

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3  
 REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
 UNDER  
 THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
 (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

California 88-0085720  
 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
 incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

5241 Spring Mountain Road  
 P.O. Box 98510  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510  
 (702) 876-7237

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
 area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

GEORGE C. BIEHL  
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 including area code, of agent for service)

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to  
 time after the effective date of this Registration Statement as determined by  
 market conditions.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered  
 pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following  
 box. \_\_\_\_\_

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on  
 a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of  
 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or  
 interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x  
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Debt Securities. . . . .	(1)(2)	(3)	(1)(2)	NA
Preferred Stock (\$50 par value). . . . .	(1)(4)	(3)	(1)(3)(4)	NA
Depository Shares. . . . .	(1)(4)(5)	(3)	(1)(3)(5)	NA
Common Stock (\$1 par value). . . . .	(1)(6)	(3)	(1)(3)(6)	NA
Total . . . . .	\$300,000,000	(3)	\$300,000,000	\$103,449(7)

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or  
 dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall  
 file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration  
 Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of  
 the Securities Act of 1933, or until the Registration Statement shall become  
 effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a),  
 may determine.



- (1) In no event will the aggregate maximum offering price of all securities issued pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$300,000,000 or, if any Debt Securities are issued with original issue discount, such greater amount as shall result in an aggregate offering price of \$300,000,000. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder.
- (2) Subject to Footnote (1), there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of Debt Securities.
- (3) The proposed maximum offering price per unit will be determined, from time to time, by the Registrant in connection with the issuance by the Registrant of the securities registered hereunder.
- (4) Subject to Footnote (1), there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Preferred Stock (\$50 par value) as may be sold, from time to time, by the Registrant. There is also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares as shall be issuable upon conversion of Debt Securities registered hereby.
- (5) Subject to Footnote (1), there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Depositary Shares to be issued pursuant to Deposit Agreements. In the event the Registrant elects to offer to the public fractional interests in shares of the Preferred Stock registered hereunder, Depositary Receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing such fractional interests, and the shares of Preferred Stock will be issued to the Depositary under any such Deposit Agreement.
- (6) Subject to Footnote (1), there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock as may be sold, from time to time, by the Registrant. There is also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock as shall be issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Stock or Debt Securities registered hereby.
- (7) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the rules and regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.



Prospectus

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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## Securities

Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") may offer from time to time, in one or more series, its unsecured debt securities (the "Debt Securities"), shares of its Preferred Stock, \$50 par value (the "Preferred Stock"), and shares of its Common Stock, \$1 par value (the "Common Stock"). The Debt Securities, the Preferred Stock and the Common Stock are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities." Securities will have a maximum aggregate offering price of \$300,000,000 and will be offered on terms to be determined at the time of offering.

In the case of Debt Securities, the specific title, the aggregate principal amount, the purchase price, the maturity, the rate (or method of calculation) and time of payment of interest, if any, any redemption or sinking fund provisions, any conversion provisions, any covenants and any other specific term of the Debt Securities will be set forth in the accompanying supplement to this Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplement"). In the case of Preferred Stock, the specific number of shares, designation, liquidation preference per share, issuance price, dividend rate (or method of calculation), dividend payment dates, any redemption or sinking fund provisions, any conversion rights and other specific terms of the series of Preferred Stock will be set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement. In addition, the Prospectus Supplement will describe whether interests in the Preferred Stock will be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares") evidenced by depositary receipts ("Depositary Receipts"). In the case of Common Stock, the specific number of shares, issuance price per share and the initial dividend rate of any Special Common Stock, if Special Common Stock is to be issued, will be set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement. The Prospectus Supplement will also disclose whether the Securities will be listed on a national securities exchange and if they are not to be listed, the possible effects thereof on their marketability.

Securities may be sold directly, through agents from time to time or through underwriters and/or dealers. If any agent of the Company or any underwriter is involved in the sale of the Securities, the name of such agent or underwriter and any applicable commission or discount will be set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement. See "Plan of Distribution."

The Debt Securities, if issued, will rank on a parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. See "Description of Debt Securities."

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 1994

INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THESE SECURITIES HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD NOR MAY OFFERS TO BUY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE TIME THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY SUCH STATE.



## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and, in accordance therewith, files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at Room 1024 of the offices of the Commission, Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, and should be available for inspection and copying at the regional offices of the Commission located at Seven World Trade Center 13th Floor, New York, New York 10048 and Suite 1400, Northwestern Atrium Center, 500 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661. Copies of such material can be obtained from the principal offices of the Commission at Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 at prescribed rates. Reports, proxy materials and other information concerning the Company may also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005 and at the offices of the Pacific Stock Exchange, 301 Pine Street, San Francisco, California 94104.

This Prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the Registration Statement and exhibits thereto which the Company has filed with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, and reference is hereby made to such Registration Statement, including the exhibits thereto.

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**INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

There are incorporated herein by reference the following documents of the Company filed with the Commission: (1) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1993; (2) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 1994 and June 30, 1994; and (3) all documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein, in a Prospectus Supplement or in any subsequently filed document which is incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statements. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial holder, to whom a copy of this Prospectus is delivered, upon the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all the foregoing documents incorporated by reference herein, including exhibits specifically incorporated by reference in such documents but excluding all other exhibits to such documents. Requests should be directed to George C. Biehl, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Southwest Gas Corporation, 5241 Spring Mountain Road, P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510, telephone number (702) 876-7237.

**THE COMPANY**

The Company, a California corporation, is comprised of two operating segments: natural gas operations and financial services. The financial services segment consists of PriMerit Bank, a Federal Savings Bank (the "Bank"), a wholly owned subsidiary, which operates principally in the thrift industry.

The natural gas operations segment is engaged in the business of purchasing, transporting, and distributing natural gas in portions of Arizona, Nevada and California. Its several service areas are geographically as well as economically diverse. The Company is the largest distributor in Arizona, distributing and transporting gas in most of southern, central and northwestern Arizona. The Company is also the largest distributor and transporter of natural gas in Nevada. The Company also distributes and transports gas in portions of California, including the Lake Tahoe area and the high desert and mountain areas in San Bernardino County.





The Company is subject to regulation by the Arizona Corporation Commission, the Public Service Commission of Nevada (the "PSCN") and the California Public Utilities Commission (the "CPUC"). The CPUC regulates the issuance of all securities by the Company, with the exception of short-term borrowings. Certain of the Company's accounting practices, transmission facilities and rates are subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Bank is a federally chartered stock savings bank conducting business through branch offices in Nevada. The Bank's deposit accounts are insured to the maximum extent permitted by law by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") through the Savings Association Insurance Fund. The Bank is regulated by the Office of Thrift Supervision (the "OTS") and the FDIC and is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank system.

The Bank's principal business is to attract deposits from the general public and to make loans secured by real estate and other collateral that enable borrowers to purchase, refinance, construct or improve such property. Revenues are derived from interest on real estate loans and debt securities and, to a lesser extent, from interest on nonmortgage loans, gains on sales of loans and debt securities, and fees received in connection with loans and deposits. The Bank's major expense is the interest it pays on savings deposits and borrowings.

The executive offices of the Company are located at 5241 Spring Mountain Road, P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510, telephone number (702) 876-7237.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as otherwise provided in the Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of Securities offered hereby will be used to retire indebtedness and for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of property for the construction, completion, extension or improvement of the Company's pipeline systems and facilities located in and around the communities it serves.

#### RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth the ratios of earnings to fixed charges for (a) the natural gas operations segment of the Company and (b) the consolidated gas and financial services operations of the Company (i) without deposit interest included as a fixed charge and (ii) with deposit interest included as a fixed charge.

	For the Twelve Months Ended					
	June 30,	December 31,				
	1994(3)	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989
Ratios of earnings to fixed charges(1):						
Company (natural gas operations segment) . . . . .	1.33	1.25	1.86	1.48	1.84	1.98
Consolidated						
Without deposit interest . . . . .	1.53	1.32	1.42	(2)	1.45	1.44
With deposit interest . . . . .	1.33	1.18	1.20	(2)	1.24	1.26

(1) For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as the sum of pretax income plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of all interest expense including capitalized interest, one-third of rent expense (which approximates the interest component of such expense) and amortized debt costs.

(2) For the year ended December 31, 1991, consolidated earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges, excluding and including deposit interest, by \$13.5 million. This was primarily due to the recording of additional valuation reserves during 1991 by the Bank.

(3) Twelve month ratios are presented in place of interim period ratios because of the seasonal nature of the natural gas operations segment.



The following table sets forth the ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred and preference stock dividends for (a) the natural gas segment of the Company and (b) the consolidated gas and financial services operations of the Company (i) without deposit interest included as a fixed charge and (ii) with deposit interest included as a fixed charge.

	For the Twelve Months Ended					
	June 30,	December 31,				
	1994(3)	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989
Ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred and preference stock dividends(1)						
Company (natural gas operations segment) . . . .	1.31	1.23	1.81	1.42	1.75	1.87
Consolidated						
Without deposit interest . . . . .	1.51	1.30	1.39	(2)	1.43	1.41
With deposit interest . . . . .	1.32	1.17	1.18	(2)	1.22	1.25

(1) See Note 1 above. Preferred and preference dividends have been adjusted to represent the pretax earnings necessary to cover such dividend requirements.

(2) For the year ended December 31, 1991, consolidated earnings were insufficient to cover combined fixed charges and preferred and preference stock dividends by \$14.8 million. This was primarily due to the recording of additional valuation reserves during 1991 by the Bank.

(3) See Note 3 above.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

Debt Securities may be issued from time to time in series under an indenture (the "Indenture") between the Company and a bank or trust company selected to act as trustee as specified in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto (the "Trustee"). The Indenture will be filed as an exhibit to or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part. As used under this caption, unless the context otherwise requires, Offered Debt Securities shall mean the Debt Securities offered by this Prospectus and the accompanying Prospectus Supplement. The statements under this caption are brief summaries of certain provisions contained in the Indenture, do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Indenture, including the definition therein of certain terms, a copy of which is included or incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture. The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities. Further terms of the Offered Debt Securities will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement.

#### General

The Indenture provides for the issuance of Debt Securities in series, and does not limit the principal amount of Debt Securities which may be issued thereunder.

The applicable Prospectus Supplement or Prospectus Supplements will describe the following terms of the series of Offered Debt Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered: (a) the title of the Offered Debt Securities; (b) whether any of the Offered Debt Securities are to be issuable in bearer form or permanent global form and, if so, the terms and conditions, if any, upon which interests in such Offered Debt Securities in such bearer form or global form may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Offered Debt Securities represented thereby; (c) the person to whom any interest on any Offered Debt Security of the series shall be payable if other than the person in whose name the Offered Debt Security is registered on the Regular Record Date; (d) the date or dates on which the Offered Debt Securities will mature; (e) the rate or rates at which the Offered Debt Securities will bear interest, if any; (f) the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which any such interest on the Offered Debt Securities will be payable and the Regular Record Date for any interest payable on any Interest Payment Date; (g) each office or agency where the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on the Offered Debt Securities will be payable; (h) the



period or periods within which, the events upon the occurrence of which, and the price or prices at which, the Offered Debt Securities may, pursuant to any optional or mandatory provisions, be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, by the Company and any terms and conditions relevant thereto; (i) the obligation of the Company, if any, to redeem or repurchase the Offered Debt Securities at the option of the Holders; (j) the denominations in which any Offered Debt Securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof; (k) the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, of payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the Offered Debt Securities, if other than U. S. Dollars; (l) any index or formula used to determine the amount of payments of principal of and any premium and interest on the Offered Debt Securities; (m) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the Offered Debt Securities of the series which will be payable upon declaration of the acceleration of the Maturity thereof; (n) any provisions relating to the conversion or exchange of the Offered Debt Securities into Common Stock, Preferred Stock or into Debt Securities of another series; (o) any Events of Default with respect to the Offered Debt Securities, if not otherwise set forth under "Events of Default"; (p) any material covenants with respect to the Offered Debt Securities; (q) the applicability of the provisions described under "Defeasance"; and (r) any other terms of the Offered Debt Securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture.

Debt Securities may be issued at a discount from their principal amount. Federal income tax considerations and other special considerations applicable to any such Original Issue Discount Securities will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

Debt Securities may be issued in bearer form, with or without coupons. Federal income tax considerations and other special considerations applicable to bearer securities will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated in this Prospectus or the Prospectus Supplement, the Debt Securities will not have the benefit of any covenants that limit or restrict the Company's business or operations, the pledging of the Company's assets or the incurrence of indebtedness by the Company.

#### Conversion Rights

The terms, if any, on which Debt Securities of a series may be exchanged for or converted into shares of Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities of another series will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

#### Exchange, Registration, Transfer and Payment

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities will be payable, and the exchange of and the transfer of Debt Securities will be registerable, at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose in New York, New York and at any other office or agency maintained for such purpose. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Debt Securities will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of the Debt Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge imposed in connection therewith.

All moneys paid by the Company to a Paying Agent for the payment of principal of and any premium or interest on any Debt Security which remain unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable may be repaid to the Company and thereafter the Holder of such Debt Security may look only to the Company for payment thereof.

#### Book-Entry Debt Securities

The Debt Securities of a series may be issued in the form of one or more Global Securities that will be deposited with a Debt Depository or its nominee identified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. In such a case, one or more Global Securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the portion of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities of the series to be represented by such Global Security or Securities. Each Global Security will be deposited with such Debt Depository or nominee or a custodian therefor and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer thereof referred to below and any such other matters as may be provided for pursuant to the Indenture.



Notwithstanding any provision of the Indenture or any Debt Security described herein, no Global Security may be transferred to, or registered or exchanged for Debt Securities registered in the name of, any Person other than the Debt Depository for such Global Security or any nominee of such Debt Depository, and no such transfer may be registered, unless (a) the Debt Depository has notified the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Debt Depository for such Global Security or has ceased to be qualified to act as such as required by the Indenture, (b) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee a Company Order that such Global Security shall be so transferable, registrable and exchangeable, and such transfers shall be registrable, or (c) there shall exist such circumstances, if any, as may be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. All Debt Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security or any portion thereof will be registered in such names as the Debt Depository may direct.

The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to any portion of a series of Debt Securities to be represented by a Global Security will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. The Company expects that the following provisions will apply to depository arrangements.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, Debt Securities which are to be represented by a Global Security to be deposited with or on behalf of a Debt Depository will be represented by a Global Security registered in the name of such Debt Depository or its nominee. Upon the issuance of such Global Security, and the deposit of such Global Security with or on behalf of the Debt Depository for such Global Security, the Debt Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with such Debt Depository or its nominee ("participants"). The accounts to be credited will be designated by the underwriters or agents of such Debt Securities or by the Company, if such Debt Securities are offered and sold directly by the Company. Ownership of beneficial interests in such Global Security will be limited to participants or Persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests by participants in such Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership interest will be effected only through, records maintained by the Debt Depository or its nominee for such Global Security. Ownership of beneficial interests in such Global Security by Persons that hold through participants will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership interest within such participant will be effected only through, records maintained by such participant. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in certificated form. The foregoing limitations and such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in such Global Securities.

So long as the Debt Depository for a Global Security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of such Global Security, such Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or Holder of the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security for all purposes under the Indenture. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security will not be entitled to have Debt Securities of the series represented by such Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of Debt Securities of such series in certified form and will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purposes under the Indenture. Accordingly, each Person owning a beneficial interest in such Global Security must rely on the procedures of the Debt Depository and, if such Person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which such Person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a Holder under the Indenture. The Company understands that under existing industry practices, if the Company requests any action of Holders or an owner of a beneficial interest in such Global Security desires to give any notice or take any action a Holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture, the Debt Depository would authorize the participants to give such notice or take such action, and participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through such participants to give such notice or take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in the Indenture, the rights of the beneficial owners of the Debt Securities to receive payment of the principal and premium, if any, of and interest on such Debt Securities, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Debt Securities, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of the beneficial owners.

Principal of and any premium and interest on a Global Security will be payable in the manner described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.





The Company, without the consent of any Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities, may consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease its assets substantially as an entirety to, any Person, and any other Person may consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease its assets substantially as an entirety to, the Company, provided (a) that the Person (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or which acquires or leases the assets of the Company substantially as an entirety is a Person organized and existing under the laws of any United States jurisdiction and assumes the Company's obligations on the Debt Securities and under the Indenture, (b) that after giving effect to such transaction no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing, and (c) that certain other conditions are met.

#### Covenants of the Company

The applicable Prospectus Supplement will describe any material covenants in respect of a series of Offered Debt Securities. Other than the covenants of the Company included in the Indenture as described above or as described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, there are no covenants or provisions in the Indenture that may afford Holders protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction or leveraged buyout involving the Company.

#### Events of Default

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the following are Events of Default under the Indenture with respect to Debt Securities of any series: (a) failure to pay principal of or premium, if any, on any Debt Security of that series when due; (b) failure to pay any interest on any Debt Security of that series when due, continued for 30 days; (c) failure to make any sinking fund payment, when due, in respect of any Debt Security of that series; (d) failure to perform any other covenant of the Company in the Indenture (other than a covenant included in the Indenture solely for the benefit of a series of Debt Securities other than that series), continued for 60 days after written notice by the Trustee or Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series as provided in the Indenture; (e) a default under any evidence of indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company (including a default with respect to Debt Securities of any other series) in an individual principal amount outstanding of at least \$15,000,000 or under any instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company (including the Indenture) in an individual principal amount outstanding of at least \$15,000,000, whether such indebtedness exists as of the date of the Indenture or is thereafter created, which default results in the acceleration of such indebtedness without such indebtedness having been discharged, or such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled, within 10 Business Days after written notice to the Company by the Trustee or by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series as provided in the Indenture; (f) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization; and (g) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Debt Securities of that series. If an Event of Default with respect to Outstanding Debt Securities of any series shall occur and be continuing, either the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series by notice as provided in the Indenture may declare the principal amount (or, if the Debt Securities of that series are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) of all Debt Securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. However, at any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to Debt Securities of any series has been made, but before a judgment or decree based on such acceleration has been obtained, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration. For information as to waiver of defaults, see "Modification and Waiver" below.

The Indenture provides that, subject to the duty of the Trustee during an Event of Default to act with the required standard of care, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity. Subject to certain provisions, including those requiring security or indemnification of the Trustee, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Debt Securities of that series.



The Company will be required to furnish to the Trustee under the Indenture annually a statement as to the performance by the Company of its obligations under the Indenture and as to any default in such performance.

#### Modification and Waiver

Modifications and amendments of the Indenture may be made by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected thereby; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security affected thereby; (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of, or interest on, any Debt Security; (b) reduce the principal amount of, the rate of interest on, or the premium, if any, payable upon the redemption of, any Debt Security; (c) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security payable upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof; (d) change the currency of payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any Debt Security; (e) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any Debt Security on or after the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date thereof; or (f) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of the Holders of which is required for modification or amendment of the Indenture or for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or for waiver of certain defaults.

The Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of all Debt Securities of that series waive, insofar as that series is concerned, compliance by the Company with certain covenants of the Indenture. The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may, on behalf of the Holders of all Debt Securities of that series, waive any past default under the Indenture with respect to that series, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any Debt Security of that series or in respect of a provision which under the Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of that series affected.

#### Defeasance

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement with respect to the Debt Securities of a series, the Company, at its option, (i) will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the Debt Securities of such series (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of Debt Securities of such series, to replace destroyed, stolen, lost or mutilated Debt Securities of such series, and to maintain Paying Agents and hold moneys for payment in trust) or (ii) need not comply with certain covenants specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement with respect to the Debt Securities of that series, and the occurrence of an event described in clause (d) under "Events of Default" above with respect to any defeased covenant and clauses (e) and (g) of the "Events of Default" above shall no longer be an Event of Default if, in either case, the Company deposits with the Trustee, in trust, money or U.S. Government Obligations that through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay all the principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the Debt Securities of such series on the dates such payments are due (which may include one or more redemption dates designated by the Company) in accordance with the terms of such Debt Securities. Such a trust may only be established if, among other things, (a) no Event of Default or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under the Indenture shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit, (b) no Event of Default described under clause (f) under "Events of Default" above or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default described under such clause (f) shall have occurred and be continuing at any time during the period ending on the 91st day following such date of deposit, and (c) the Company shall have delivered an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of the Debt Securities will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit or defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax in the same manner as if such defeasance had not occurred. In the event the Company omits to comply with its remaining obligations under the Indenture after a defeasance of the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of any series as described under clause (ii) above and the Debt Securities of such series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any undefeased Event of Default, the amount of money and U.S. Government Obligations on deposit with the Trustee may be insufficient to pay amounts due on the Debt Securities of such series at the time of the acceleration resulting from such Event of Default. However, the Company will remain liable in respect of such payments.



