

of the 1978 Series redeemed by the Company in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Article 2, hereof and any Bonds of the 1978 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 required under paragraph (A) of this Section which shall have been adjusted by operation of paragraph (B) of this Section, any Bond of the 1978 Series which was not outstanding on the December 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, and to the extent therein permitted, to request the Trustee to credit to the Company on account of any one or more sinking fund installments any cash then held by the Trustee.

(D) In addition, whenever any sinking fund payment or payments required under paragraph (A) of this Section shall have been adjusted by operation of paragraph (B) of this Section and the certificate of available gas supply filed in any year thereafter by the Company with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8 of this Article 2 is signed by an independent engineer and is not a short term certificate, the Company shall have the right to take as a credit upon the next succeeding sinking fund installment or installments for the Bonds of the 1978 Series provided for in paragraph (A) of this Section an aggregate amount equal to the excess of the total principal amount of Bonds of the 1978 Series theretofore redeemed pursuant to, or credited (otherwise than pursuant to this paragraph (D)) against payments theretofore required to be made by, paragraphs (A) and (B) of this Section over the aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the 1978 Series which would have been theretofore required to be redeemed pursuant to the terms of paragraph (A) of this Section if no short term certificate had at any time been filed.

(E) Bonds of the 1978 Series credited against sinking fund installments pursuant to this Section shall be credited at the principal amount thereof.

Whenever the Company shall deliver to the Trustee Bonds of the 1978 Series for account of the sinking fund or shall apply as a credit upon any sinking fund installment any Bonds of the 1978 Series redeemed pursuant to Section 5, Article 2, hereof or constituting an excess of prior retirements or purchased or redeemed pursuant to §9.07 of the Indenture as aforesaid, the Company shall file with the Trustee an officers' certificate stating that the Bonds so delivered or purchased or redeemed or constituting such excess of prior retirements are to be credited upon a specified sinking fund installment or installments and that none of such Bonds has theretofore been applied as a credit upon any sinking fund installment or redeemed pursuant to the sinking fund for Bonds of the 1978 Series (except the Bonds, if any, so credited which constitute such excess of prior retirements) or made the basis for the authentication and delivery of additional Bonds pursuant to §3.06 of the Indenture, or for the withdrawal of cash included in the trust estate, or for the reduction of the amount of cash required to be deposited in the trust estate under any provision of the Indenture, and, where the next to the last sentence of paragraph (C) of this Section is applicable, that said Bonds were outstanding on the December 1 preceding the date on which the sinking fund payment against which such Bonds are to be credited is required to be made.

Whenever the Company shall call Bonds of the 1978 Series for redemption for the sinking fund or shall credit any cash held by the Trustee against any sinking fund payment as permitted by §9.04 of the Indenture, the Company shall file an officers' certificate with the Trustee stating the principal amount of Bonds so called for redemption and the redemption date, or stating the amount of cash to be so credited, and specifying the sinking fund installment with respect to which such call is made or such credit is taken.