

## ARTICLE XV.

## EFFECT OF MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, ECT.

SECTION 85. Nothing in this Indenture shall prevent any consolidation of the Company with, or merger of the Company into, any corporation having corporate authority to carry on any of the business mentioned in Section 4 of this Indenture, or any conveyance, transfer or lease, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, of all or substantially all of the Mortgaged and Pledged Property as an entirety or any corporation lawfully entitled to acquire or lease or operate the same; provided however, and the Company covenants and agrees, that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease shall be upon such terms as fully to preserve and in no respect to impair the Lien or security of this Indenture, or any of the rights or powers of the Trustees or the bondholders hereunder; and provided, further, that any such lease shall be made expressly subject to immediate termination by the Company or by the Trustees at any time during the continuance of a Default hereunder, and also by the purchaser of the property so leased at any sale thereof hereunder, whether such sale be made under the power of sale hereby conferred or under judicial proceedings; and provided further, that, upon any such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, or upon any such lease the term of which extends beyond the date of maturity of any of the bonds secured hereby, the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest of all said bonds according to their tenor and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be kept or performed by the Company shall be expressly assumed in writing by the corporation formed by such consolidation or into which such merger shall have been made, or acquiring all or substantially all the Mortgaged and Pledged Property as an entirety, as aforesaid or by the lessee under any such lease the term of which extends beyond the date of maturity of any of the bonds secured hereby.

SECTION 86. In case the Company, as permitted by Section 85 hereof, shall be consolidated with or merged into any other corporation or shall convey or transfer, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, all or substantially all the Mortgaged and Pledged Property as an entirety, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation, or into which the Company shall have been merged, or which shall have received a conveyance or transfer as aforesaid Upon executing with the Trustees and causing to be recorded an indenture, satisfactory to the Trustees, whereby such successor corporation shall assume and agree to pay, duly and punctually, the principal of and interest on the bonds issued hereunder in accordance with the provisions of said bonds and coupons and this Indenture, and shall agree to perform and fulfill all the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be kept or performed by the Company shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company with the same effect as if it had been named herein, and shall have and may exercise under this Indenture the same powers and rights as the Company, and (without in anywise limiting or impairing by the enumeration of the same the scope and intent of the foregoing general powers and rights) such successor corporation thereafter may cause to be executed, authenticated and delivered either in its own name or in the name of Carolina Power & Light Company, as its name shall then exist, in respect of property of the character defined in Section 4 hereof as Property Additions, such bonds as could or might have been executed, issued and delivered by the Company had it acquired such property of such character by purchase on or after the date of such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, and had such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer not occurred, and upon the order of such successor corporation in lieu of the Company, and subject to all the terms, conditions and restrictions in this Indenture prescribed, concerning the authentication and delivery of bonds, the Corporate Trustee shall authenticate and deliver any bonds delivered to it for authentication which shall have been previously signed by the proper officers of the Company, and such bonds as the successor corporation shall thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, cause to be executed and delivered to the Corporate Trustee for such purpose and such successor corporation shall also have and may exercise in respect of the property of such character, and subject to all the terms, conditions and restrictions in this Indenture prescribed applicable thereto, whether as to withdrawal of cash, release of property, credit under Section 38 or Section 39 hereof, or otherwise, the same powers, and rights which the Company might or could exercise had it acquired the property of such character by purchase on or after the date of such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, and had such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer not occurred. All the bonds so issued shall in all respects have the same legal right and security as the bonds theretofore issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of said bonds had been authenticated and delivered at the date of the execution hereof. As a condition precedent to the execution by such successor corporation and the authentication and delivery by the Corporate Trustee of any such additional bonds or the withdrawal of cash or the release of property, under any of the provisions of this Indenture or the taking of a credit under Section 38 or Section 39 hereof, on the basis of property of the character defined in this Indenture as Property Additions acquired, made or constructed by the successor corporation or by any corporation with which the Company or any successor corporation may be so consolidated or into which the Company or any successor corporation may be so merged or to which the Company or any successor corporation may make any such conveyance, the indenture with the Trustees to be executed