The Indenture and the Debt Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

#### Regarding the Trustee

The Indenture contains certain limitations on the right of the Trustee, should it become a creditor of the Company, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize for its own account on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The Trustee will be permitted to engage in certain other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest and there is a default under the Debt Securities, it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

The following description of the terms of the Preferred Stock sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock to which any Prospectus Supplement may relate. Certain other terms of any series of the Preferred Stock offered by any Prospectus Supplement will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. The description of certain provisions of the Preferred Stock set forth below and in any Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles of Incorporation"), and the certificate of determination (a "Certificate of Determination") relating to each series of the Preferred Stock which will be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part at or prior to the time of the issuance of such series of the Preferred Stock.

#### Authorized Capital Stock

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 30,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1 par value, 200,000 shares of preferred stock, \$50 par value ("preferred stock of the Company," which term, as used herein, includes the Preferred Stock offered hereby), 500,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock, \$100 par value ("Cumulative Preferred Stock"), 2,000,000 shares of preference stock, \$20 par value ("preference stock of the Company") and 500,000 shares of second preference stock of the Company, \$100 par value (the "Second Preference Stock" and collectively with the preference stock of the Company, the "Preference Stock"). As of September 22, 1994 there were outstanding 21,128,654 shares of Common Stock, 48,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock and 32,580 shares of Second Preference Stock. No shares of preferred stock of the Company or preference stock of the Company were outstanding on this date.

The Company is required to redeem 8,000 shares annually through 1999 of the Cumulative Preferred Stock at par value plus accrued dividends. The Company is also required to redeem the remaining 32,580 shares of its Second Preference Stock on December 1, 1994 at par value plus accrued dividends.

All outstanding shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock are redeemable at the option of the Company at any time upon 30 days' notice at par value plus accrued dividends and a premium equal to the dividend rate in the first year commencing December 1, 1979 and declining ratably each year thereafter to par value. In addition, the Company may redeem up to 8,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock (but not more than 45,000 shares in the aggregate) at par value plus accrued dividends on any mandatory redemption date without payment of a premium. The Company may also redeem the Second Preference Stock at any time at its option upon not more than 60 nor less than 30 days' notice at par value plus accrued dividends.

The dividend rate on the Cumulative Preferred Stock is 9.5% and is cumulative. The dividend rate on the Second Preference Stock is also cumulative and varies from 3 percent to 16 percent based on a formula tied to operating results with respect to the gas distribution system purchased from the Arizona Public Service Corporation, the holder of the Second Preference Stock. During each of the last three years, the dividend rate was 3 percent.

The Articles of Incorporation provide that in the event of involuntary liquidation, (a) before distributions may be made to holders of any other class of Junior Stock (as hereinafter defined), holders of Cumulative Preferred Stock are entitled to payment in full at par value, together with accrued dividends, and (b) before distributions may be made to holders of Common Stock, the holder of the Second Preference Stock is entitled to payment in full at par value plus accrued dividends.



The holders of shares of the Second Preference Stock and Cumulative Preferred Stock are not entitled to notice of any meetings of shareholders or to vote upon the election of directors or upon any question affecting the management or affairs of the Company, except to the extent otherwise provided by law or, with respect to holders of the Cumulative Preferred Stock, the Certificate of Determination for the Cumulative Preferred Stock. The Certificate of Determination for the Cumulative Preferred Stock provides that the holders of all shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock, voting as a class, are entitled to elect two directors to the Board of Directors of the Company whenever four quarterly dividends upon any shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock are in arrears or any mandatory redemption payment is one year in arrears, until all dividends in default and mandatory redemption payments have been made. In addition, an affirmative vote of the holders of all shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock outstanding is required for the authorization or creation (or increase in the authorized amount) of any class of stock ranking senior to the Cumulative Preferred Stock. It is, however, permissible to issue up to 200,000 shares of preferred stock of the Company senior to the Cumulative Preferred Stock. The affirmative vote of 66-2/3% of the outstanding shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock is also required in order (a) to amend the Articles of Incorporation in certain respects that would adversely affect the rights of the holders of Cumulative Preferred Stock, (b) to increase the amount of Cumulative Preferred Stock authorized by the Articles of Incorporation or the authorization or creation of any class of stock ranking on a parity with the Cumulative Preferred Stock, (c) for the Company to sell, lease or convey substantially all of the business of the Company, the parting of control thereof or the merger or consolidation of the Company into another corporation in which the Company is not the surviving corporation, or (d) to issue or reissue any shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock ranking on a parity with the Cumulative Preferred Stock unless certain financial tests are met.

#### Issuance of Preferred Stock

Under the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors of the Company is authorized without further shareholder action to provide for the issuance of up to 200,000 shares of preferred stock of the Company in preference to the holders of Cumulative Preferred Stock, Preference Stock and Common Stock (the Common Stock, Cumulative Preferred Stock and Preference Stock being herein referred to as "Junior Stock"), in one or more series, with such dividend rights, dividend rate, conversion rights, voting rights, rights and time of redemption (including sinking fund provisions), redemption price or prices, liquidation preferences and designation, as shall be stated in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of a series of such preferred stock of the Company adopted, at any time or from time to time, by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Board of Directors may also increase or decrease (but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding) the number of shares of any such series subsequent to the issue of that series.

As described under "Description of Depositary Shares," the Company may, at its option, elect to offer Depositary Shares evidenced by depositary receipts (the "Depositary Receipts"), each representing a fraction (to be specified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to the particular series of the Preferred Stock) of a share of the particular series of the Preferred Stock issued and deposited with a depositary, in lieu of offering full shares of such series of the Preferred Stock.

The Preferred Stock shall have the dividend, liquidation, redemption and voting rights set forth below unless otherwise provided in a Prospectus Supplement relating to a particular series of the Preferred Stock. Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement relating to the particular series of the Preferred Stock offered thereby for specific terms, including: (a) the designation of such Preferred Stock and the number of shares offered; (b) the amount of liquidation preference per share; (c) the initial public offering price at which such Preferred Stock will be issued; (d) the dividend rate (or method of calculation), the dates on which dividends shall be payable and the dates from which dividends shall commence to cumulate, if any; (e) any redemption or sinking fund provisions; (f) any conversion rights; (g) whether the Company has elected to offer Depositary Shares as described below under "Description of Depositary Shares;" and (h) any additional voting, dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking fund and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions.

The Preferred Stock will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will have no preemptive rights. The rights of the holders of each series of the Preferred Stock to receive dividends and distributions of assets will be subordinate to those of the Company's general creditors, but superior to the rights of holders of Junior Stock. See "Description of Common Stock" for a description of certain provisions of State and federal law and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company which may affect holders of Preferred Stock.





Holders of the Preferred Stock of each series will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors of the Company, out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, cash dividends on such dates and at such rates as are set forth in, or as are determined by the method described in, the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of the Preferred Stock. Such rate may be fixed or variable or both. Each such dividend will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on the stock books of the Company (or, if applicable, the records of the Depositary (as hereinafter defined) referred to under "Description of Depositary Shares") on such record dates, fixed by the Board of Directors of the Company, as specified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Preferred Stock.

Such dividends may be cumulative or noncumulative, as provided in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Preferred Stock. If the Board of Directors of the Company fails to declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series of Preferred Stock for which dividends are noncumulative, then the right to receive a dividend in respect of the dividend period ending on such dividend payment date will be lost, and the Company will have no obligation to pay the dividend accrued for such period, whether or not dividends on such series are declared payable on any future dividend payment dates. Dividends on the shares of each series of Preferred Stock for which dividends are cumulative will accrue from the date on which the Company initially issues shares of such series.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, so long as the shares of any series of the Preferred Stock are outstanding, unless (a) full dividends (including if such Preferred Stock is cumulative, dividends for prior dividend periods) have been paid or declared and set apart for payment on all outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock of such series and all other classes and series of preferred stock of the Company (other than Junior Stock) and (b) the Company is not in default or in arrears with respect to the mandatory or optional redemption or mandatory repurchase or other mandatory retirement of, or with respect to any sinking or other analogous fund for, any shares of Preferred Stock of such series or any shares of any other preferred stock of the Company of any class or series (other than Junior Stock), the Company may not declare any dividends on any shares of Common Stock of the Company or any other stock of the Company ranking as to dividends or distributions of assets junior to such series of Preferred Stock, or make any payment on account of, or set apart money for, the purchase, redemption or other retirement of, or for a sinking or other analogous fund for, any shares of Junior Stock or make any distribution in respect thereof, whether in cash or property or in obligations or stock of the Company, other than Junior Stock which is neither convertible into, nor exchangeable or exercisable for, any securities of the Company other than Junior Stock.

#### Liquidation Preferences

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of each series of the Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to shareholders, before any distribution of assets is made to the holders of Junior Stock, the amount set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of the Preferred Stock. If, upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the amounts payable with respect to the Preferred Stock of any series and any other shares of preferred stock of the Company (including any other series of the Preferred Stock) ranking as to any such distribution on a parity with such series of the Preferred Stock are not paid in full, the holders of the Preferred Stock of such series and of such other shares of preferred stock of the Company will share ratably in any such distribution of assets of the Company in proportion to the full respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled. After payment to the holders of the Preferred Stock of each series of the full preferential amounts of the liquidating distribution to which they are entitled, the holders of each such series of the Preferred Stock will be entitled to no further participation in any distribution of assets by the Company.

#### Redemption

A series of the Preferred Stock may be redeemable, in whole or from time to time in part, at the option of the Company, and may be subject to mandatory redemption pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise, in each case upon terms, at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, shares of the Preferred Stock redeemed by the Company will be restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company.



In the event that fewer than all of the outstanding shares of a series of the Preferred Stock are to be redeemed, whether by mandatory or optional redemption, the number of shares to be redeemed will be determined by lot or pro rata (subject to rounding to avoid fractional shares) as may be determined by the Company or by any other method as may be determined by the Company in its sole discretion to be equitable. From and after the redemption date (unless default is made by the Company in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any) dividends will cease to accumulate on the shares of the Preferred Stock called for redemption and all rights of the holders thereof (except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any) will cease.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, so long as any dividends on shares of any series of the Preferred Stock or any other series of preferred stock of the Company ranking on a parity as to dividends and distribution of assets with such series of the Preferred Stock are in arrears, no shares of any such series of the Preferred Stock or such other series of preferred stock of the Company will be redeemed (whether by mandatory or optional redemption) unless all such shares are simultaneously redeemed, and the Company will not purchase or otherwise acquire any such shares; provided, however, that the foregoing will not prevent the purchase or acquisition of such shares pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all such shares outstanding.

#### Conversion Rights

The terms, if any, on which shares of Preferred Stock of any series may be exchanged for or converted (mandatorily or otherwise) into shares of Common Stock or another series of Preferred Stock will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. See "Description of Common Stock."

#### Voting Rights

Except as indicated below or in a Prospectus Supplement relating to a particular series of the Preferred Stock, or except as required by applicable law, the holders of the Preferred Stock will not be entitled to vote for any purpose.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, so long as any shares of the Preferred Stock of a series remain outstanding, the consent or the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast with respect to the then outstanding shares of such series of the Preferred Stock together with any Other Preferred Stock (as defined below), voting as one class, either expressed in writing or at a meeting called for that purpose, will be necessary (a) to permit, effect or validate the authorization, or any increase in the authorized amount, of any class or series of shares of the Company ranking prior to the Preferred Stock of such series as to dividends, voting or upon distribution of assets and (b) to repeal, amend or otherwise change any of the provisions applicable to the Preferred Stock of such series in any manner which adversely affects the powers, preferences, voting power or other rights or privileges of such series of the Preferred Stock. In case any series of the Preferred Stock would be so affected by any such action referred to in clause (b) above in a different manner than one or more series of the Other Preferred Stock then outstanding, the holders of shares of the Preferred Stock of such series, together with any series of the Other Preferred Stock which will be similarly affected, will be entitled to vote as a class, and the Company will not take such action without the consent or affirmative vote, as above provided, of at least a majority of the total number of votes entitled to be cast with respect to each such series of the Preferred Stock and the Other Preferred Stock, then outstanding, in lieu of the consent or affirmative vote hereinabove otherwise required.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, with respect to any matter as to which the Preferred Stock of any series is entitled to vote, holders of the Preferred Stock of such series and any other series of preferred stock of the Company ranking on a parity with such series of the Preferred Stock as to dividends and distributions of assets and which by its terms provides for similar voting rights (the "Other Preferred Stock") will be entitled to cast the number of votes set forth in the Prospectus Supplement with respect to that series of Preferred Stock. As a result of the provisions described in the preceding paragraph requiring the holders of shares of a series of the Preferred Stock to vote together as a class with the holders of shares of one or more series of Other Preferred Stock, it is possible that the holders of such shares of Other Preferred Stock could approve action that would adversely affect such series of Preferred Stock, including the creation of a class of capital stock ranking prior to such series of Preferred Stock as to dividends, voting or distributions of assets.



As more fully described below under "Description of Depositary Shares," if the Company elects to issue Depositary Shares, each representing a fraction of a share of a series of the Preferred Stock, each such Depositary Share will, in effect, be entitled to such fraction of a vote per Depositary Share.

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

Unless otherwise indicated in a Prospectus Supplement relating thereto, the Company will be the transfer agent, dividend and redemption price disbursement agent and registrar for shares of each series of the Preferred Stock.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

The description set forth below and in any Prospectus Supplement of certain provisions of the Deposit Agreement (as defined below) and of the Depositary Shares and Depositary Receipts does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Deposit Agreement and Depositary Receipts relating to each series of the Preferred Stock which will be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part at or prior to the time of the issuance of such series of the Preferred Stock. The forms of Deposit Agreement and Depositary Receipt are filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part.

#### General

The Company may, at its option, elect to offer fractional shares of Preferred Stock rather than full shares of Preferred Stock. In the event such option is exercised, the Company will issue to the public receipts for Depositary Shares, each of which will represent a fraction (to be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to a particular series of the Preferred Stock) of a share of a particular series of the Preferred Stock as described below.

The shares of any series of the Preferred Stock represented by Depositary Shares will be deposited under a separate deposit agreement (the "Deposit Agreement") among the Company, a bank or trust company selected by the Company (the "Depositary") and the holders from time to time of the Depositary Receipts. Subject to the terms of the Deposit Agreement, each owner of a Depositary Share will in general be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a share of Preferred Stock represented by such Depositary Share, to all the rights and preferences of the Preferred Stock represented thereby (including dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights).

The Depositary Shares relating to any series of the Preferred Stock will be evidenced by Depositary Receipts issued pursuant to the related Deposit Agreement. Depositary Receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing such Depositary Shares in accordance with the terms of the offering made by the related Prospectus Supplement.

Upon surrender of Depositary Receipts at the office of the Depositary and upon payment of the charges provided in the Deposit Agreement and subject to the terms thereof, a holder of Depositary Receipts is entitled to have the Depositary deliver to such holder the whole shares of Preferred Stock underlying the Depositary Shares evidenced by the surrendered Depositary Receipts. However, there may be no market for the underlying Preferred Stock and once the underlying Preferred Stock is withdrawn from the Depositary, it may not be redeposited.

#### Dividends and Other Distributions

The Depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions received in respect of the Preferred Stock to the record holders of Depositary Receipts relating to such Preferred Stock in proportion, insofar as practicable, to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by such Depositary Receipts held by such holders on the relevant record date. The Depositary will distribute only such amount, however, as can be distributed without attributing to any holder of Depositary Receipts a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributed will be added to and treated as part of the next sum received by the Depositary for distribution to record holders of Depositary Receipts then outstanding.

In the event of a distribution other than in cash, the Depositary will distribute such amounts of the securities or property received by it as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary



Shares evidenced by the Depositary Receipts held by such holders on the relevant record date, unless the Depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such distribution, in which case the Depositary may, with the approval of the Company, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale of such securities or property.

The Deposit Agreement will also contain provisions relating to the manner in which any subscription or similar rights offered by the Company to holders of the Preferred Stock will be made available to holders of Depositary Receipts.

The amount distributed in all of the foregoing cases will be reduced by any amounts required to be withheld by the Company or the Depositary on account of taxes and governmental charges.

#### Redemption of Depositary Shares

If a series of the Preferred Stock represented by Depositary Shares is subject to redemption, the Depositary Shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the Depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of such series of the Preferred Stock held by the Depositary. The Depositary will mail notice of redemption not less than 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the record holders of the Depositary Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed at their respective addresses appearing in the Depositary's books. The redemption price per Depositary Share will be equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share payable with respect to such series of the Preferred Stock plus all money and other property, if any, payable with respect to such Depositary Share, including all amounts payable by the Company in respect of any accumulated but unpaid dividends. Whenever the Company redeems shares of Preferred Stock held by the Depositary, the Depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date the number of Depositary Shares representing shares of Preferred Stock so redeemed. If less than all the Depositary Shares are to be redeemed, the Depositary Shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or pro rata (subject to rounding to avoid fractions of Depositary Shares) as may be determined by the Depositary.

After the date fixed for redemption, the Depositary Shares so called for redemption will no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of Depositary Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares will cease, except the right to receive the moneys payable upon such redemption and any moneys or other property to which such holders were entitled upon such redemption upon surrender to the Depositary of the Depositary Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares.

#### Voting the Preferred Stock

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting or action to be taken by written consent at or as to which the holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to vote or consent, the Depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting or action to the record holders of the Depositary Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares relating to such Preferred Stock. Each record holder of such Depositary Receipts on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the Preferred Stock) will be entitled to instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights or the giving or refusal of consent, as the case may be, pertaining to the number of shares of the Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such holder's Depositary Receipts. The Depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote, or give or withhold consent with respect to, the maximum number of whole shares of the Preferred Stock represented by all Depositary Shares as to which any particular voting or consent instructions are received, and the Company will agree to take all action which may be deemed necessary by the Depositary in order to enable the Depositary to do so. The Depositary will abstain from voting, or giving consents with respect to, shares of the Preferred Stock to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of Depositary Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares representing such Preferred Stock.

#### Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

The form of Depositary Receipt evidencing the Depositary Shares relating to any series of Preferred Stock and any provision of the related Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Company and the Depositary in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable. However, any amendment which imposes or increases any fees, taxes or charges upon holders of Depositary Shares or Depositary Receipts relating to any series of Preferred Stock or which materially and adversely alters the existing rights of such holders will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the record holders of Depositary Receipts evidencing at least





a majority of such Depositary Shares then outstanding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such amendment may impair the right of any holder of Depositary Shares or Depositary Receipts to receive any moneys or other property to which such holder may be entitled under the terms of such Depositary Receipts or the Deposit Agreement at the times and in the manner and amount provided for therein. A Deposit Agreement may be terminated by the Company or the Depositary only after (a) all outstanding Depositary Shares relating thereto have been redeemed and any accumulated and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares, together with all other moneys and property, if any, to which holders of the related Depositary Receipts are entitled under the terms of such Depositary Receipts or the related Deposit Agreement, have been paid or distributed as provided in the Deposit Agreement or provision therefor has been duly made, (b) there has been a final distribution in respect of the Preferred Stock of the relevant series in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and such distribution has been distributed to the holders of the related Depositary Receipts, or (c) in the event the Depositary Shares relate to a series of Preferred Stock which is convertible into shares of Common Stock or another series of Preferred Stock, all outstanding Depositary Shares have been converted into shares of Common Stock or another series of Preferred Stock.

#### Miscellaneous

The Depositary will forward to record holders of Depositary Receipts, at their respective addresses appearing in the Depositary's books, all reports and communications from the Company which are delivered to the Depositary and which the Company is required to furnish to the holders of the Preferred Stock or Depositary Receipts.

The Company will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. The Company will pay charges of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the Preferred Stock and the initial issuance of the Depositary Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares, any redemption of the Preferred Stock and any withdrawals of Preferred Stock by the holders of Depositary Shares. Holders of Depositary Shares will pay other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and such other charges as are expressly provided in the Deposit Agreement to be for their accounts.

The Deposit Agreement will contain provisions relating to adjustments in the fraction of a share of Preferred Stock represented by a Depositary Share in the event of a change in par value, split-up, combination or other reclassification of the Preferred Stock or upon any recapitalization, merger or sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company as an entirety.

Neither the Depositary nor any of its agents nor any registrar nor the Company will be (a) liable if it is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond its control in performing its obligations under the Deposit Agreement, (b) subject to any liability under the Deposit Agreement to holders of Depositary Receipts other than for the relevant party's gross negligence or willful misconduct, or (c) obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any Depositary Receipts, Depositary Shares or the Preferred Stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. They may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, or information provided by holders of Depositary Receipts or other persons in good faith believed to be competent and on documents reasonably believed to be genuine.

