

shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of the bonds.

SECTION 3B.04. *Sinking Fund for Bonds of the 1968 Series.* A. For a Sinking Fund for the retirement of bonds of the 1968 Series, the Company covenants that, so long as any bonds of the 1968 Series shall remain outstanding, it will, subject to the provisions of paragraphs B and C of this Section, pay to the Corporate Trustee at least one day before each interest payment date, commencing September 1, 1951 and continuing to and including March 1, 1968, a Sinking Fund payment in the amount of \$1,030,000.

B. In the event that the Certificate of Available Gas Supply filed by the Company with the Corporate Trustee on or before any June 15, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3B.05 hereof, shall be a Certificate B (specifying a date prior to September 1, 1968 as the date of exhaustion of the Company's available gas supply), then the amount of the Sinking Fund payment to be made by the Company on each of the two next succeeding sinking fund payment dates shall be, in lieu of the amount set forth in paragraph A of this Section, a sum equal to the quotient resulting from dividing (i) the aggregate principal amount of bonds of the 1968 Series outstanding on such June 15 by (ii) the total number of interest payment dates on the bonds of the 1968 Series beginning with the interest payment date next succeeding such June 15 and continuing to and including the interest payment date next preceding the date of exhaustion specified in the Certificate B filed in respect of such June 15.

C. The Company shall have the right, upon delivery to the Corporate Trustee on or before the January 15 next preceding any February Sinking Fund payment date or on or before the July 15 next preceding any August Sinking Fund payment date, as the case may be, of a written request stating its election so to do, to satisfy in whole or in part any Sinking Fund payment due on any such date, by crediting against such Sinking Fund payment, at the principal amount thereof,