

tion shall be given by mail to each registered holder of bonds which, or portions of which, are to be redeemed, by mailing the same to such holders not less than thirty nor more than ninety days prior to the redemption date, and provided further that, if all of the bonds of the 1986 Series at the time outstanding shall be registered bonds without coupons and/or coupon bonds registered as to principal, notice of redemption may be given solely by mail as aforesaid and publication of notice shall not be required. If in any instance notice of redemption be published as herein provided, the mailing of notice of redemption as hereinabove provided shall not be a condition precedent to such redemption, and failure so to mail any such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of the bonds.

SECTION 4. *Sinking Fund for Bonds of the 1986 Series.* A. For a Sinking Fund for the retirement of bonds of the 1986 Series, the Company covenants that, so long as any bonds of the 1986 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 May 1, 1968 (that is, on or before April 30, 1968 and October 31, 1968 and on or before each April 30 or October 31 thereafter, as the case may be, each said date being sometimes referred to herein as a "Sinking Fund payment date"), a Sinking Fund payment which shall be in the amount of \$400,000 in respect of each Sinking Fund payment date commencing May 1, 1968 and continuing to and including May 1, 1971, in the amount of \$700,000 in respect of each Sinking Fund payment date commencing November 1, 1971 and continuing to and including May 1, 1976, and in the amount of \$1,200,000 in respect of each Sinking Fund payment date commencing November 1, 1976 and continuing to and including November 1, 1986 (the date of maturity of the bonds of the 1986 Series).

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 5 of this Article Two, shall be a Certificate B (specifying a date prior to November 1, 1986 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, as specified in Paragraph A of this Section, shall be increased by a sum (rounded out to the next highest \$1,000) which bears the same proportion to the