#### Resignation or Removal of Depositary

The Depositary may resign at any time by delivering to the Company notice of its election to do so, and the Company may at any time remove the Depositary, any such resignation or removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor Depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal.

#### DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

##### General

The holders of the outstanding shares of Common Stock have full voting rights, one vote for each share held of record. Upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company (but subject to the rights of holders of preferred stock of the Company, Cumulative Preferred Stock and Preference Stock), the assets legally available for distribution to holders of Common Stock will be



distributed ratably among such holders. Holders of Common Stock have no preemptive or other subscription or conversion rights, and no liability for further calls upon shares. The Common Stock is not subject to assessment. Shares of Common Stock may be issued in series with a special initial dividend rate as hereinafter described (any such series, being referred to herein as "Special Common Stock"). No shares of Special Common Stock were outstanding on September 26, 1994.

Subject to the rights of holders of preferred stock of the Company, Cumulative Preferred Stock and Preference Stock, holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive such dividends as may be declared by the Board of Directors of the Company out of funds legally available therefor. Dividends on all series of Common Stock must have the same record and payment dates. No series of Common Stock may have preference over any other series as to the payment of dividends, but the amount of cash dividends paid may vary among series.

Under the terms of the Articles of Incorporation, the initial dividend rate on any Special Common Stock issued by the Company must be established by the Board of Directors of the Company at or before the issuance thereof at an annual rate greater than four times the last quarterly dividend paid on Common Stock which is not Special Common Stock (referred to herein as "Original Common Stock"). The initial dividend rate on any series of Special Common Stock offered by any Prospectus Supplement will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

The initial dividend rate on each share of Special Common Stock must be reduced if the quarterly dividend on a share of Original Common Stock is reduced and on the same percentage basis. The initial dividend rate on each share of Special Common Stock must also be increased if the dividend on a share of Original Common Stock is increased and on the same percentage basis; provided that at no time may the dividend on a share of Special Common Stock of any series exceed the greater of (a) one-fourth of the initial annual dividend rate established at the time of issuance of any such share of Special Common Stock, or (b) the dividend rate concurrently being paid on each of the outstanding shares of Original Common Stock. Shares of Special Common Stock of any series will cease to be shares of Special Common Stock (and will thereafter be considered to be shares of Original Common Stock) at any time that the aggregate of all dividends paid during any fiscal year on shares of Special Common Stock of that series fails to exceed the aggregate of all dividends paid by the Company during such year on each share of Original Common Stock.

The Company is the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock.

#### Certain Provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

The Company's Articles of Incorporation contain provisions which require a super-majority vote of the holders of Common Stock in order for certain types of business combinations to be approved. These provisions are applicable to (a) any merger or consolidation of the Company with or into a dominant stockholder (as hereinafter defined) or any entity controlled by a dominant stockholder, (b) any merger of a dominant stockholder with or into the Company or any corporation controlled by or under common control with the Company, (c) any sale, lease, exchange or transfer of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company to a dominant stockholder or any entity controlled by or under common control with a dominant stockholder, (d) any purchase, lease, exchange, transfer or acquisition by the Company of all or substantially all of the property and assets of a dominant stockholder or any entity controlled by or under common control with a dominant stockholder, (e) any recapitalization of the Company that would have the effect of increasing the voting power of a dominant stockholder, and (f) any agreement, contract or other arrangement providing for any of the foregoing. The term "dominant stockholder" is defined as any person that, together with any affiliate or associate, beneficially owns in the aggregate 10% or more of the outstanding Common Stock of the Company.

The affirmative vote of not fewer than 85% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock must approve a business combination, unless (a) the Board of Directors of the Company has approved the business combination by the affirmative vote of (i) not fewer than 65% of its members if the business combination is approved in advance of the dominant stockholder becoming a dominant stockholder or the acquisition of shares of Common Stock that caused the dominant stockholder to become a dominant stockholder has been approved in advance, or (ii) not fewer than 85% of its members in all other circumstances, or (b) the Board of Directors of the Company by an affirmative vote of not fewer than 85% has determined that the cash or fair value of the properties, securities or other consideration to be received by the holders of Common Stock in the business combination is not less than the highest per share price paid by the dominant stockholder in acquiring any of its holdings of the Common Stock. These provisions may only be amended by an affirmative vote of 65% of



the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock, unless there is a dominant stockholder at the time of the vote, in which event a vote of 85% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock is required.

California law permits corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of their directors in any action, including actions brought by the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of a director's fiduciary duty of care. The duty of care requires that, when acting on behalf of the corporation, a director must act in good faith, in a manner such director believes to be in the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. As a result, the available relief to a corporation and its shareholders may be limited to equitable remedies such as injunction or rescission if a company indemnifies its directors to the fullest extent permitted by California law.

Article VIII of the Company's Bylaws limits the liability of directors of the Company to the Company or its shareholders (in their capacity as directors, but not in their capacity as officers) to the fullest extent permitted by California law. Specifically, directors of the Company are not personally liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of a director's fiduciary duty as a director, except (a) on account of profits made in connection with a purchase or sale of securities in violation of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, (b) if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that indemnification is unlawful, (c) for acts or omissions involving intentional misconduct or knowing and culpable violations of law, (d) for acts or omissions that the director believed to be contrary to the best interests of the Company or its shareholders or that involve the absence of good faith on the part of the director, (e) for any transaction for which the director derived an improper benefit, (f) for acts or omissions that show a reckless disregard for the director's duty to the Company or its shareholders in circumstances in which the director was aware, or should have been aware, in the ordinary course of performing his or her duties, of a risk of serious injury to the Company or its shareholders, (g) for acts or omissions that constitute an unexcused pattern of inattention that amounts to an abdication of the director's duties to the corporation or its shareholders, (h) for liabilities arising out of transactions in which the director had a personal interest, (i) for the approval of distributions to the Company's shareholders in violation of California law, or (j) for the approval of the making by the Company of any loan of money or property to a director or officer of the Company or the guarantee of the obligations of any such director or officer in violation of California law. The inclusion of this provision in the Company's Bylaws may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of litigation against directors of the Company, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited the Company or its shareholders.

#### Certain Provisions of State and Federal Law

Arizona regulates certain business combinations by an "interested shareholder" of a public corporation if the public corporation (a) has issued securities under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, (b) has its principal place of business in the State of Arizona, (c) owns or controls assets located within the State of Arizona with a fair market value of at least one million dollars, and (d) has more than 500 employees in the State of Arizona. The Company believes that these provisions are currently applicable to the Company. A person becomes an interested shareholder under the Arizona business combination statute upon the acquisition of 10% or more of the outstanding voting shares of the public corporation. The term "business combination" is broadly defined to include not only acquisitions, but also restructuring transactions and transactions in which the interested shareholder, or its associates or affiliates, receive financial assistance or tax advantages from the public corporation. Business combinations must be approved by a majority of the members of a committee of disinterested directors in advance of the interested person becoming an interested person or the consummation of the business combination must be delayed for three years and the price to be paid must meet certain fair price criteria. The committee must consider the long term interests of the public corporation in connection with approving any such transaction. Additional restrictions are applicable to acquisitions of control of 20% or more of a public corporation's voting stock.

Under California law, if a tender offer or a written proposal for approval of a reorganization of a corporation or a sale of substantially all of its assets is made by an "interested party", an affirmative opinion in writing as to the fairness of the consideration to be received by the shareholders must be delivered to each shareholder. The term "interested party" means a person who is a party to the transaction and who (a) directly or indirectly controls the corporation that is the subject of the tender offer or proposal, (b) is, or is directly or indirectly controlled by, an officer or director of the corporation, or (c) is an entity in which a material financial interest is held by any director or executive officer.

No public utility or any of its affiliates may acquire any of the capital stock of a public utility organized under California law, without CPUC



approval, if (a) the acquiror transacts business in California, or (b) the CPUC determines that CPUC approval is otherwise required by the public interest. In addition, a change in control application must be filed with the CPUC in connection with any change in control of a public utility organized under California law. PSCN approval is also required prior to any proposed transfer of 15% or more of the common stock of a public utility doing business in Nevada.

No person may acquire 5% or more of the voting stock of a gas utility (other than by merger), without Commission approval, if such person owns 5% or more of the stock of another public utility or public utility holding company. A registered public utility holding company may not acquire any security of another gas utility without Commission approval, unless the transaction is exempt under the Public Utilities Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (the "PUHCA"), or the regulations promulgated thereunder. A person becomes a holding company required to be registered under PUHCA upon acquisition of 10% or more of the voting stock of a gas utility, unless the Commission determines that the person does not control the gas utility. The Commission may condition any such determination upon the applicant refraining from exercising voting rights, controlling proxies or designating officers or directors. The Commission may not approve the acquisition of securities of a gas utility unless it determines that the acquisition would tend toward the economical and efficient development of an integrated public utility system and would not be detrimental to investor interests. The Commission may also condition its approval of the acquisition of the securities of a gas utility upon a fair offer being made for the other securities of the utility.

In addition to being a gas utility, the Company is also a savings and loan holding company. No person may acquire control of a savings and loan holding company without the prior approval of the OTS, unless the transaction is exempt. A person is conclusively deemed to have obtained control of a savings and loan holding company if it (a) has acquired any combination of voting stock and irrevocable proxies representing more than 25% of any class of voting stock of the savings and loan holding company, or (b) controls in any manner the election of a majority of the directors of the savings and loan holding company or savings and loan association. A person who has acquired more than 10% of any class of voting stock of the savings and loan holding company may also be deemed to have control of the savings and loan holding company if certain control factors are present.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Company may sell the Securities to one or more underwriters for public offering and sale by them or may sell the Securities to investors directly or through agents. Any such underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of Securities will be named in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. The Company has reserved the right to sell Securities directly to investors on its own behalf in those jurisdictions where and in such manner as it is authorized to do so.

Underwriters may offer and sell Securities at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The Company also may offer and sell Securities in exchange for one or more of its outstanding issues of the Securities or other securities. The Company also may, from time to time, authorize dealers, acting as the Company's agents, to offer and sell Securities upon the terms and conditions as are set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. In connection with the sale of Securities, underwriters may receive compensation from the Company in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from purchasers of the Securities for whom they may act as agent. Underwriters may sell Securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent.

Any underwriting compensation paid by the Company to underwriters or agents in connection with the offering of Securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers, will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. Dealers and agents participating in the distribution of Securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the Securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled, under agreements entered into with the Company, to indemnification against and contribution toward certain civil liabilities.

Securities may also be offered and sold, if so indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more firms ("remarketing firms"), acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for the Company. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the





terms of its agreement, if any, with the Company and its compensation will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters in connection with the Securities remarketed thereby. Remarketing firms may be entitled under agreements which may be entered into with the Company to indemnification by the Company against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for the Company in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company will authorize dealers acting as the Company's agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase the Securities from the Company at the public offering price set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts ("Contracts") providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in such Prospectus Supplement. Each Contract will be for an amount not less than, and the aggregate principal amount of the Securities sold pursuant to Contracts will be not less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. Institutions with whom Contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions, and other institutions but will in all cases be subject to the approval of the Company. Contracts will not be subject to any conditions except (a) the purchase by an institution of the Securities covered by its Contract may not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States to which such institution is subject, and (b) if the Securities are being sold to underwriters, the Company must have sold to such underwriters the total principal amount of such Securities less the principal amount thereof covered by Contracts.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Offered Securities will be passed upon for the Company by O'Melveny & Myers.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedules of the Company incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to its Annual Report on Form 10-K have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, as indicated in their reports with respect thereto, and are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing in giving said reports.



No dealer, salesperson or other individual has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus in connection with the offer made by this Prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company or any agent, dealer or underwriter. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Company since the date hereof. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any state in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

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## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution\*

Registration fee . . . . .	\$103,449
Rating agency fees . . . . .	**
Printing and engraving expenses . . . . .	**
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\*Expenses are estimated except for the registration fee.

\*\*To be filed by amendment.

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 317 of the General Corporation Law of California provides that a corporation has the power, and in some cases is required, to indemnify an agent, including a director or officer, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding, against certain expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts under certain circumstances. Article VIII of the Registrant's Bylaws provides for the indemnification of directors, officers and agents as allowed by statute. In addition, the Registrant has purchased directors and officers insurance policies which provide insurance against certain liabilities for directors and officers.

## Item 16. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
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3.01	Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (included as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement No. 2-92938 on Form S-2 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.01	Form of Deposit Agreement.
4.02	Form of Depositary Receipt (attached as Exhibit A to Deposit Agreement included as Exhibit 4.01 hereto).
4.03	Form of Indenture relating to the Debt Securities.
* 5.01	Opinion of O'Melveny & Myers as to the validity of the Securities.
12.01	Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
23.01	Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP
*23.02	Consent of O'Melveny & Myers (included in Exhibit 5.01).
24.01	Power of Attorney (included on pages II-3 and II-4).

\* To be filed by amendment.



## Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, unless the information required to be included in such post-effective amendment is contained in a periodic report filed by Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and incorporated herein by reference;

(ii) To reflect in the Prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement, unless the information required to be included in such post-effective amendment is contained in a periodic report filed by Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934 and incorporated herein by reference;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 15 above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.





## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Las Vegas, State of Nevada, on September 21, 1994.

## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By MICHAEL O. MAFFIE  
 Michael O. Maffie  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Each person whose signature appears below authorizes Michael O. Maffie and George C. Biehl, and each of them, as attorneys-in-fact, to sign any amendment, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement on his or her behalf, individually and in each capacity stated below, and to file any such amendment.

Signature -----	Title -----	Date ----
<u>MICHAEL O. MAFFIE</u> (Michael O. Maffie)	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	September 21, 1994
<u>GEORGE C. BIEHL</u> (George C. Biehl)	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	September 21, 1994
<u>EDWARD A. JANOV</u> (Edward A. Janov)	Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	September 21, 1994
<u>RALPH C. BATASTINI</u> (Ralph C. Batastini)	Director	September 19, 1994
<u>MANUEL J. CORTEZ</u> (Manuel J. Cortez)	Director	September 19, 1994
<u>LLOYD T. DYER</u> (Lloyd T. Dyer)	Director	September 19, 1994



Signature  
-----Title  
-----Date  
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KENNY C. GUINN

(Kenny C. Guinn)

Chairman of the Board  
of Directors

September 19, 1994

THOMAS Y. HARTLEY

(Thomas Y. Hartley)

Director

September 19, 1994

(Michael B. Jager)

Director

September \_\_, 1994

(Leonard R. Judd)

Director

September \_\_, 1994

JAMES R. LINCICOME

(James R. Lincicome)

Director

September 19, 1994

CAROLYN M. SPARKS

(Carolyn M. Sparks)

Director

September 19, 1994

(Robert S. Sundt)

Director

September \_\_, 1994

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION,

\_\_\_\_\_, As Depositary

AND

THE HOLDERS FROM TIME TO TIME OF  
THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS DESCRIBED HEREIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit Agreement  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_

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EXHIBIT A: Form of Depositary Receipt



DEPOSIT AGREEMENT dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_\_\_, among  
 SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION,  
 a California corporation,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 a \_\_\_\_\_,  
 and the holders from time to time of  
 the Receipts described herein.

WHEREAS it is desired to provide, as hereinafter set forth in this Deposit Agreement, for the deposit of shares of \_\_\_\_\_% Preferred Stock, \$50 par value, of SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION with the Depositary (as hereinafter defined) for the purposes set forth in this Deposit Agreement and for the issuance hereunder of Receipts (as hereinafter defined) evidencing Depositary Shares (as hereinafter defined) so deposited;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

##### Definitions

The following definitions shall for all purposes, unless otherwise indicated, apply to the respective terms used in this Deposit Agreement and the Receipts:

"Certificate" shall mean the certificate of determination filed with the Secretary of State of the State of California establishing the Stock as a series of preferred stock of the Company.

["Common Stock" shall mean the shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$1 par value.] [IF STOCK IS CONVERTIBLE INTO A SECURITY OTHER THAN COMMON STOCK, SUBSTITUTE A DEFINITION OF THE OTHER SECURITY AND REVISE REFERENCES THROUGHOUT.]

"Company" shall mean Southwest Gas Corporation, a California corporation, and its successors.

"Deposit Agreement" shall mean this Deposit Agreement, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Depositary" shall mean \_\_\_\_\_, and any successor as Depositary and registrar to register ownership and transfers of Depositary Shares hereunder as herein provided.



"Depository Shares" shall mean Depository Shares, each representing a \_\_\_\_\_ interest in a share of Stock and evidenced by a Receipt.

"Depository's Agent" shall mean an agent appointed by the Depository pursuant to Section 7.05.

"Depository's Office" shall mean the principal office of the Depository in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at which at any particular time its depository receipt business shall be administered.

"Receipt" shall mean one of the depository receipts issued hereunder, whether in definitive or temporary form.

"record holder" as applied to a Receipt shall mean the person in whose name a Receipt is registered on the books of the Depository maintained for such purpose.

"Stock" shall mean shares of the Company's \_\_\_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Stock, \$50 par value.

## ARTICLE II

### Form of Receipts, Deposit of Stock, Execution and Delivery, Transfer, Surrender and Redemption of Receipts

SECTION 2.01. Form and Transfer of Receipts. Definitive Receipts shall be engraved or printed or lithographed and shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A annexed to this Deposit Agreement, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided. Pending the preparation of definitive Receipts, the Depository, upon the written order of the Company delivered in compliance with Section 2.02, shall execute and deliver temporary Receipts which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise substantially of the tenor of the definitive Receipts in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the persons executing such Receipts may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Receipts. If temporary Receipts are issued, the Company and the Depository will cause definitive Receipts to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Receipts, the temporary Receipts shall be exchangeable for definitive Receipts upon surrender of the temporary Receipts at an office described in the third paragraph of Section 2.02, without charge to the holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Receipts, the Depository shall execute and deliver in exchange therefor definitive Receipts representing the same number of Depository Shares as represented by the surrendered temporary Receipt or Receipts. Such exchange shall be made at the Company's expense and without any charge therefor.



Until so exchanged, the temporary Receipts shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Deposit Agreement, and with respect to the Stock, as definitive Receipts.

Receipts shall be executed by the Depository by the manual signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depository. No Receipt shall be entitled to any benefits under this Deposit Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless it shall have been executed manually by a duly authorized officer of the Depository. The Depository shall record on its books each Receipt so signed and delivered as hereinafter provided.

Receipts shall be in denominations of any number of whole Depository Shares.

Receipts may be endorsed with or have incorporated in the text thereof such legends or recitals or changes not inconsistent with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement as may be required by the Company or the Depository or required to comply with any applicable law or any regulation thereunder or with the rules and regulations of any securities exchange upon which the Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts may be listed or to conform with any usage with respect thereto, or to indicate any special limitations or restrictions to which any particular Receipts are subject.

Title to Depository Shares evidenced by a Receipt which is properly endorsed, or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, shall be transferable by delivery with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument; provided, however, that until transfer of a Receipt shall be registered on the books of the Depository as provided in Section 2.05, the Depository may, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, treat the record holder thereof at such time as the absolute owner thereof for the purpose of determining the person entitled to receive distributions of dividends or other distributions, withdraw any Stock underlying the Depository Shares, exercise any conversion rights or to receive any notice provided for in this Deposit Agreement and for all other purposes.

SECTION 2.02. Deposit of Stock; Execution and Delivery of Receipts in Respect Thereof. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Company may from time to time deposit shares of Stock under this Deposit Agreement by delivery to the Depository of a certificate or certificates for the Stock to be deposited, properly endorsed or accompanied, if required by the Depository, by a duly executed instrument of transfer or endorsement, in form satisfactory to the Depository, together with all such certifications as may be required by the Depository in accordance with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement, and together with a written order of the Company directing the Depository to execute and deliver to, or upon the





written order of, the person or persons stated in such order a Receipt or Receipts for the number of Depositary Shares relating to such deposited Stock.

Deposited Stock shall be held by the Depositary at the Depositary's Office or at such other place or places as the Depositary shall determine.

Upon receipt by the Depositary of a certificate or certificates for Stock deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Section, together with the other documents required as above specified, and upon recordation of the Stock so deposited on the books of the Company in the name of the Depositary or its nominee, the Depositary, subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, shall execute and deliver, to or upon the order of the person or persons named in the written order delivered to the Depositary referred to in the first paragraph of this Section, a Receipt or Receipts for the number of Depositary Shares relating to the Stock so deposited and registered in such name or names as may be requested by such person or persons. The Depositary shall execute and deliver such Receipt or Receipts at the Depositary's Office or such other offices, if any, as the Depositary may designate. Delivery at other offices shall be at the risk and expense of the person requesting such delivery.

