 1991 Series which was not outstanding on the January 1 next preceding the date on which such sinking fund payment is to be made. The Company shall have the right, as provided in § 9.04 of the Indenture,