Other than in the case of splits, combinations or other reclassifications affecting the Stock, or in the case of dividends or other distributions of Stock, if any, there shall be deposited hereunder not more than \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Stock.

SECTION 2.03. Redemption of Stock. Whenever the Company shall elect to redeem shares of Stock in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate, it shall (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Depositary) mail notice to the Depositary of such proposed redemption, by first class mail, postage prepaid not less than \_\_\_\_\_ nor more than \_\_\_\_\_ days prior to the date fixed for redemption of Stock in accordance with Section 4 of the Certificate. On the date of such redemption, provided that the Company shall then have paid in full to the Depositary the redemption price of the Stock to be redeemed, as set forth in the Certificate, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon to and including the Redemption Date (as defined below), the Depositary shall redeem the Depositary Shares relating to such Stock. The Depositary shall mail notice of such redemption and the proposed simultaneous redemption of the number of Depositary Shares relating to the Stock to be redeemed, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, not less than 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption of such Stock and Depositary Shares (the "Redemption Date"), to the record holders of the Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed, at the addresses of such holders as they appear on the records of the Depositary; but neither failure to mail any such notice to one or more such holders nor any defect in any notice to one or more such holders



shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for redemption as to other holders. Each such notice shall state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the number of Depositary Shares to be redeemed and, if less than all the Depositary Shares held by any such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such Depositary Shares held by such holder to be so redeemed; (iii) the redemption price (which shall include any accrued and unpaid dividends to and including the Redemption Date); (iv) the place or places where Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; (v) that dividends in respect of the Stock underlying the Depositary Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate after the close of business on such Redemption Date; and (vi) that the right to convert Depositary Shares into shares of Common Stock or other securities will expire after the close of business on the \_\_\_\_ day preceding the Redemption Date; the then-effective conversion price and the place or places where Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares are to be surrendered for conversion. In case less than all the outstanding Depositary Shares are to be redeemed, the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed shall be selected by lot or pro rata (subject to rounding to avoid fractions of Depositary Shares) as may be determined by the Depositary to be equitable.

Notice having been mailed by the Depositary as aforesaid (unless the Company shall have failed to redeem the shares of Stock to be redeemed by it as set forth in the Company's notice provided for in the preceding paragraph), (i) after the close of business on the \_\_\_\_ day preceding the Redemption Date, all conversion rights in respect of the Depositary Shares called for redemption on such Redemption Date will terminate and (ii) from and after the Redemption Date all dividends in respect of the Depositary Shares so called for redemption shall cease to accumulate, the Depositary Shares being redeemed from such proceeds shall be deemed no longer to be outstanding, all remaining rights of the holders of Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price without interest) shall, to the extent of such Depositary Shares, cease and terminate and, upon surrender in accordance with such notice of the Receipts evidencing any such Depositary Shares (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Depositary shall so require), such Depositary Shares shall be redeemed by the Depositary at a redemption price per Depositary Share equal to \_\_\_\_\_ of the redemption price per share paid in respect of the shares of Stock plus all money and other property, if any, paid with respect to such Depositary Shares, including all amounts paid by the Company in respect of dividends which on the Redemption Date have accumulated on the shares of Stock to be so redeemed and have not theretofore been paid.



If less than all the Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt are called for redemption, the Depositary will deliver to the holder of such Receipt upon its surrender to the Depositary, together with the redemption payment, a new Receipt evidencing the Depositary Shares evidenced by such prior Receipt and not called for redemption.

SECTION 2.04. Conversion of Stock into Common Stock. The Company hereby agrees to accept the delivery of Receipts for purposes of effecting conversions of the Stock utilizing the same procedures as those provided for delivery of certificates for the Stock to effect such conversions in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Stock as provided in the Certificate. Any whole number of Depositary Shares (whether or not evenly divisible by \_\_\_) represented by a Receipt may be surrendered for conversion. If the Depositary Shares represented by a Receipt are to be converted in part only, a new Receipt or Receipts will be issued by the Depositary for the Depositary Shares not to be converted. No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon conversion, and if such conversion will result in a fractional share being issued, an amount will be paid in cash by the Company equal to the value of the fractional interest based upon the closing price of the Common Stock on the last business day prior to the conversion. For this purpose, a holder of a Receipt or Receipts must surrender such Receipt or Receipts to the Company, together with a duly completed and executed Notice of Conversion in the form included in the Receipt. In all cases the foregoing shall be conditioned upon compliance in full by the holders with the applicable terms and conditions of the Stock as provided in the Certificate and of this Deposit Agreement. The Company and the Depositary will thereafter effect the cancellation of each Receipt surrendered for such conversion and of the related Stock so converted. In the event that the conversion of Depositary Shares results in issuance of a fraction of a share of Stock, the Depositary will make appropriate adjustment in its records to reflect such issuance and, if appropriate, the combination of any fractions of shares into one or more whole shares of Stock.

Upon conversion no adjustments will be made for accrued dividends and, therefore, Depositary Shares surrendered for conversion after the record date next preceding a dividend payment date for the Stock and prior to such dividend payment date must be accompanied by payment of an amount equal to the applicable fraction of the dividend thereon which is to be paid on such dividend payment date (unless the Depositary Shares surrendered for conversion have been called for redemption prior to such dividend payment date). No adjustment of the conversion price will be required to be made in any case until cumulative adjustment amounts to 1% or more of the conversion price.

SECTION 2.05. Registration of Transfer of Receipts. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary shall register



on its books from time to time transfers of Receipts upon any surrender thereof by the holder in person or by duly authorized attorney, properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer. Thereupon the Depository shall execute a new Receipt or Receipts evidencing the same aggregate number of Depository Shares as those evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered and deliver such new Receipt or Receipts to or upon the order of the person entitled thereto.

SECTION 2.06. Split-ups and Combinations of Receipts; Surrender of Receipts and Withdrawal of Stock. Upon surrender of a Receipt or Receipts at the Depository's Office or at such other offices as it may designate for the purpose of effecting a split-up or combination of such Receipt or Receipts, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Depository shall execute and deliver a new Receipt or Receipts in the denominations requested, evidencing the aggregate number of Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered.

Any holder of a Receipt or Receipts evidencing at least \_\_\_\_\_ Depository Shares may withdraw the number of whole shares of Stock underlying such Depository Shares and all money and other property, if any, relating thereto by surrendering Receipts evidencing such Depository Shares at the Depository's Office or at such other offices as the Depository may designate for such withdrawals. Thereafter, without unreasonable delay, the Depository shall deliver to such holder, or to the person or persons designated by such holder as hereinafter provided, the number of whole shares of Stock and all money and other property, if any, relating to the Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts so surrendered for withdrawal, but holders of such whole shares of Stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such Stock hereunder or to receive Receipts evidencing Depository Shares therefor. If a Receipt delivered by a holder to the Depository in connection with such withdrawal shall evidence a number of Depository Shares relating to other than a number of whole shares of Stock, the Depository shall at the same time, in addition to such number of whole shares of Stock and such money and other property, if any, to be so withdrawn, deliver to such holder, or (subject to Section 3.02) upon his order, a new Receipt evidencing such excess number of Depository Shares. Delivery of the Stock and money and other property being withdrawn may be made by delivery of such certificates, documents of title and other instruments as the Depository may deem appropriate.

HOLDERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE MAY BE NO MARKET FOR THE UNDERLYING STOCK AND THAT UPON WITHDRAWAL OF THE STOCK, HOLDERS THEREOF WILL NOT BE ENTITLED THEREAFTER TO DEPOSIT SUCH STOCK UNDER THIS DEPOSIT AGREEMENT.





If the Stock and the money and other property being withdrawn are to be delivered to a person or persons other than the record holder of the Receipts being surrendered for withdrawal of Stock, such holder shall execute and deliver to the Depository a written order so directing the Depository, and the Depository may require that the Receipt or Receipts surrendered by such holder for withdrawal of such shares of Stock be properly endorsed in blank or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer.

Delivery of the Stock and the money and other property, if any, underlying the Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts surrendered for withdrawal shall be made by the Depository at the Depository's Office, except that, at the request, risk and expense of the holder surrendering such Receipts and for the account of such holder, such delivery may be made at such other place as may be designated by such holder.

SECTION 2.07. Limitations on Execution and Delivery, Transfer, Surrender and Exchange of Receipts. As a condition precedent to the execution and delivery, registration of transfer, split-up, combination, surrender, exchange or redemption of any Receipt, the withdrawal of any Stock underlying the Depository Shares or the exercise of any conversion rights, the Depository, any of the Depository's Agents or the Company may require payment to it of a sum sufficient for the payment (or, in the event that the Depository or the Company shall have made such payment, the reimbursement to it) of any charges or expenses payable by the holder of a Receipt pursuant to Section 5.07, may require the production of evidence satisfactory to it as to the identity and genuineness of any signature and may also require compliance with such regulations, if any, as the Depository or the Company may establish consistent with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement.

The exercise of any conversion rights or the withdrawal of any Stock underlying the Depository Shares may be suspended, the delivery of Receipts against Stock may be suspended, the registration of transfer of Receipts may be refused and the registration of transfer, surrender, exchange or redemption of outstanding Receipts may be suspended (i) during any period when the register of shareholders of the Company is closed or (ii) if any such action is deemed necessary or advisable by the Depository, any of the Depository's Agents or the Company at any time or from time to time because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body or commission or under any provision of this Deposit Agreement.

SECTION 2.08. Lost Receipts, etc. In case any Receipt shall be mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, the Depository in its discretion may execute and deliver a Receipt of like form and tenor in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Receipt, or in lieu of and in substitution for



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such destroyed, lost or stolen Receipt, upon (i) the filing by the holder thereof with the Depository of evidence satisfactory to the Depository of such destruction or loss or theft of such Receipt, of the authenticity thereof and of his or her ownership thereof and (ii) the furnishing of the Depository with reasonable indemnification satisfactory to it.

SECTION 2.09. Cancellation and Destruction of Surrendered Receipts. All Receipts surrendered to the Depository or any Depository's Agent shall be canceled by the Depository. Except as prohibited by applicable law or regulation, the Depository is authorized to destroy all Receipts so canceled.

### ARTICLE III

#### Certain Obligations of the Holders of Receipts and the Company

SECTION 3.01. Filing Proofs, Certificates and Other Information. Any holder of a Receipt may be required from time to time to file such proof of residence, or other matters or other information, to execute such certificates and to make such representations and warranties as the Depository or the Company may reasonably deem necessary or proper. The Depository or the Company may withhold the delivery, or delay the registration of transfer, redemption or exchange, of any Receipt, the exercise of any conversion rights, the withdrawal of any Stock underlying the Depository Shares or the distribution of any dividend or other distribution or the sale of any rights or of the proceeds thereof until such proof or other information is filed or such certificates are executed or such representations and warranties are made.

SECTION 3.02. Payment of Taxes or Other Governmental Charges. Holders of Receipts shall be obligated to make payments to the Depository of certain taxes, charges and expenses, as provided in Section 5.07. Registration of transfer of any Receipt, the exercise of any conversion rights, any withdrawal of Stock and delivery of all money or other property, if any, represented by the Depository Shares evidenced by such Receipt may be refused until any such payment due is made, and any dividends, interest payments or other distributions may be withheld or all or any part of the Stock or other property relating to the Depository Shares evidenced by such Receipt and not theretofore sold may be sold for the account of the holder thereof (after attempting by reasonable means to notify such holder prior to such sale), and such dividends, interest payments or other distributions or the proceeds of any such sale may be applied to any payment of such taxes, charges or expenses, the holder of such Receipt remaining liable for any deficiency.



SECTION 3.03. Warranty as to Stock. The Company hereby represents and warrants that the Stock, when issued, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Such representation and warranty shall survive the deposit of the Stock and the issuance of Receipts.

SECTION 3.04. Covenants and Warranties as to Common Stock. The Company covenants that it will keep reserved or otherwise available a sufficient number of authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock to meet conversion requirements in respect of the Depositary Shares and that it will give written notice to the Depositary of any adjustments in the conversion price made pursuant to the Certificate. The Company represents and warrants that the Common Stock issued upon conversion of the Depositary Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### The Deposited Securities; Notices

SECTION 4.01. Cash Distributions. Whenever the Depositary shall receive any cash dividend or other cash distribution on the Stock, the Depositary shall, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, distribute to the record holders of Receipts on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.04 such amounts of such dividend or distribution as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by such holders; provided, however, that in case the Company or the Depositary shall be required to withhold and shall withhold from any cash dividend or other cash distribution in respect of the Stock an amount on account of taxes and governmental charges, the amount made available for distribution or distributed in respect of Depositary Shares shall be reduced accordingly. The Depositary shall distribute or make available for distribution, as the case may be, only such amount, however, as can be distributed without attributing to any holder of Receipts a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributable shall be held by the Depositary (without liability for interest thereon) and shall be added to and be treated as part of the next sum received by the Depositary for distribution to record holders of Receipts then outstanding.

SECTION 4.02. Distributions Other than Cash. Whenever the Depositary shall receive any distribution other than cash on the Stock, the Depositary shall, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, distribute to record holders of Receipts on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.04 such amounts of the securities or property received by it as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by such holders, in any manner that the Depositary may deem equitable and practicable for accomplishing such



distribution. If in the opinion of the Depositary such distribution cannot be made proportionately among such record holders, or if for any other reason (including any requirement that the Company or the Depositary withhold an amount on account of taxes and governmental charges) the Depositary deems, after consultation with the Company, such distribution not to be feasible, the Depositary may, with the approval of the Company, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale (at public or private sale) of the securities or property thus received, or any part thereof, at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem proper. The net proceeds of any such sale shall, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, be distributed or made available for distribution, as the case may be, by the Depositary to record holders of Receipts as provided by Section 4.01 in the case of a distribution received in cash.

SECTION 4.03. Subscription Rights, Preferences or Privileges. If the Company shall at any time offer or cause to be offered to the persons in whose names Stock is recorded on the books of the Company any rights, preferences or privileges to subscribe for or to purchase any securities or any rights, preferences or privileges of any other nature, such rights, preferences or privileges shall in each such instance be made available by the Depositary to the record holders of Receipts in such manner as the Depositary may determine, either by the issue to such record holders of warrants representing such rights, preferences or privileges or by such other method as may be approved by the Depositary in its discretion with the approval of the Company; provided, however, that (i) if at the time of issue or offer of any such rights, preferences or privileges the Depositary determines that it is not lawful or (after consultation with the Company) not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available to holders of Receipts by the issue of warrants or otherwise, or (ii) if and to the extent so instructed by holders of Receipts who do not desire to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges, then the Depositary, in its discretion (with the approval of the Company, in any case where the Depositary has determined that it is not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available), may, if applicable laws or the terms of such rights, preferences or privileges permit such transfer, sell such rights, preferences or privileges at public or private sale, at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem proper. The net proceeds of any such sale shall, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, be distributed by the Depositary to the record holders of Receipts entitled thereto as provided by Section 4.01 in the case of a distribution received in cash.

If registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), of the securities to which any rights, preferences or privileges relate is required in order for holders of Receipts to offer or sell the securities





to which such rights, preferences or privileges relate, the Company agrees with the Depositary that the Company will notify the Depositary and file promptly a registration statement pursuant to such Act with respect to such rights, preferences or privileges and securities and use its best efforts and take all steps available to it to cause such registration statement to become effective sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges. In no event shall the Depositary make available to the holders of Receipts any right, preference or privilege to subscribe for or to purchase any securities unless and until such a registration statement shall have become effective, or unless the offering and sale of such securities to such holders are exempt from registration under the provisions of the Act.

If any other action under the laws of any jurisdiction or any governmental or administrative authorization, consent or permit is required in order for such rights, preferences or privileges to be made available to holders of Receipts, the Company agrees with the Depositary that the Company will notify the Depositary and use its best efforts to take such action or obtain such authorization, consent or permit sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges.

SECTION 4.04. Notice of Dividends, etc.; Fixing of Record Date for Holders of Receipts. Whenever any cash dividend or other cash distribution shall become payable or any distribution other than cash shall be made, or if rights, preferences or privileges shall at any time be offered, with respect to the Stock, or whenever the Depositary shall receive notice of any meeting or action to be taken by written consent at or as to which holders of Stock are entitled to vote or consent, or of which holders of Stock are entitled to notice, the Depositary shall in each such instance fix a record date (which shall be the same date as the record date fixed by the Company with respect to the Stock) for the determination of the holders of Receipts who shall be entitled to receive a distribution in respect of such dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of the sale thereof, or to give instructions for the exercise of any rights to vote or consent at any such meeting or with respect to any such action, or who shall be entitled to receive notice of such meeting or such action.

SECTION 4.05. Voting Rights. Upon receipt of notice of any meeting or action to be taken by written consent at or as to which the holders of the Stock are entitled to vote or consent, the Depositary shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail to the record holders of Receipts a notice which shall contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting



or action and (ii) a statement informing holders of Receipts that they may instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights or the giving or refusal of consent, as the case may be, pertaining to the amount of Stock underlying their respective Depositary Shares and a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of the holders of Receipts on the record date (which shall be the same date as the record date for the Stock), the Depositary shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted, or give or withhold consent with respect to, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests, the maximum number of whole shares of Stock underlying the Depositary Shares evidenced by all Receipts as to which any particular voting or consent instructions are received. The Company hereby agrees to take all action which may be deemed necessary by the Depositary in order to enable the Depositary to vote such Stock or cause such Stock to be voted or give or withhold consent with respect to such Stock. In the absence of specific instructions from the holder of a Receipt, the Depositary will abstain from voting, or giving consents (but, at its discretion, not from appearing at any meeting with respect to such Stock unless directed to the contrary by the holders of a majority of the Receipts) to the extent of the Stock underlying the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt. The Company also agrees that it will at all times comply with the proxy rules of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SECTION 4.06. Changes Affecting Deposited Securities and Reclassifications, Recapitalizations, etc. Upon any change in par value, split-up, combination or any other reclassification of the Stock, or upon any recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation affecting the Company or to which it is a party or sale of the Company's assets substantially as an entirety, the Depositary may in its discretion, with the approval of, and shall upon the instructions of, the Company, and (in either case) in such manner as the Depositary may deem equitable, (i) make such adjustments in (a) the fraction of an interest in one share of Stock underlying one Depositary Share and (b) the ratio of the redemption price per Depositary Share to the redemption price of a share of the Stock, in each case as may be necessary fully to reflect the effects of such change in par value, split-up, combination or other reclassification of the Stock, or of such recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation or sale and (ii) treat any securities which shall be received by the Depositary in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of the Stock as new deposited securities so received in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of such Stock. In any such case the Depositary may in its discretion, with the approval of the Company, execute and deliver additional Receipts, or may call for the surrender of all outstanding Receipts to be exchanged for new Receipts specifically describing such new deposited securities.



SECTION 4.07. Delivery of Reports. The Depositary will forward to record holders of Receipts, at their respective addresses appearing in the Depositary's books, all notices, reports and communications received from the Company which are delivered to the Depositary and which the Company is required to furnish to the holders of Stock or Receipts.

SECTION 4.08. List of Receipt Holders. Promptly upon request from time to time by the Company, the Depositary shall furnish to it a list, as of a recent date, of the names, addresses and holdings of Stock of all persons in whose names Receipts are registered on the books of the Depositary.

#### ARTICLE V

The Depositary, the Depositary's Agents  
and the Company

SECTION 5.01. Maintenance of Offices, Agencies and Transfer Books by the Depositary. Upon execution of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary shall maintain at the Depositary's Office, facilities for the execution and delivery, registration and registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, and at the offices of the Depositary's Agents, if any, facilities for the delivery, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, all in accordance with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement.

The Depositary shall keep books at the Depositary's Office for the registration and registration of transfer of Receipts, which books at all reasonable times shall be open for inspection by the record holders of Receipts; provided, that any such holder requesting to exercise such right shall certify to the Depositary that such inspection shall be for a proper purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as an owner of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts.

The Depositary may close such books, at any time or from time to time, when deemed expedient by it in connection with the performance of its duties hereunder.

If the Receipts or the Depositary Shares evidenced thereby or the Stock represented by such Depositary Shares shall be listed on the New York Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange, the Depositary will, at the request of the Company, arrange such facilities for the delivery, registration, registration of transfer, surrender, exchange, redemption or conversion of such Receipts, such Depositary Shares or such Stock as applicable and as may be required by law or applicable stock exchange regulation.



SECTION 5.02. Prevention of or Delay in Performance by the Depository, the Depository's Agents or the Company. Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor the Company shall incur any liability to any holder of any Receipt if by reason of any provision of any present or future law, or regulation thereunder, of the United States of America or of any other governmental authority or, in the case of the Depository or any Depository's Agent, by reason of any provision, present or future, of the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation (including the Certificate) or by reason of any act of God or war or other circumstance beyond the control of the relevant party, the Depository, any Depository's Agent or the Company shall be prevented or forbidden from doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement provide shall be done or performed; nor shall the Depository, any Depository's Agent or the Company incur any liability to any holder of a Receipt (i) by reason of any nonperformance or delay, caused as aforesaid, in the performance of any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement provide shall or may be done or performed, or (ii) by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in this Deposit Agreement except, in case of any such exercise or failure to exercise discretion not caused as aforesaid, if caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party charged with such exercise or failure to exercise.

SECTION 5.03. Obligations of the Depository, the Depository's Agents and the Company. Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor the Company assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under this Deposit Agreement to holders of Receipts other than for the relevant party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor the Company shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of the Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts which in its opinion may involve it in expense or liability unless indemnity satisfactory to it against all expense and liability be furnished as often as may be required.

Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor the Company shall be liable for any action or any failure to act by it in reliance upon the written advice of legal counsel or accountants, or information from any person presenting Stock for deposit, any holder of a Receipt or any other person believed by it in good faith to be competent to give such information. The Depository, any Depository's Agent and the Company may each rely and shall each be protected in acting upon any written notice, request, direction or other document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.





The Depositary shall not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instruction to vote or give or withhold consent, with respect to any of the shares of Stock or for the manner or effect of any such vote or consent, as long as any such action or non-action is in good faith. The Depositary undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Deposit Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Deposit Agreement against the Depositary. The Depositary will indemnify the Company against any liability which may arise out of acts performed or omitted by the Depositary or its agents due to its or their gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Depositary, the Depositary's Agents and the Company may own and deal in any class of securities of the Company and its affiliates and in Receipts. The Depositary may also act as transfer agent and registrar of any of the securities of the Company and its affiliates.

SECTION 5.04. Resignation and Removal of the Depositary; Appointment of Successor Depositary. The Depositary may at any time resign as Depositary hereunder by written notice of its election so to do delivered to the Company, such resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

The Depositary may at any time be removed by the Company by written notice of such removal delivered to the Depositary, such removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

In case the Depositary acting hereunder shall at any time resign or be removed, the Company shall, within 60 days after the delivery of the notice of resignation or removal, as the case may be, appoint a successor Depositary, which shall be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States of America and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. Every successor Depositary shall execute and deliver to its predecessor and to the Company an instrument in writing accepting its appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Depositary, without any further act or deed, shall become fully vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor and for all purposes shall be the Depositary under this Deposit Agreement, and such predecessor, upon payment of all sums due it and on the written request of the Company, shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor all rights and powers of such predecessor hereunder, shall duly assign, transfer and deliver all right, title and interest in the Stock and any moneys or property held hereunder to such successor and shall deliver to such successor a list of the record holders of all outstanding Receipts. Any successor Depositary shall promptly mail notice of its appointment to the record holders of Receipts.



Any corporation into or with which the Depositary may be merged, consolidated or converted shall be the successor of such Depositary without the execution or filing of any document or, any further act. Such successor Depositary may authenticate the Receipts in the name of the predecessor Depositary or in the name of the successor Depositary.

SECTION 5.05. Corporate Notices and Reports. The Company agrees that it will transmit to the Depositary all notices, reports and communications (including without limitation financial statements) required by law, the rules of any national securities exchange upon which the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts are listed or by the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation (including the Certificate) to be furnished by the Company to holders of the Stock or Receipts.

SECTION 5.06. Indemnification by the Company. The Company shall indemnify the Depositary and any Depositary's Agent against, and hold each of them harmless from, any loss, liability or expense (including the costs and expenses of defending itself) which may arise out of (i) acts performed or omitted in connection with this Deposit Agreement and the Receipts (a) by the Depositary or any Depositary's Agent, except for any liability arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct on the respective parts of any such person or persons, or (b) by the Company or any of its agents, or (ii) the offer, sale or registration of the Receipts or the Stock pursuant to the provisions hereof.

SECTION 5.07. Charges and Expenses. The Company shall pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. The Company shall pay all charges of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the Stock and the initial issuance of the Receipts, any redemption of the Stock at the option of the Company and any withdrawals of Stock by holders of Receipts. All other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges shall be at the expense of holders of Depositary Shares. If, at the request of a holder of Receipts, the Depositary incurs charges or expenses for which it is not otherwise liable hereunder, such holder will be liable for such charges and expenses. All other charges and expenses of the Depositary and any Depositary's Agent hereunder (including, in each case, fees and expenses of counsel) incident to the performance of their respective obligations hereunder will be paid by the Company after consultation and agreement between the Depositary and the Company as to the amount and nature of such charges and expenses. The Depositary shall present its statement for charges and expenses to the Company once every three months or at such other intervals as the Company and the Depositary may agree.



## ARTICLE VI

## Amendment and Termination

SECTION 6.01. Amendment. The form of the Receipts and any provisions of this Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Company and the Depositary in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable; provided, however, that no such amendment which imposes or increases any fees, taxes or charges upon holders of Depositary Shares or Receipts or which materially and adversely alters the existing rights of such holders shall be effective unless such amendment shall have been approved by the record holders of Receipts evidencing at least a majority of the Depositary Shares then outstanding. A holder of a Receipt at the time any such amendment so becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such Receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by this Deposit Agreement as amended thereby. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such amendment may impair the right of any holder of Depositary Shares or Receipts to receive any moneys or other property to which such holder may be entitled under the terms of such Receipts or this Deposit Agreement at the times and in the manner and amount provided for therein and herein.

SECTION 6.02. Termination. This Deposit Agreement may be terminated by the Company or the Depositary only after the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) all outstanding Depositary Shares shall have been redeemed and any accumulated and unpaid dividends on the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares, together with all other moneys and property, if any, to which holders of the related Receipts are entitled under the terms of such Receipts or this Deposit Agreement, have been paid or distributed as provided in this Deposit Agreement or provision therefor has been duly made pursuant to Section 2.03, (ii) there shall have been made a final distribution in respect of the Stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and such distribution shall have been distributed to the holders of Receipts pursuant to Section 4.01 or 4.02, as applicable or (iii) all outstanding Depositary Shares shall have been converted pursuant to Section 2.04 hereof.

Upon the termination of this Deposit Agreement, the Company shall be discharged from all obligations under this Deposit Agreement except for its obligations to the Depositary and any Depositary's Agent under Sections 5.06 and 5.07.



## ARTICLE VII

## Miscellaneous

SECTION 7.01. Counterparts. This Deposit Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by each of the parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 7.02. Exclusive Benefit of Parties. This Deposit Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors hereunder, and shall not be deemed to give any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim to any other person whatsoever.

SECTION 7.03. Invalidity of Provisions. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Deposit Agreement or in the Receipts should be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein or therein shall in no way be affected, prejudiced or disturbed thereby.

SECTION 7.04. Notices. Any and all notices to be given to the Company hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or telecopier confirmed by letter, addressed to the Company at 5241 Spring Mountain Road, P. O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-98510, to the attention of \_\_\_\_\_, or at any other address of which the Company shall have notified the Depository in writing.

Any and all notices to be given to the Depository hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or by telecopier confirmed by letter, addressed to the Depository at the Depository's Office, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to the attention of \_\_\_\_\_, or at any other address of which the Depository shall have notified the Company in writing.

Any and all notices to be given to any record holder of a Receipt hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or by telecopier confirmed by letter, addressed to such record holder at the address of such record holder as it appears on the books of the Depository, or if such holder shall have filed with the Depository a written request that notices intended for such holder be mailed to some other address, at the address designated in such request.





Delivery of a notice sent by mail or by telecopier shall be deemed to be effected at the time when a duly addressed letter containing the same (or a confirmation thereof in the case of a telecopier message) is deposited, postage prepaid, in a post office letter box. The Depositary or the Company may, however, act upon any telecopier message received by it from the other or from any holder of a Receipt, notwithstanding that such telecopier message shall not subsequently be confirmed by letter or as aforesaid.

SECTION 7.05. Depositary's Agents. The Depositary may from time to time, with the prior approval of the Company appoint Depositary's Agents to act in any respect for the Depositary for the purposes of this Deposit Agreement and may at any time appoint additional Depositary's Agents and vary or terminate the appointment of such Depositary's Agents. The Depositary will notify the Company of any such action.

SECTION 7.06. Holders of Receipts Are Parties. The holders of Receipts from time to time shall be parties to this Deposit Agreement and shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions hereof and of the Receipts by acceptance of delivery thereof.

SECTION 7.07. Governing Law. THIS DEPOSIT AGREEMENT AND THE RECEIPTS AND ALL RIGHTS HEREUNDER AND THEREUNDER AND PROVISIONS HEREOF AND THEREOF SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF [CALIFORNIA][NEVADA].

SECTION 7.08. Inspection of Deposit Agreement. Copies of this Deposit Agreement shall be filed with the Depositary and the Depositary's Agents and shall be open to inspection during business hours at the Depositary's Office and the respective offices of the Depositary's Agents, if any, by any holder of a Receipt.

SECTION 7.09. Headings. The headings of articles and sections in this Deposit Agreement and in the form of the Receipt set forth in Exhibit A hereto have been inserted for convenience only and are not to be regarded as a part of this Deposit Agreement or the Receipts or to have any bearing upon the meaning or interpretation of any provision contained herein or in the Receipts.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and the Depositary have duly executed  
this Deposit Agreement as of the day and year first above set forth, and all  
holders of Receipts shall become parties hereto by and upon acceptance by them  
of delivery of Receipts issued in accordance with the terms hereof.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



[FORM OF DEPOSIT RECEIPT]

[FORM OF FACE]

EXHIBIT A

DEPOSITARY RECEIPT  
FOR  
DEPOSITARY SHARES,  
EACH REPRESENTING A \_\_\_\_\_  
INTEREST IN A SHARE OF \_\_\_\_%  
\_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED STOCK  
(\$50 Par Value)

OF

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

(Incorporated under the Laws of the State of California)

This Depositary Receipt is transferable in  
[Los Angeles, California and New York, New York][Las Vegas, Nevada]

NUMBER	DEPOSITARY SHARES
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THIS CERTIFIES THAT \_\_\_\_\_  
IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF

DEPOSITARY SHARES

\_\_\_\_\_, with an office at the time of the execution of the  
Deposit Agreement (as defined below) at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, as Depositary and Registrar (the  
"Depositary"), hereby certifies that the registered owner specified above is  
the registered owner of Depositary Shares ("Depositary Shares"), each  
Depositary Share representing a \_\_\_\_\_ interest in a share of \_\_\_\_%  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Stock, \$50 par value (the "Stock"), of Southwest Gas  
Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the  
State of California (the "Company"), on deposit with the Depositary, subject to  
the terms and entitled to the benefits of the Deposit Agreement (the "Deposit  
Agreement") dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_ between the Company, the Depositary and  
all holders from time to time of Depositary Receipts (the "Receipts"). By



accepting this Receipt the holder hereof becomes a party to and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Deposit Agreement.

Subject to the terms of the Deposit Agreement, each owner of a Depositary Share is entitled, proportionately, through the Depositary, to all the rights and preferences of the Stock relating thereto, including dividend, voting, conversion, redemption and liquidation rights contained in the certificate of determination adopted by the Company's Board of Directors setting forth the number, terms, powers, designations, rights, preferences, qualifications, restrictions and limitations of the Stock (the "Certificate of Determination"), copies of which are on file at the Depositary's Office.

This receipt shall not be entitled to any benefits under the Deposit Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless this Receipt shall have been executed by the manual signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_

Depositary and Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Officer

[FORM OF REVERSE]

1. The Deposit Agreement. The Receipts, of which this Receipt is one, are made available upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Deposit Agreement. The Deposit Agreement (copies of which are on file at the Depositary's Office) sets forth the rights of holders of Receipts and the rights and duties of the Depositary and the Company in respect of the Stock deposited, and any and all other property and cash deposited from time to time, thereunder. The statements made on the face and the reverse of this Receipt are summaries of certain provisions of the Deposit Agreement and are subject to the detailed provisions thereof, to which reference is hereby made. Unless otherwise expressly herein provided, all defined terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Deposit Agreement.

[INSERT THE FOLLOWING IF THE STOCK IS REDEEMABLE]

[2.] Redemption. Whenever the Company shall elect, in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate of Determination relating to the Stock,





to redeem shares of the Stock, it shall (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Depository) mail notice to the Depository of such redemption not less than \_\_\_ nor more than \_\_\_ days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The Depository shall mail notice of such redemption and the simultaneous redemption of the number of Depository Shares relating to the Stock to be redeemed not less than 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the holders of record of Receipts evidencing the number of Depository Shares to be redeemed. Each such notice shall state: (a) the date of such proposed redemption; (b) the number of Depository Shares to be redeemed; (c) the redemption price (which shall include full cumulative dividends thereon to the redemption date); (d) the place or places where Receipts evidencing Depository Shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; (e) that dividends in respect of the Stock underlying the Depository Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate at the close of business on such redemption date; and (f) that the right to convert Depository Shares into shares of Common Stock or other securities will expire at the close of business on the \_\_\_ day preceding the redemption date; the then-effective conversion price and the place or places where Receipts for such Depository Shares are to be surrendered for conversion. In case less than all the outstanding Depository Shares are to be redeemed, the Depository Shares to be so redeemed shall be selected by lot or pro rata (subject to rounding to avoid fractions of Depository Shares) as may be determined by the Depository to be equitable. From and after the date set for redemption, all dividends in respect of the Depository Shares so called for redemption shall cease to accumulate, such Depository Shares shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all remaining rights of the holders of Receipts evidencing such Depository Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price and to convert Depository Shares into Common Stock or other securities until the close of business on the \_\_\_ day preceding the redemption date) shall cease and terminate. From and after the redemption date, upon surrender in accordance with the redemption notice of the Receipts evidencing any such Depository Shares (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Depository shall so require), such Depository Shares shall be redeemed by the Depository at a redemption price per share equal to \_\_\_\_\_ of the redemption price per share paid in respect of the shares of Stock plus any money or other property relating thereto.

[3.] Transfer, Split-ups and Combinations. This Receipt is transferable on the books of the Depository upon surrender of this Receipt to the Depository, properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, and upon such transfer the Depository shall execute a new Receipt to or upon the order of the person entitled thereto, as provided in the Deposit Agreement. This Receipt may be split into other Receipts or



combined with other Receipts into one Receipt, representing the same aggregate number of Depository Shares as the Receipt or Receipts surrendered.

[4.] Surrender of Receipts and Withdrawal of Stock, Conversion of Stock. Any holder of a Receipt or Receipts evidencing at least \_\_\_\_\_ Depository Shares may withdraw the number of whole shares of Stock underlying such Depository Shares and all money and other property relating thereto by surrendering Receipts evidencing such Depository Shares. Thereafter, the Depository shall deliver to such holder the number of whole shares of Stock and all money and other property underlying the Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts so surrendered, but holders of such whole shares of Stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such Stock under the Deposit Agreement or to receive Receipts evidencing Depository Shares therefor. If a Receipt delivered by a holder to the Depository in connection with such withdrawal shall evidence a number of Depository Shares relating to other than a whole number of shares of Stock, the Depository shall at the same time, in addition to such number of whole shares of Stock and such money and other property to be so withdrawn, deliver to such holder a new Receipt evidencing such excess number of Depository Shares. Delivery of the Stock and money and other property being withdrawn may be made by delivery of such certificates, documents of title and other instruments as the Depository may deem appropriate.

If the Stock and the money and other property being withdrawn are to be delivered to a person other than the record holder of the Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts being surrendered, such holder shall deliver a written order so directing the Depository. The Depository may require that Receipts surrendered for withdrawal of Stock be properly endorsed in blank or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer.

Delivery of the Stock and the money and other property underlying the Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts surrendered for withdrawal shall be made by the Depository at the Depository's Office, except that, at the request, risk and expense of the holder surrendering such Receipts and for the account of such holder, such delivery may be made at such other place as may be designated by such holder.

THE HOLDER HEREOF ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE MAY BE NO MARKET FOR THE UNDERLYING STOCK AND THAT UPON WITHDRAWAL OF THE STOCK, THE HOLDER HEREOF WILL NOT BE ENTITLED THEREAFTER TO DEPOSIT SUCH STOCK UNDER THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT.

[INSERT THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IF THE STOCK IS CONVERTIBLE INTO COMMON STOCK. IF CONVERTIBLE INTO OTHER SECURITIES, INCLUDE A MODIFIED VERSION OF THIS PARAGRAPH.]



The Stock and Depositary Shares are convertible into the Common Stock. The Company has agreed in Section 2.04 of the Deposit Agreement to accept the delivery of Receipts for purposes of effecting conversions of the Stock utilizing the same procedures as those provided for delivery of certificates for the Stock to effect such conversions in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Stock as provided in the Certificate of Determination. Any whole number of Depositary Shares (whether or not evenly divisible by \_\_\_\_\_) represented by a Receipt may be surrendered for conversion. If the Depositary Shares represented by a Receipt are to be converted in part only, a new Receipt or Receipts will be issued by the Depositary for the Depositary Shares not to be converted. No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon conversion, and if such conversion will result in a fractional share being issued, an amount will be paid in cash by the Company equal to the value of the fractional interest based upon the closing price of the Common Stock on the last business day prior to the conversion. For this purpose, a holder of a Receipt or Receipts must surrender such Receipt or Receipts to the Company, together with a duly completed and executed Notice of Conversion in the form included herein. In all cases the foregoing shall be conditioned upon compliance in full by the holder hereof with the terms and conditions of the Stock as provided in the Certificate of Determination and the Deposit Agreement. As more fully set forth in Section 2.04 of the Deposit Agreement, no adjustments will be made for accrued dividends upon conversion.

[5.] Suspension of Delivery, Transfer, etc. The transfer or surrender of this Receipt may be suspended during any period when the register of shareholders of the Company is closed or if any such action is deemed necessary, or advisable by the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, or the Company at any time or from time to time because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body or commission, or under any provision of the Deposit Agreement.

[6.] Filing Proofs, Certificates and Other Information. Any holder of a Depositary Receipt may be required to file such proof of residence, or other matters or other information, to execute such certificates and to make such representations and warranties as the Depositary or the Company may reasonably deem necessary or proper. The Depositary or the Company may withhold the delivery, or delay the registration of transfer, redemption, exchange or conversion, of any Receipts, the withdrawal of any Stock underlying Depositary Shares or the distribution of any dividend or other distribution or the sale of any rights or of the proceeds thereof until such proof or other information is filed or such certificates are executed or such representations and warranties are made.

[7.] Payment of Taxes or Other Governmental Charges. Except as otherwise noted herein and in the Deposit Agreement, if any tax or other



governmental charge shall become payable by or on behalf of the Depositary with respect to this Receipt, such tax (including transfer taxes, if any) or governmental charge shall be payable by the holder hereof. Transfer of this Receipt, any withdrawal of Stock and delivery of all money or other property, if any, represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by this Receipt may be refused until such payment is made, and any dividends, interest payments or other distributions may be withheld on all or any part of the Stock or other property relating to this Receipt and not theretofore sold may be sold for the account of the holder hereof (after attempting by reasonable means to notify such holder prior to such sale), and such dividends, interest payments or other distributions or the proceeds of any such sale may be applied to any payment of such tax or charge, the holder of this Receipt remaining liable for any deficiency.

[INSERT THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH OR A MODIFIED VERSION THEREOF IF THE STOCK IS CONVERTIBLE.]

[8.] Warranty by Company. The Company has warranted that the Stock and the Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Depositary Shares, when issued, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

[9.] Amendment. The form of the Receipts and any provisions of the Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Company and the Depositary in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable; provided, however, that no such amendment which imposes or increases any fees, taxes or charges upon holders of Depositary Shares or Receipts or which materially and adversely alters the existing rights of such holders shall be effective unless such amendment shall have been approved by the record holders of Receipts evidencing at least a majority of the Depositary Shares then outstanding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such amendment may impair the right of any holder of Depositary Shares or Receipts to receive any moneys or other property to which such holder may be entitled under the terms of such Receipts or the Deposit Agreement at the times and in the manner and amount provided for therein. A holder of a Receipt at the time any such amendment so becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such Receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the Deposit Agreement as amended thereby.

[10.] Charges of Depositary. The Company will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements, and all charges of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the Stock and the initial issuance of the Receipts, any redemption of the Stock at the option of the Company and any withdrawals of





Stock by holders of the Receipts. All other transfer and other taxes and other governmental charges shall be at the expense of holders of Depositary Shares. Certain other charges and expenses of the Depositary and any Depositary's Agent will be paid upon consultation and agreement between the Depositary and the Company.

[11.] Title to Receipts. This Receipt (and the Depositary Shares evidenced hereby), when properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, is transferable by delivery with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument; provided, however, that until transfer of a Receipt shall be registered on the books of the Depositary, the Depositary may, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, treat the record holder of such Receipt at such time as the absolute owner thereof for the purpose of determining the person entitled to receive distributions of dividends or other distributions, withdraw any Stock underlying the Depositary Shares, [exercise any conversion rights] or to receive any notice provided for in the Deposit Agreement and for all other purposes.

[12.] Dividends and Distributions. Whenever the Depositary receives any cash dividend or other cash distribution on the Stock, the Depositary will, subject to the provisions of the Deposit Agreement, make such distribution to the Receipt holders as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by them; provided, however, that the amount distributed will be reduced by any amounts required to be withheld by the Company or the Depositary on account of taxes and governmental charges. Other distributions received on the Stock may be distributed to holders of Receipts as provided in the Deposit Agreement.

[13.] Fixing of Record Date. Whenever any cash dividend or other cash distribution shall become payable or any distribution other than cash shall be made, or if rights, preferences or privileges shall at any time be offered, with respect to Stock, or whenever the Depositary shall receive notice of any meeting or action to be taken by written consent at or as to which holders of Stock are entitled to vote or consent, or of which holders of Stock are entitled to notice, the Depositary shall in each instance fix a record date (which shall be the record date fixed by the Company with respect to the Stock), for the determination of the holders of Receipts who shall be entitled to receive such dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of the sale thereof, or to give instructions for the exercise of rights to vote or consent at any such meeting, or who shall be entitled to notice of such meeting or action.

[14.] Voting Rights. Upon receipt of notice of any meeting or action to be taken by written consent at or as to which holders of Stock are entitled to vote or consent, the Depositary shall, as soon as practicable



thereafter, mail to the record holders of Receipts a notice which shall contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting or action and (ii) a statement informing holders of Receipts that they may instruct the Depository as to the exercise of the voting rights or the giving or refusal of consent, as the case may be, pertaining to the amount of Stock underlying their respective Depository Shares and a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of a holder of a Receipt on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the Stock), the Depository shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted or give or withhold consent with respect to, the amount of Stock underlying such Receipt in accordance with the instructions set forth in such request. In the absence of specific instructions from the holder of a Receipt, the Depository will abstain from voting or giving consents (but, at its discretion, not from appearing at any meeting with respect to such Stock unless directed to the contrary by the holders of a majority of Receipts) to the extent of the Stock underlying the Depository Shares evidenced by such Receipt.

[15.] Changes Affecting Deposited Stock. Upon any change in par value, split-up, combination or any other reclassification of the Stock or upon any recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation affecting the Company or to which it is a party, or upon the sale of the Company's assets substantially as an entirety, the Depository may in its discretion with the approval of, and shall upon the instructions of, the Company, and in such manner as the Depository may deem equitable, (i) make such adjustments in (a) the fraction of an interest in one share of Stock underlying one Depository Share and (b) the ratio of the redemption price per Depository Share to the redemption price of a share of Stock, in each case as may be necessary fully to reflect the effect of such change and (ii) treat any securities which shall be received by the Depository in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of the Stock as new deposited securities so received in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of such Stock. In any such case the Depository may in its discretion, with the approval of the Company, execute and deliver additional Receipts, or may call for the surrender of outstanding Receipts to be exchanged for new Receipts specifically describing such new deposited securities.

[16.] Liability and Obligations of the Depository, the Depository's Agents or the Company. Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor the Company assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under the Deposit Agreement to any holder of any Receipt, other than for its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor the Company shall incur any liability to any holder of any Receipt if by reason of any provision of any present or future law or regulation thereunder of the United States of America or any other governmental authority



or, in the case of the Depositary or any Depositary's Agent, by reason of any provision, present or future, of the Company's Articles of Incorporation (including the Certificate of Determination) or by reason of any act of God or war or other circumstance beyond their control, the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent or the Company shall be prevented or forbidden from doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of the Deposit Agreement provide shall be done or performed; nor shall the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent or the Company incur any liability to any holder of a Receipt by reason of nonperformance or delay, caused as aforesaid, in performance of any act or thing which by the terms of the Deposit Agreement it is provided shall or may be done or performed, or by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in the Deposit Agreement, other than for its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor the Company shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts, which in its opinion may involve it in expense or liability, unless indemnity satisfactory to it against all expense and liability be furnished. The Deposit Agreement contains various other exculpatory, indemnification and related provisions, to which reference is hereby made.

[17.] Resignation and Removal of Depositary. The Depositary may at any time (i) resign by written notice of its election to do so delivered to the Company, such resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment, or (ii) be removed by the Company effective upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment.

[18.] Termination of Deposit Agreement. The Deposit Agreement may be terminated by the Company or the Depositary only after the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) all outstanding Depositary Shares shall have been redeemed and any accumulated and unpaid dividends on the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares, together with all other moneys and property, if any, to which holders of the related Receipts are entitled under the terms of such Receipts or the Deposit Agreement, have been paid or distributed as provided in the Deposit Agreement or provision therefor has been duly made or (ii) there shall have been made a final distribution in respect of the Stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and such distribution shall have been distributed to the holders of the Receipts [or (iii) all outstanding Depositary Shares shall have been converted]. Upon the termination of the Deposit Agreement, the Company shall be discharged from all obligations thereunder except for its obligations to the Depositary with respect to indemnification, charges and expenses.









For value received, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please insert social security or other identifying number of Assignee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print or typewrite Name and address including postal zip code of Assignee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Depository Shares represented by the within Receipt and all rights thereunder, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney to transfer said Depository Shares on the books of the within-named Depository with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE. The signature(s) to this assignment must correspond with the name(s) as written upon the face of this instrument in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

SIGNATURE(S) GUARANTEED

By: \_\_\_\_\_

[INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING OR A MODIFIED VERSION IF THE STOCK IS CONVERTIBLE]

NOTICE OF CONVERSION

The undersigned holder of this Receipt for Depository Shares (the "Depository Shares") hereby irrevocably exercises the option to convert \_\_\_\_\_ Depository Shares evidenced thereby into shares of Common Stock (and any other applicable securities or property) of the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deposit Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_, among the Company, \_\_\_\_\_, as Depository, and the holders from time to time of Receipts referred to in such Deposit Agreement, and directs that certificates for the securities deliverable upon such conversion be registered



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in the name of and delivered, together with a check in payment for any fractional shares and any other property deliverable upon which conversion to the undersigned unless a different name has been indicated below. If securities are to be registered in the name of a person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto. If the number of Depositary Shares indicated above is less than the number of Depositary Shares evidenced by this Receipt, the undersigned directs the Depositary to issue to the undersigned, unless a different name is indicated below, a new Receipt evidencing the Depositary Shares not so converted.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTE: The signature(s) to this assignment must correspond with the name(s) as written upon the face of the Receipt in every particular, without alteration or enlargement, or any change whatever.

(Please print name and address of registered holder)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Taxpayer Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate other delivery instructions, if applicable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

TO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_  
INDENTURE

Dated as of September \_\_, 1994

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEBT SECURITIES  
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INDENTURE, dated as of September \_\_, 1994, between Southwest Gas Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (herein called the "Company"), having its principal office at 5241 Spring Mountain Road, P. O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-98510, and \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of \_\_\_\_\_, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee").

#### RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of its unsecured debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (herein called the "Securities"), to be issued in one or more series as in this Indenture provided.

All things necessary to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders thereof, it is mutually agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities or of any series thereof, as follows:

#### ARTICLE ONE

##### Definitions and Other Provisions of General Application

##### Section 101. Definitions.

For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article and include the plural as well as the singular;

(2) all other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(3) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and, except as otherwise herein expressly provided, the term "generally accepted accounting principles" with



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respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder shall mean such accounting principles as are generally accepted at the date of such computation;

(4) the words "Article" and "Section" refer to an Article and Section, respectively, of this Indenture; and

(5) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

"Act", when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section 104.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any specified Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Authenticating Agent" means any Person authorized by the Trustee pursuant to Section 614 to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of one or more series.

"Authorized Newspaper" means a newspaper, in an official language of the place of publication or in the English language, customarily published on each day that is a Business Day in the place of publication, and of general circulation in each place in connection with which the term is used or in the financial community of each such place. Where successive publications are required to be made in Authorized Newspapers, the successive publications may be made in the same or in different newspapers in the same city meeting the foregoing requirements and in each case on any day that is a Business Day in the place of publication.

"Bearer Security" means any Security in the form established pursuant to Section 201 which is payable to bearer.

"Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee of that board.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted



by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day", when used with respect to any Place of Payment, means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is not a day on which banking institutions in that Place of Payment are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close or such other day as provided in or pursuant to an Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture referred to in Section 301.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act or, if at any time after the execution of this instrument such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties at such time.

"Company" means the Person named as the "Company" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Company" shall mean such successor Person.

"Company Request" or "Company Order" means a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, its Vice Chairman of the Board, its President or a Vice President, and by its Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be administered.

"Corporation" means a corporation, association, company, joint-stock company or business trust.

"Coupon" means any interest coupon appertaining to a Bearer Security.

"Covenant Defeasance" has the meaning specified in Section 1303.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 307.

"Defeasance" has the meaning specified in Section 1302.

"Defeasible Series" has the meaning specified in Section 1301.





"Depository" means, with respect to Securities of any series issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act that is designated to act as Depository for such Securities as contemplated by Section 301.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 501.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and any statute successor thereto.

"Global Security" means a Security that evidences all or part of the Securities of any series and is authenticated and delivered to, and registered in the name of, the Depository for such Securities or a nominee thereof.

"Holder", in the case of any Registered Security, means a Person in whose name such Security is registered in the Security Register and, in the case of any Bearer Security, means the bearer thereof and, in the case of any Coupon, means the bearer thereof.

"Indenture" means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof, including, for all purposes of this instrument, and any such supplemental indenture, the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are deemed to be a part of and govern this instrument and any such supplemental indenture, respectively. The term "Indenture" shall also include the terms of particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 301.

"Interest", when used with respect to an Original Issue Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, means interest payable after Maturity.

"Interest Payment Date", when used with respect to any Security, means the Stated Maturity of an instalment of interest on such Security.

"Maturity", when used with respect to any Security, means the date on which the principal of such Security or an instalment of principal becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the President or a Vice President, and by the Treasurer, an Assistant



Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee. One of the officers signing an Officers' Certificate given pursuant to Section 1004 shall be the principal executive, financial or accounting officer of the Company.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be counsel for the Company, and who shall be acceptable to the Trustee (which acceptance shall not unreasonably be withheld).

"Original Issue Discount Security" means any Security which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502.

"Outstanding", when used with respect to Securities, means, as of the date of determination, all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

(1) Securities theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(2) Securities for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Company) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto; provided that, if such Securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made;

(3) Securities as to which Defeasance has been effected pursuant to Section 1302; and

(4) Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 306 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser in whose hands such Securities are valid obligations of the Company;

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the Outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, (A) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that shall



be deemed to be Outstanding shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof to such date pursuant to Section 502, (B) the principal amount of a Security denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined in the manner provided as contemplated by Section 301 on the date of original issuance of such Security, of the principal amount (or, in the case of an Original Issue Discount Security, the U.S. dollar equivalent on the date of original issuance of such Security of the amount determined as provided in Clause (A) above) of such Security, and (C) Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Subsidiary of the Company or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities which the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Coupon appertaining thereto or any Subsidiary of the Company or of such other obligor.

"Paying Agent" means any Person authorized by the Company to pay the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities or any Coupon on behalf of the Company.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Place of Payment", when used with respect to the Securities of any series, means the place or places where the principal of and any premium and interest on the Securities of that series are payable as specified as contemplated by Section 301.

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 306 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security or any Security to which a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon



appertains shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the lost, destroyed, mutilated or stolen Security or the Security to which a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon appertains.

"Redemption Date", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

"Redemption Price", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

"Registered Security" means any Security established pursuant to Section 201 which is registered in the Security Register.

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Registered Security on any Interest Payment Date means the date specified for that purpose as contemplated by Section 301.

"Responsible Officer", when used with respect to the Trustee, means the chairman or any vice-chairman of the board of directors, the chairman or any vice-chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors, the chairman of the trust committee, the president, any vice president, the secretary, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer, the cashier, any assistant cashier, any trust officer or assistant trust officer, the controller or any assistant controller or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture and more particularly means any Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Security Register" and "Security Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 305.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest on any Registered Security means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 307.

"Stated Maturity", when used with respect to any Security or any instalment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such instalment of principal or interest is due and payable.





"Subsidiary" means a corporation more than 50% of the outstanding voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by the Company and one or more other Subsidiaries. For the purposes of this definition, "voting stock" means stock which ordinarily has voting power for the election of directors, whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has such voting power by reason of any contingency.

"Trustee" means the Person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Trustee shall have become such with respect to one or more series of Securities pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any series shall mean exclusively the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in force at the date as of which this instrument was executed; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "Trust Indenture Act" means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as so amended.

"U.S. Government Obligations" has the meaning specified in Section 1304.

"Vice President", when used with respect to the Company or the Trustee, means any vice president, whether or not designated by a number or a word or words added before or after the title "vice president".

#### Section 102. Compliance Certificates and Opinions.

Upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee such certificates and opinions as may be required under the Trust Indenture Act. Each such certificate or opinion shall be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate, if to be given by an officer of the Company, or an Opinion of Counsel, if to be given by counsel, and shall comply with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act and any other requirements set forth in this Indenture.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include



(1) a statement that each individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(3) a statement that, in the opinion of each such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such individual, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 103. Form of Documents Delivered to Trustee.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an officer of the Company may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his certificate or opinion is based are erroneous. Any such certificate or opinion of counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Company stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.



## Section 104. Acts of Holders; Record Dates.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by agent duly appointed in writing. If, but only if, Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders of Securities of such series may, alternatively, be embodied in and evidenced by the record of Holders of Securities of such series voting in favor thereof, either in person or by proxies duly appointed in writing, at any meeting of Holders of Securities of such series duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article Fourteen, or a combination of such instruments and any such record. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments or record or both are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments and any such record (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments or so voting at any such meeting. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent, or of the holding by any Person of a Security, shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 601) conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company and any agent of the Trustee or the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section. The record of any meeting of Holders of Securities shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 1406.

The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than his individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner which the Trustee deems sufficient.

The ownership, principal amount and serial number of Registered Securities shall be proved by the Security Register.

The ownership, principal amount and serial number of Bearer Securities held by any person may be proved by the production of such



Bearer Securities or by a certificate executed, as depository, by any trust company, bank, banker or other depository reasonably acceptable to the Company, wherever situated, if such certificate shall be deemed by the Trustee to be satisfactory, showing that at the date therein mentioned such Person had on deposit with such depository, or exhibited to it, the Bearer Securities therein described; or such facts may be proved by the certificate or affidavit of the Person holding such Bearer Securities, if such certificate or affidavit is deemed by the Trustee to be satisfactory. The Trustee and the Company may assume that such ownership of any Bearer Security continues until (1) another certificate or affidavit bearing a later date issued in respect of the same Bearer Security is produced, or (2) such Bearer Security is produced to the Trustee by some other Person, or (3) such Bearer Security is surrendered in exchange for a Registered Security, or (4) such Bearer Security is no longer Outstanding. The ownership of Bearer Securities held by the Person so executing such instrument or writing and the date of the commencement and the date of the termination of holding the same may also be proved in any other manner which the Trustee deems sufficient.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Company in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.

The Company may, in the circumstances permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, set any day as the record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Registered Securities of any series entitled to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action or permitted by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders of Securities of such series. With regard to any record date set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders of Outstanding Registered Securities of the relevant series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents), and only such Persons, shall be entitled to give or take the relevant action, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date. With regard to any action that may be given or taken hereunder only by Holders of a requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of any series (or their duly appointed agents) and for which a record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Company may, at its option, set an expiration date after which no such action purported to be given or taken by any Holder shall be effective hereunder unless given or taken on or prior to such expiration date by Holders of the requisite





principal amount of Outstanding Registered Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents). On or prior to any expiration date set pursuant to this paragraph, the Company may, on one or more occasions at its option, extend such date to any later date. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent any Holder (or any duly appointed agent thereof) from giving or taking, after any expiration date, any action identical to, or, at any time, contrary to or different from, any action given or taken, or purported to have been given or taken, hereunder by a Holder on or prior to such date, in which event the Company may set a record date in respect thereof pursuant to this paragraph. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the Trust Indenture Act, the Company shall not set a record date for, and the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to, any action to be given or taken by Holders pursuant to Sections 501, 502 or 512.

Without limiting the foregoing, a Holder entitled hereunder to give or take any action hereunder with regard to any particular Security may do so with regard to all or any part of the principal amount of such Security or by one or more duly appointed agents each of which may do so pursuant to such appointment with regard to all or any different part of such principal amount.

Section 105. Notices, Etc., to Trustee and Company.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

(1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Company shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(2) the Company by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Company addressed to it to the attention of its Treasurer at the address of its principal office specified in the first paragraph of this instrument or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company.

Section 106. Notice to Holders; Waiver.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, where this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of Securities of any event,



(1) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Holders of Registered Securities if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder of a Registered Security affected by such event, at his address as it appears in the Security Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such Notice; and

(2) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Holders of Bearer Securities, if any, if published in an Authorized Newspaper in The City of New York and, if such Securities are then listed on any stock exchange outside the United States, in an Authorized Newspaper in such city as the Company shall advise the Trustee that such stock exchange so requires, on a Business Day at least twice, the first such publication to be not earlier than the earliest date and not later than the latest date prescribed for the giving of such notice.

In any case where notice to Holders of Registered Securities is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder of a Registered Security shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders of Registered Securities or the sufficiency of any notice to Holders of Bearer Securities given as provided herein. Any notice which is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given or provided. In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give such notice by mail, then such notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

In case by reason of the suspension of publication of any Authorized Newspaper or Authorized Newspapers or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to publish any notice to Holders of Bearer Securities as provided above, then such notification to Holders of Bearer Securities as shall be given with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute sufficient notice to such Holders for every purpose hereunder. Neither the failure to give notice by publication to Holders of Bearer Securities as provided above, nor any defect in any notice so published, shall affect the sufficiency of any notice mailed to Holders of Registered Securities as provided above.

Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders of Securities



shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

Section 107. Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with a provision of the Trust Indenture Act that is required under such Act to be a part of and govern this Indenture, the latter provision shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act that may be so modified or excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or to be excluded, as the case may be.

Section 108. Effect of Headings and Table of Contents.

The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 109. Successors and Assigns.

All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 110. Separability Clause.

In case any provision in this Indenture, any Security or any Coupon shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 111. Benefits of Indenture.

Nothing in this Indenture, the Securities or any Coupon, express or implied, shall give to any Person (including any Paying Agent or Authenticating Agent appointed pursuant to Section 614), other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder and the Holders of Securities or Coupons, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

Section 112. Governing Law.

This Indenture, the Securities and any Coupons shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, but without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.



## Section 113. Legal Holidays.

In any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date, Repurchase Date or Stated Maturity of any Security shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, any Security or any Coupon other than a provision of the Security or Coupon which specifically states that such provision shall apply in lieu of this Section) payment of interest or principal (and premium, if any) need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date, Repurchase Date, or at the Stated Maturity, provided that no interest shall accrue for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date, Repurchase Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be.

## ARTICLE TWO

## Security Forms

## Section 201. Forms Generally.

Each Registered Security, Bearer Security, Coupon and Global Security issued pursuant to this Indenture shall be in substantially the form established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, shall have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by or pursuant to this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistent herewith, be determined by the officers executing such Security or Coupon as evidenced by their execution of such Security or Coupon. If the form of Securities of any series or Coupons is established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Company Order contemplated by Section 303 for the authentication and delivery of such Securities. If all of the Securities of any series and Coupons established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution are not to be issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver a record of such action at the time of issuance of each Security of such series, but an appropriate record of such action shall be delivered at or before the time of issuance of the first Security of such series.





Unless otherwise provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, the Securities shall be issuable in registered form without Coupons.

Definitive Securities and definitive Coupons shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by a combination of these methods or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the officers of the Company executing such Securities or Coupons, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities or Coupons.

Section 202. Form of Legend for Global Securities.

Every Global Security authenticated and delivered hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

This Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of a Depository or a nominee of a Depository. This Global Security is exchangeable for Securities registered in the name of a Person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture, and no transfer of this Security (other than a transfer of this Security as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository) may be registered except in such limited circumstances. Every Security delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, this Global Security shall be a Global Security subject to the foregoing, except in the limited circumstances described above.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the Company or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is to be made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.



The Trustee's certificates of authentication shall be in substantially the following form:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

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As Trustee

By.....  
Authorized Officer

ARTICLE THREE

The Securities

Section 301. Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution and, subject to Section 303, set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in an Officers' Certificate, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities of any series,

(1) the title of the Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from Securities of any other series);

(2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107 and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 303, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder);

(3) the Person to whom any interest on a Registered Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the Person in whose name that Registered Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is



registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest;

(4) the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the series is payable;

(5) the rate or rates at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which any such interest shall be payable and the Regular Record Date for any interest payable on any Interest Payment Date;

(6) the place or places where the principal of and any premium and interest on Securities of the series shall be payable;

(7) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company;

(8) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase Securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(9) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which Securities of the series shall be issuable;

(10) the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable if other than the currency of the United States of America and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of the definition of "Outstanding" in Section 101;

(11) if the amount of payments of principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

(12) if the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series is to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in one or more currencies or currency



units other than that or those in which the Securities are stated to be payable, the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on Securities of such series as to which such election is made shall be payable, and the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made;

(13) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502;

(14) if applicable, that the Securities of the series shall be defeasible as provided in Article Thirteen;

(15) if and as applicable, that the Securities of the series shall be issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, in such case, the Depositary or Depositaries for such Global Security or Global Securities and any circumstances other than those set forth in Section 305 in which any such Global Security may be transferred to, and registered and exchanged for Securities registered in the name of, a Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or a nominee thereof and in which any such transfer may be registered;

(16) the provisions, if any, relating to the conversion or exchange of the Securities of any series into Securities of another series or into any other debt or equity securities;

(17) if such Securities are to be issuable other than solely as Registered Securities (whether as Bearer Securities or alternatively as Bearer Securities or Registered Securities), and if such Securities are to be issued as Bearer Securities, whether the Bearer Securities are to be issuable with Coupons, without Coupons or both, and any restrictions applicable to the offer, sale or delivery of the Bearer Securities and the terms, if any, upon which Bearer Securities may be exchanged for Registered Securities and vice versa and the date as of which any such Bearer Security shall be dated (if other than its date of authentication);

(18) any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or covenants of the Company with respect to Securities of any series, whether or not such Events of Default or covenants are consistent with the Events of Default or covenants set forth herein;





(19) the identity of the Trustee for the Securities of the series, and the identity of each Paying Agent and Securities Registrar for the Securities of the series; and

(20) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, except as permitted by Section 901(5)).

All Securities of any one series and all Coupons, if any, appertaining to Bearer Securities of such series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to the Board Resolution referred to above and (subject to Section 303) set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in the Officers' Certificate referred to above or in any such indenture supplemental hereto.

If any of the terms of the series are established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

#### Section 302. Denominations.

In the absence of any specified denomination with respect to the Securities of any series, the Securities of such series shall be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof.

#### Section 303. Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.

The Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, its Vice Chairman of the Board, its President or one of its Vice Presidents, under its corporate seal reproduced thereon attested by its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries. Coupons shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities or any Coupon may be manual or facsimile.

Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Securities or did not hold such offices at the date of such Securities.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities of any



series, together with Coupons appertaining thereto, executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, and the Trustee in accordance with the Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. If the form or terms of the Securities of the series and any Coupons appertaining thereto have been established in or pursuant to one or more Board Resolutions as permitted by Sections 201 and 301, in authenticating such Securities, and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 601) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an opinion of Counsel stating,

(1) if the form of such Securities and Coupons, if any, have been established by or pursuant to Board Resolution as permitted by Section 201, that such form or forms have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;

(2) if the terms of such Securities and Coupons, if any, have been established by or pursuant to Board Resolution as permitted by Section 301, that such terms have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and

(3) that such Securities and Coupons, if any, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

If such form or terms have been so established, the Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Securities if the issue of such Securities pursuant to this Indenture will affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise in a manner which is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 301 and of the preceding paragraph, if all Securities of a series are not to be originally issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver the Officers' Certificate otherwise required pursuant to Section 301 or the Company Order and Opinion of Counsel otherwise required pursuant to such preceding paragraph at or prior to the time of authentication of each Security of



such series if such documents are delivered at or prior to the authentication upon original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued.

Each Registered Security shall be dated the date of its authentication. Each Bearer Security shall be dated as of the date specified pursuant to Section 301.

No Security or Coupon shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Trustee by manual signature, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder. Except as permitted by Section 306 or 307, the Trustee shall not authenticate and deliver any Bearer Security unless all Coupons appertaining thereto then matured have been detached and cancelled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security shall have been authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 309, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

#### Section 304. Temporary Securities.

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued, in registered form or, if authorized in or pursuant to this Indenture, in bearer form with one or more Coupons or without Coupons and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Securities may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities.

Every temporary Security shall be executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee and registered by the Security Registrar, upon the same conditions, and with like effect, as a definitive Security.

If temporary Securities of any series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Securities of that series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Securities of such



series, the temporary Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Securities of such series upon surrender of the temporary Securities of such series at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for that series, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities of any series (accompanied by any unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto), the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor one or more definitive Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor; provided, however, that no definitive Bearer Security, except as provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Registered Security; and provided further that a definitive Bearer Security shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Bearer Security only in compliance with the conditions set forth in or pursuant to this Indenture. Until so exchanged the temporary Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series and tenor.

Section 305. Registration, Registration of  
Transfer and Exchange.

The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee a register (the register maintained in such office and in any other office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Securities and of transfers of Registered Securities. The Trustee is hereby appointed "Security Registrar" for the purpose of registering Registered Securities and transfers of Registered Securities as herein provided.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Registered Security of any series at the office or agency in a Place of Payment for that series, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Registered Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor.

At the option of the Holder, Registered Securities of any series may be exchanged for other Registered Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor, upon surrender of the Registered Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Registered Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate





and deliver, the Registered Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

If provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, with respect to Securities of any series, at the option of the Holder, Bearer Securities of such series may be exchanged for Registered Securities of such series containing identical terms, denominated as authorized in or pursuant to this Indenture and in the same aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Bearer Securities to be exchanged at any office or agency in a Place of Payment for such series, with all unmatured Coupons and all matured Coupons in default thereto appertaining. If the Holder of a Bearer Security is unable to produce any such unmatured Coupon or Coupons or matured Coupon or Coupons in default, such exchange may be effected if the Bearer Securities are accompanied by payment in funds acceptable to the Company and the Trustee in an amount equal to the face amount of such missing Coupon or Coupons, or the surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee if there is furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Bearer Security shall surrender to any Paying Agent any such missing Coupon in respect of which such a payment shall have been made, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such payment; provided, however, that, except as otherwise provided in Section 1002, interest represented by Coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those Coupons at an office or agency in a Place of Payment for such series located outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case a Bearer Security is surrendered at any such office or agency in a Place of Payment for such series in exchange for a Registered Security of such series and like tenor after the close of business at such office or agency on (i) any Regular Record Date, or (ii) any Special Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the related date for payment of Defaulted Interest, such Bearer Security shall be surrendered without the Coupon relating to such Interest Payment Date or proposed date of payment, as the case may be (or, if such Coupon is so surrendered with such Bearer Security, such Coupon shall be returned to the Person so surrendering the Bearer Security), and interest or Defaulted Interest, as the case may be, shall not be payable on such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be, in respect of the Registered Security issued in exchange for such Bearer Security, but shall be payable only to the Holder of such Coupon when due in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

If provided in or pursuant to this Indenture with respect to Securities of any series, at the option of the Holder, Registered Securities of such series may be exchanged for Bearer Securities upon such



terms and conditions as may be provided in or pursuant to this Indenture with respect to such series.

Whenever any Securities are surrendered for exchange as contemplated by the immediately preceding two paragraphs, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Registered Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange shall (if so required by the Company or the Trustee) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed, by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 304, 906 or 1107 not involving any transfer.

The Company shall not be required (1) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that series selected for redemption under Section 1103 and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (2) to register the transfer or exchange of any Registered Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part or (3) to exchange any Bearer Security so selected for redemption except, to the extent provided with respect to such Bearer Security, that such Bearer Security may be exchanged for a Registered Security of like tenor and the same series, provided that such Registered Security shall be immediately surrendered for redemption with written instructions for payment consistent with the provisions of this Indenture.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, no Global Security may be transferred to, or registered or exchanged for Securities registered in the name of, any Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or any nominee thereof, and no such transfer may be



registered, unless (1) such Depository (A) notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for such Global Security or (B) ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, (2) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee a Company Order that such Global Security shall be so transferable, registrable and exchangeable, and such transfers shall be registrable, (3) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Securities evidenced by such Global Security or (4) there shall exist such other circumstances, if any, as have been specified for this purpose as contemplated by Section 301. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, a Global Security to which the restriction set forth in the preceding sentence shall have ceased to apply may be transferred only to, and may be registered and exchanged for Securities registered only in the name or names of, such Person or Persons as the Depository for such Global Security shall have directed and no transfer thereof other than such a transfer may be registered.

Every Security authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for or in lieu of, a Global Security to which the restriction set forth in the first sentence of the preceding paragraph shall apply, whether pursuant to this Section, Section 304, 306, 906 or 1107 or otherwise, shall be authenticated, registered and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Security.

Section 306. Mutilated, Destroyed,  
Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security or a Security with a mutilated Coupon appertaining to it is surrendered to the Trustee, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Security of the same series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, with Coupons appertaining thereto corresponding to the Coupons, if any, appertaining to the surrendered Security.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Trustee (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security or Coupon and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security or Coupon has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security or in exchange for the Security to which a destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon appertains with all appurtenant Coupons not destroyed, lost or stolen, a new Security of the same series



and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, with Coupons corresponding to the Coupons, if any, appertaining to such destroyed, lost or stolen Security or to the Security to which such destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon appertains.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security or Coupon has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security or Coupon.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any series, with any Coupons appertaining thereto, issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security, or in exchange for a Security to which a destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon appertains, shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security or Coupon shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that series and any Coupons duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities or Coupons.

Section 307. Payment of Interest; Interest Rights Preserved.

Except as otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, interest on any Registered Security which is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name that Registered Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest. Except as otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, in case a Bearer Security is surrendered in exchange for a Registered Security after the close of business (at an office or agency at a Place of Payment for such Security) on any Regular Record Date therefor and before the opening of business (at such office or agency) on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date therefor, such Bearer Security shall be surrendered without the Coupon relating to such Interest





Payment Date and interest shall not be payable on such Interest Payment Date in respect of the Registered Security issued in exchange for such Bearer Security, but shall be payable only to the Holder of such Coupon when due in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Any interest on any Registered Security of any series which is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of having been such Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in Clause (1) or (2) below:

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names the Registered Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Registered Security of such series and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this Clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder of Registered Securities of such series at his address as it appears in the Security Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been so mailed, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names the Registered Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to



the following Clause (2). In case a Bearer Security is surrendered at the office or agency at a Place of Payment for such Security in exchange for a Registered Security after the close of business at such office or agency on any Special Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the related proposed date for payment of Defaulted Interest, such Bearer Security shall be surrendered without the Coupon relating to such proposed date of payment and Defaulted Interest shall not be payable on such proposed date of payment in respect of the Registered Security issued in exchange for such Bearer Security, but shall be payable only to the Holder of such Coupon when due in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

(2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Securities of any series in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice is given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this Clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Security.

Section 308. Persons Deemed Owners.

Prior to due presentment of a Registered Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name such Registered Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and any premium and (except as contemplated by Section 301(3) and subject to Section 307) any interest on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the bearer of any Bearer Security or the bearer of any Coupon as the absolute owner of such Security or Coupon for the purpose of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not any payment with respect to such Security or Coupon shall be overdue, and neither the Company, nor the Trustee or any



agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

None of the Company, the Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Security Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of a Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Section 309. Cancellation.

All Securities and Coupons surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer or exchange or for credit against any sinking fund payment shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by it. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and may deliver to the Trustee (or to any other Person for delivery to the Trustee) for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated hereunder which the Company has not issued and sold, and all Securities so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities cancelled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Securities and Coupons held by the Trustee shall be disposed of as directed by a Company Order.

Section 310. Computation of Interest.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any series, interest on the Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

ARTICLE FOUR

Satisfaction and Discharge

Section 401. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall upon Company Request cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Securities herein expressly provided for), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when



(1) either

(A) all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Coupons appertaining to Bearer Securities surrendered in exchange for Registered Securities of such series and maturing after such exchange whose surrender is not required or has been waived as provided in Section 305, (ii) Securities or Coupons which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 306, (iii) Coupons appertaining to Securities called for redemption and maturing after the relevant Redemption Date whose surrender has been waived as provided in this Indenture, and (iv) Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 1003) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(B) all such Securities and, in the case of (i) and (ii) below, any Coupons appertaining thereto not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation

(i) have become due and payable, or

(ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or

(iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company,

and the Company, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) above, has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and any premium and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be;

(2) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and





(3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 607, the obligations of the Trustee to any Authenticating Agent under Section 614 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of Clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 402 and the last paragraph of Section 1003 shall survive.

Section 402. Application of Trust Money.

Subject to provisions of the last paragraph of Section 1003, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 401 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal and any premium and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

## ARTICLE FIVE

### Remedies

Section 501. Events of Default.

"Event of Default", wherever used herein with respect to Securities of any series, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be occasioned by the provisions of Article Fourteen or be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Security of that series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(2) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security of that series at its Maturity; or



(3) default in the payment of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of a Security of that series; or

(4) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which has expressly been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of series of Securities other than that series), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(5) a default under any bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company (including a default with respect to Securities of any series other than that series) in an individual principal amount outstanding of at least \$15,000,000 or under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company in an individual principal amount outstanding of at least \$15,000,000, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, which default shall have resulted in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, without such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled, within a period of 10 Business Days after there shall have been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series a written notice specifying such default and requiring the Company to cause such acceleration to be rescinded or annulled and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; provided, however, that, subject to the provisions of Sections 601 and 602, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of such default unless either (A) a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such default or (B) the Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Company, from any Holder, from the holder of any such indebtedness or from the trustee under any such mortgage, indenture or other instrument; or



(6) the entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or (B) a decree or order adjudging the Company a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(7) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable Federal or State law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by the Company in furtherance of any such action; or

(8) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that series.

Upon receipt by the Trustee of any Notice of Default pursuant to this Section 501 with respect to Securities of any series, a record date shall automatically and without any other action by any Person be set for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series entitled to join in such Notice of Default, which record date shall be the close of business on the day the Trustee receives such Notice of Default. The Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents), and only such Persons, shall



be entitled to join in such Notice of Default, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided that, unless such Notice of Default shall have become effective by virtue of Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents) having joined therein on or prior to the 90th day after such record date, such Notice of Default shall automatically and without any action by any Person be cancelled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a Holder (or a duly appointed agent thereof) from giving, before or after the expiration of such 90-day period, a Notice of Default contrary to or different from, or, after the expiration of such period, identical to, a Notice of Default that has been cancelled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date in respect thereof shall be set pursuant to this paragraph.

Section 502. Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series may declare the principal amount (or, if any of the Securities of that series are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Securities as may be specified in the terms thereof) of all of the Securities of that series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) shall become immediately due and payable.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to Securities of any series has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Trustee as hereinafter in this Article provided, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if

(1) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay

(A) all overdue interest on all Securities of that series and any Coupons appertaining thereto,

(B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Securities of that series which have become due otherwise than by





such declaration of acceleration and any interest thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Securities,

(C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Securities, and

(D) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel;

and

(2) all Events of Default with respect to Securities of that series, other than the non-payment of the principal of Securities of that series which have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 513.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Upon receipt by the Trustee of any declaration of acceleration, or any rescission and annulment of any such declaration, pursuant to this Section 502 with respect to Securities of any series, a record date shall automatically and without any other action by any Person be set for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series entitled to join in such declaration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, which record date shall be the close of business on the day the Trustee receives such declaration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be. The Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents), and only such Persons, shall be entitled to join in such declaration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided that, unless such declaration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, shall have become effective by virtue of Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents) having joined therein on or prior to the 90th day after such record date, such declaration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, shall automatically and without any action by any Person be cancelled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a Holder (or a duly appointed agent thereof) from giving, before or after the expiration of such 90-day period, a declaration of acceleration, or a rescission and annulment of any such declaration, contrary to or different from, or, after the expiration of such period, identical to, a declaration, or rescission



and annulment, as the case may be, that has been cancelled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date in respect thereof shall be set pursuant to this paragraph.

Section 503. Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

The Company covenants that if

(1) default is made in the payment of any interest on any Security or any Coupon appertaining thereto when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days, or

(2) default is made in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security at the Maturity thereof,

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto, the whole amount then due and payable on such Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto for principal and any premium and interest and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, interest on any overdue principal and premium and on any overdue interest, at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Securities, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

Section 504. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of any judicial proceeding relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Coupons appertaining thereto), its property or its creditors, the Trustee shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise, to take any and all actions authorized under the Trust Indenture Act in order to have claims of



the Holders and the Trustee allowed in any such proceeding. In particular, the Trustee shall be authorized to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same; and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 607.

No provision of this Indenture shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or any Coupon or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding; provided, however, that the Trustee may, on behalf of the Holders, vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar official and be a member of a creditors' or other similar committee.

Section 505. Trustee May Enforce Claims  
Without Possession of Securities.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities or Coupons may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or Coupons or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities or Coupons in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

Section 506. Application of Money Collected.

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal or any premium or interest, upon presentation of the Securities or Coupons, or both, as the case may be, and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 607; and



SECOND: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of and any premium and interest on the Securities and any Coupon in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities and Coupons for principal and any premium and interest, respectively.

Section 507. Limitation on Suits.

No Holder of any Security of any series or any Coupons appertaining thereto shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

(1) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of that series;

(2) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request in such amount as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee;

(4) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders.





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Section 508. Unconditional Right of Holders to  
Receive Principal, Premium and Interest.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security or Coupon shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and any premium and (except as contemplated by Section 301(3) and subject to Section 307) interest on such Security or payment of such Coupon, as the case may be, on the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security or Coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 509. Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

Section 510. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities or Coupons in the last paragraph of Section 306, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 511. Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Securities or Coupons to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the



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Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

Section 512. Control by Holders.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Securities of such series, provided that

(1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture, and

(2) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

Upon receipt by the Trustee of any such direction with respect to Securities of any series, a record date shall automatically and without any other action by any Person be set for determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series entitled to join in such direction, which record date shall be the close of business on the day the Trustee receives such direction. The Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents), and only such Persons, shall be entitled to join in such direction, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided that, unless such direction shall have become effective by virtue of Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date (or their duly appointed agents having joined therein on or prior to the 90th day after such record date, such direction shall automatically and without any action by any Person be cancelled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a Holder (or a duly appointed agent thereof) from giving, before or after the expiration of such 90-day period, a direction contrary to or different from, or, after the expiration of such period, identical to, a direction that has been cancelled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date in respect thereof shall be set pursuant to this paragraph.

Section 513. Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of



all the Securities of such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default

(1) in the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Security of such series or any Coupons appertaining thereto, or

(2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under Article Nine cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of such series affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 514. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, a court may require any party litigant in such suit to file an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and may assess costs against any such party litigant, in the manner and to the extent provided in the Trust Indenture Act; provided that neither this Section nor the Trust Indenture Act shall be deemed to authorize any court to require such an undertaking or to make such an assessment in any suit instituted by the Company.

Section 515. Waiver of Usury, Stay or Extension Laws.

The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any usury, stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

## ARTICLE SIX

## The Trustee

## Section 601. Certain Duties and Responsibilities.

The duties, responsibilities, rights, immunities and protection of the Trustee shall be as provided by the Trust Indenture Act. Prior to any Event of Default the Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties as are specifically set out herein and in the Trust Indenture Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it. Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

## Section 602. Notice of Defaults.

The Trustee shall give notice of any default known to the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series when, as and to the extent provided by the Trust Indenture Act and in the manner provided by Section 106 hereof; provided, however, that in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 501(4) with respect to Securities of such series, no such notice to Holders shall be given until at least 30 days after the default is known to the Trustee. For the purpose of this Section, the term "default" means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to Securities of such series.

## Section 603. Certain Rights of Trustee.

Subject to the provisions of Section 601:

(1) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(2) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order



and any resolution of the Board of Directors shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(3) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers' Certificate;

(4) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the written advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(5) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(6) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney upon 10 Business Days advance written notice and during regular business hours; and

(7) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.

Section 604. Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained herein and in the Securities and Coupons, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the





statements of the Company, and the Trustee or any Authenticating Agent assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Securities or Coupons. The Trustee or any Authenticating Agent shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of Securities or the proceeds thereof.

Section 605. May Hold Securities or Coupons.

The Trustee, any Authenticating Agent, any Paying Agent, any Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities or Coupons and, subject to Sections 608 and 613, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

Section 606. Money Held in Trust.

Money held by the Trustee, or by any Paying Agent (other than the Company if the Company shall act as Paying Agent), in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. The Trustee shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed with the Company.

Section 607. Compensation and Reimbursement.

The Company agrees

(1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and

(3) to indemnify the Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder or



performance of its duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section, the Trustee shall have a claim prior to the Securities upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on particular Securities or any coupons.

Section 608. Disqualification; Conflicting Interests.

If the Trustee has or shall acquire a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee shall either eliminate such interest or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and this Indenture and the Company shall take prompt action to have a successor Trustee appointed in the manner provided herein.

Section 609. Corporate Trustee Required; Eligibility.

There shall at all times be one or more Trustees hereunder with respect to the Securities of each series, at least one of which shall be a Person that (i) is eligible pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act to act as such, and (ii) has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000; provided, however, that if the Trustee shall be a member of a bank holding company group, such bank holding company group shall have combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 and the Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$10,000,000. If such Person publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Person shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

Section 610. Resignation and Removal;  
Appointment of Successor.

No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 611.



The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 611 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the Securities of any series by Act of the Company or the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series, delivered to the Trustee and to the Company.

If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 608 after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 609 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

(3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation,

then, in any such case, (A) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all securities, or (B) subject to Section 514, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee with respect to all Securities and the appointment of a successor Trustee or Trustees.

If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Securities of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 611.



If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 611, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders and accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 611, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series to all Holders of Securities of such series in the manner provided in Section 106. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

Section 611. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all Securities, every such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture





supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, it being understood that nothing herein or in such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates; but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in paragraph (a) and (b) of this Section, as the case may be.

No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible under this Article.

Section 612. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation  
or Succession to Business.

Any corporation into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party,



or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Securities. In the event any Securities shall not have been authenticated by such predecessor Trustee, any such successor Trustee may authenticate and deliver such Securities, in either its own name or that of its predecessor Trustee, with the full force and effect which this Indenture provides for the certificate of authentication of the Trustee.

Section 613. Preferential Collection  
of Claims Against Company.

If and when the Trustee shall be or become a creditor of the Company (or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Coupons), the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act regarding the collection of claims against the Company (or any such other obligor).

Section 614. Appointment of Authenticating Agent.

The Trustee may appoint an Authenticating Agent or Agents with respect to one or more series of Securities which shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of such series issued upon original issue and upon exchange, registration of transfer or partial redemption thereof or pursuant to Section 306, and Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Securities by the Trustee or the Trustee's certificate of authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent and a certificate of authentication executed on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent. Each Authenticating Agent shall be acceptable to the Company and shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to act as Authenticating Agent, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination



by Federal or State authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any corporation into which an Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to the corporate agency or corporate trust business of an Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be an Authenticating Agent, provided such corporation shall be otherwise eligible under this Section, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent.

An Authenticating Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of an Authenticating Agent by giving written notice thereof to such Authenticating Agent and to the Company. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time such Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee may appoint a successor Authenticating Agent which shall be acceptable to the Company and shall provide notice of such appointment to the Holders of Securities of the series with respect to which such Authenticating Agent will serve, in the manner provided in Section 106. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent. No successor Authenticating Agent shall be appointed unless eligible under the provisions of this Section.

The Trustee agrees to pay to each Authenticating Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services under this Section, and the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such payments, subject to the provisions of Section 607.

If an appointment with respect to one or more series is made pursuant to this Section, the Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in the following form:



63 This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

.....,  
As Trustee

By.....,  
As Authenticating Agent

By.....  
Authorized Officer

ARTICLE SEVEN

Holdings' Lists and Reports by Trustee and Company

Section 701. Company to Furnish Trustee Names and Addresses of Holders.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee

(1) semi-annually, not more than 15 days after each Regular Record Date, a list for each series of Securities, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of Securities of such series as of such Regular Record Date, and

(2) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

excluding from any such list names and addresses received by the Trustee in its capacity as Security Registrar.

Section 702. Preservation of Information; Communications to Holders.

The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 701 and the names and addresses of Holders received by the Trustee in its capacity as





Security Registrar. The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 701 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

The rights of the Holders to communicate with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Securities or Coupons, and the corresponding rights and privileges of the Trustee, shall be as provided by the Trust Indenture Act.

Every Holder of Securities or Coupons, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any agent of either of them shall be held accountable by reason of any disclosure of information as to names and addresses of Holders made pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act.

Section 703. Reports by Trustee.

The Trustee shall transmit to Holders such reports concerning the Trustee and its actions under this Indenture as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided pursuant thereto.

A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed by the Trustee with each stock exchange upon which any Securities are listed, with the Commission and with the Company. The Company will notify the Trustee when any Securities are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 704. Reports by Company.

The Company shall file with the Trustee and the Commission, and transmit to Holders, such information, documents and other reports, and such summaries thereof, as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided pursuant to such Act; provided that any such information, documents or reports required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act shall be filed with the Trustee within 15 days after the same is so required to be filed with the Commission.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance, Transfer or Lease

Section 801. Company May Consolidate,  
Etc., Only on Certain Terms.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially



as an entirety to any Person, and the Company shall not permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into the Company or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to the Company, unless:

(1) in case the Company shall consolidate with or merge into another Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, the Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety shall be a corporation, partnership or trust, shall be organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on all the Securities and Coupons and the performance or observance of every covenant of this Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction and treating any indebtedness which becomes an obligation of the Company as a result of such transaction as having been incurred by the Company at the time of such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing;

(3) if, as a result of any such consolidation or merger or such conveyance, transfer or lease, properties or assets of the Company would become subject to a mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest or other encumbrance which would not be permitted by this Indenture, the Company or such successor Person, as the case may be, shall take such steps as shall be necessary effectively to secure the Securities equally and ratably with (or prior to) all indebtedness secured thereby; and

(4) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.



## Section 802. Successor Substituted.

Upon any consolidation of the Company with, or merger of the Company into, any other Person or any conveyance, transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety in accordance with Section 801, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor Person shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under this Indenture, the Securities and the Coupons.

## ARTICLE NINE

## Supplemental Indentures

## Section 901. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any of the following purposes:

(1) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Company and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Company herein and in the Securities; or

(2) to add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series) or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company; or

(3) to add any additional Events of Default; or

(4) to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to provide that Bearer Securities may be registrable as to principal, to change or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of principal of, any premium or interest on Securities, to permit Registered Securities to be exchanged for Bearer Securities, to permit Bearer Securities to be exchanged for Bearer Securities of other authorized



denominations or to permit or facilitate the issuance of Securities in uncertificated form, provided any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any series or any Coupons appertaining thereto in any material respect; or

(5) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture in respect of one or more series of Securities, provided that any such addition, change or elimination (A) shall neither (i) apply to any Security of any series or Coupon appertaining thereto created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (ii) modify the rights of the Holder of any such Security or Coupon with respect to such provision or (B) shall become effective only when there is no such Security or Coupon Outstanding; or

(6) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Sections 201 and 301; or

(7) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 611; or

(8) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be inconsistent with any other provision herein, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture, provided that such action pursuant to this clause (8) shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any series (except a series consenting pursuant to Section 902) in any material respect.

Section 902. Supplemental Indentures  
with Consent of Holders.

With the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Trustee, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series and any Coupons under this Indenture; provided, however, that no





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such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby,

(1) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any instalment of principal of or interest on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502, or change the coin or currency in which any Security or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), or modify the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the conversion or exchange of the Securities into Securities of another series or into any other debt or equity securities in a manner adverse to the Holders, or

(2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences) provided for in this Indenture, or

(3) modify any of the provisions of this Section or Section 513, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby, provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 611 and 901(8).

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series.

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental



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indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

Section 903. Execution of Supplemental Indentures.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 601) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 904. Effect of Supplemental Indentures.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby.

Section 905. Conformity with Trust Indenture Act.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act.

Section 906. Reference in Securities to Supplemental Indentures.

Securities of any series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities of any series so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Company, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Securities of such series.



## ARTICLE TEN

## Covenants

## Section 1001. Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of each series of Securities that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of and any premium and interest on the Securities of that series in accordance with the terms of the Securities or any Coupons appertaining thereto and this Indenture. Any interest due on any Bearer Security or before the maturity thereof shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Coupons appertaining thereto for such interest as they severally mature.

## Section 1002. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company will maintain in each Place of Payment for any series of Securities an office or agency where Securities of that series (but not Bearer Securities, except as otherwise provided below, unless such Place of Payment is located outside the United States) may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. If Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, the Company shall maintain, subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, an office or agency in a Place of Payment for such series which is located outside the United States where Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto may be presented and surrendered for payment. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, except that Bearer Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto may be presented and surrendered for payment at the place specified for the purpose with respect to such Securities as provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee as its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

Except as otherwise provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, no payment of principal, premium or interest with respect to Bearer Securities shall be made at any office or agency of the Company in the United States or by check mailed to any address in the United States by transfer to an



account maintained with a bank located in the United States; provided, however, if amounts owing with respect to any Bearer Securities shall be payable in United States Dollars, payment of principal of and any premium or interest on any such Security may be made at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or any office or agency designated by the Company in the United States, but only if payment of the full amount of such principal, premium or interest at all offices outside the United States maintained for such purpose by the Company in accordance with the Indenture is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Securities of one or more series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in each Place of Payment for Securities of any series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

Section 1003. Money for Securities  
Payments to Be Held in Trust.

If the Company shall at any time act as its own Paying Agent with respect to any series of Securities, it will, on or before each due date of the principal of or any premium or interest on any of the Securities of that series, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay the principal and any premium and interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided and will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents for any series of Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto, it will, prior to each due date of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of that series, deposit with a Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay such amount, such sum to be held as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

The Company will cause each Paying Agent for any series of Securities other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will (1) comply





with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act applicable to it as a Paying Agent and (2) during the continuance of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon the Securities of that series) in the making of any payment in respect of the Securities of that series, and upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums held in trust by such Paying Agent for payment in respect of the Securities of that series.

The Company may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Company Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Company or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Company or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Security of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on Company Request (including interest income accrued on said funds to which the Company is otherwise entitled), or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Security or any Coupon appertaining thereto shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in an Authorized Newspaper in each Place of Payment for such series, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

Section 1004. Statement by Officers as to Default.

The Company will deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company ending after the date hereof, an Officers' Certificate, stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signers thereof the Company is in default in the performance and observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided hereunder)



and, if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they may have knowledge.

Section 1005. Existence.

Subject to Article Eight, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right or franchise if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and that the loss thereof is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders.

Section 1006. Maintenance of Properties.

The Company will cause all properties used or useful in the conduct of its business to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order and supplied with all necessary equipment and will cause to be made all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, all as in the judgment of the Company may be necessary so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly and advantageously conducted at all times; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Company from discontinuing the operation or maintenance of any of such properties if such discontinuance is, in the judgment of the Company, desirable in the conduct of its business and not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders.

Section 1007. Payment of Taxes and Other Claims.

The Company will pay or discharge or cause to be paid or discharged, before the same shall become delinquent, (1) all taxes, assessments and governmental charges levied or imposed upon the Company or upon the income, profits or property of the Company, and (2) all lawful claims for labor, materials and supplies which, if unpaid, might by law become a lien upon the property of the Company; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay or discharge or cause to be paid or discharged any such tax, assessment, charge or claim whose amount, applicability or validity is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.



## Redemption of Securities

## Section 1101. Applicability of Article.

Securities of any series which are redeemable before their Stated Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article.

## Section 1102. Election to Redeem; Notice to Trustee.

The election of the Company to redeem any Securities shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution. In case of any redemption at the election of the Company of less than all the Securities of any series, the Company shall, at least 45 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date, of the principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed and, if applicable, of the tenor of the Securities to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officers' Certificate evidencing compliance with such restriction.

## Section 1103. Selection by Trustee of Securities to Be Redeemed.

If less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed (unless all of the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 45 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Registered Securities of that series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Registered Securities of such series of a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Registered Securities of that series. If less than all of the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding



Securities of such series and specified tenor not previously called for redemption in accordance with the preceding sentence.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

Section 1104. Notice of Redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner provided in Section 106, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date,
- (2) the Redemption Price,
- (3) if less than all the Outstanding Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption of any Securities, the principal amounts) of the particular Securities to be redeemed,
- (4) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Security to be redeemed and, if applicable, that interest thereon will cease to accrue on and after said date,
- (5) the place or places where such Securities, together (in the case of Bearer Securities) with all Coupons appertaining thereto, if any, maturing after the Redemption Date, are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price,
- (6) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case,
- (7) if applicable, the conversion price and the date on which the right to convert the Securities to be redeemed will terminate,





(8) that, unless otherwise specified in such notice, Bearer Securities of any series, if any, surrendered for redemption must be accompanied by all Coupons maturing subsequent to the date fixed for redemption or the amount of any such missing Coupon or Coupons will be deducted from the Redemption Price, unless security or indemnity satisfactory to the Company, the Trustee and any Paying Agent is furnished,

(9) if Bearer Securities of any series are to be redeemed and any Registered Securities of such series are not being redeemed, and if such Bearer Securities may be exchanged for Registered Securities not subject to redemption on the Redemption Date pursuant to Section 305 or otherwise, the last date, as determined by the Company, on which such exchanges may be made, and

(10) the CUSIP numbers of the Securities to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company and shall be irrevocable.

#### Section 1105. Deposit of Redemption Price.

Prior to any Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and (except if the Redemption Date shall be an Interest Payment Date) accrued interest on, all the Securities which are to be redeemed on that date.

#### Section 1106. Securities Payable on Redemption Date.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest) such Securities shall cease to bear interest and the Coupons for such interest appertaining to any Bearer Securities to be redeemed, except as provided below, shall be void. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, together with all Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto maturing after the Redemption Date, such Security shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest on Registered Securities to the Redemption Date; provided, however, that, unless otherwise specified



as contemplated by Section 301, installments of interest whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holders of such Securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, registered as such at the close of business on the relevant Record Dates according to their terms and the provisions of Section 307 and provided, further, that installments of interest on Bearer Securities whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of Coupons for such interest at an office or agency located outside of the United States except as otherwise provided in Section 1002.

If any Bearer Security surrendered for redemption shall not be accompanied by all appurtenant Coupons maturing after the Redemption Date, such Security may be paid after deducting from the Redemption Price an amount equal to the face amount of all such missing Coupons, or the surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee if there be furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Security shall surrender to the Trustee or any Paying Agent any such missing Coupon in respect of which a deduction shall have been made from the Redemption Price, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount so deducted; provided, however, that any interest represented by Coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those Coupons at an office or agency for such Security located outside of the United States except as otherwise provided in Section 1002.

If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal and any premium shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate prescribed therefor in the Security.

Section 1107. Securities Redeemed in Part.

Any Registered Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at a Place of Payment therefor (with, if the Company or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing), and the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Registered Security without service charge, a new Registered Security or Securities of the same series and of like tenor, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered.



## ARTICLE TWELVE

## Sinking Funds

## Section 1201. Applicability of Article.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of Securities of a series except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of such series.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Securities of any series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment", and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Securities of any series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment". If provided for by the terms of Securities of any series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 1202. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any series as provided for by the terms of Securities of such series.

## Section 1202. Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities.

The Company (1) may deliver Outstanding Securities of a series (other than any previously called for redemption), together in the case of any Bearer Securities of such series with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto, and (2) may apply as a credit Securities of a series which have been redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Securities or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of such Securities, in each case in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of such series required to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities as provided for by the terms of such series; provided that such Securities have not been previously so credited. Such Securities shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

## Section 1203. Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund.

Not less than 60 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for any series of Securities, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing sinking fund payment for that series pursuant to the terms of that series, the



portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Securities of that series pursuant to Section 1202 and will also deliver to the Trustee any Securities to be so delivered. Not less than 30 days before each such sinking fund payment date the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 1103 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 1104. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 1106 and 1107.

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN

##### Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

Section 1301. Company's Option to Effect Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may elect, at its option by Board Resolution at any time, to have either Section 1302 or Section 1303 applied to the Outstanding Securities of any series and any Coupons appertaining thereto designated pursuant to Section 301 as being defeasible pursuant to this Article Thirteen (hereinafter called a "Defeasible Series"), upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article Thirteen.

Section 1302. Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise of the option provided in Section 1301 to have this Section 1302 applied to the Outstanding Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto of any Defeasible Series, the Company shall be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to the Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto as provided in this Section on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 1304 are satisfied (hereinafter called "Defeasance"). For this purpose, such Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto and to have satisfied all its other obligations under the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto and this Indenture insofar as the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto are concerned (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), subject to the following which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (1) the





rights of Holders of Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto to receive, solely from the trust fund described in Section 1304 and as more fully set forth in such Section, payments in respect of the principal of and any premium and interest on such Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto when payments are due, (2) the Company's obligations with respect to the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto under Sections 304, 305, 306, 1002 and 1003, (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and (4) this Article Thirteen. Subject to compliance with this Article Thirteen, the Company may exercise its option provided in Section 1301 to have this Section 1302 applied to the Outstanding Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto of any Defeasible Series notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option provided in Section 1301 to have Section 1303 applied to the Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto.

Section 1303. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise of the option provided in Section 1301 to have this Section 1303 applied to the Outstanding Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto of any Defeasible Series, (i) the Company shall be released from its obligations under Sections 1005 through 1007, inclusive, and any other covenants specified in or pursuant to this Indenture, and (2) the occurrence of any event specified in Sections 501(4) (with respect to any of Sections 1005 through 1007, inclusive, and any other covenants specified in or pursuant to this Indenture), 501(5) and 501(8) shall be deemed not to be or result in an Event of Default, in each case with respect to the Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto as provided in this Section on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 1304 are satisfied (hereinafter called "Covenant Defeasance"). For this purpose, such Covenant Defeasance means that the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such specified Section (to the extent so specified in the case of Section 501(4)), whether directly or indirectly by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such Section or by reason of any reference in any such Section to any other provision herein or in any other document, but the remainder of this Indenture and the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto shall be unaffected thereby.

Section 1304. Conditions to Defeasance  
or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to application of either Section 1302 or Section 1303 to the Outstanding Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto of any Defeasible Series:



(1) The Company shall irrevocably have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee (or another trustee that satisfies the requirements contemplated by Section 609 and agrees to comply with the provisions of this Article Thirteen applicable to it) as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto, (A) money in an amount, or (B) U.S. Government Obligations that through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (C) a combination thereof, in each case sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, and which shall be applied by the Trustee (or any such other qualifying trustee) to pay and discharge, the principal of and any premium and interest on the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto on the respective Stated Maturities, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto. As used herein, "U.S. Government Obligation" means (x) any security that is (i) a direct obligation of the United States of America for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged or (ii) an obligation of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, which, in either case (i) or (ii), is not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and (y) any depository receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) as custodian with respect to any U.S. Government Obligation specified in Clause (x) and held by such custodian for the account of the holder of such depository receipt, or with respect to any specific payment of principal of or interest on any such U.S. Government Obligation, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of principal or interest evidenced by such depository receipt.

(2) In the case of an election under Section 1302, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the



Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (B) since the date first set forth hereinabove, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case (A) or (B) to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the Holders of the Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, Defeasance and discharge to be effected with respect to the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit, Defeasance and discharge were not to occur.

(3) In the case of an election under Section 1303, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of the Outstanding Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and Covenant Defeasance to be effected with respect to the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit and Covenant Defeasance were not to occur.

(4) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate to the effect that the Securities of such series, if then listed on any securities exchange, will not be delisted as a result of such deposit.

(5) No Event of Default or event that (after notice or lapse of time or both) would become an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such deposit or, with regard to any Event of Default or any such event specified in Sections 501(6) and (7), at any time on or prior to the 90th day after the date of such deposit (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until after such 90th day).

(6) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act (assuming all Securities are in default within the meaning of the such Act).

(7) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound.



(8) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent with respect to such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

(9) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in the trust arising from such deposit constituting an investment company within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, unless such trust shall be qualified under such Act or exempt from regulation thereunder.

Section 1305. Deposited Money and U.S. Government  
Obligations to be Held in Trust;  
Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 1003, all money and U.S. Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee or other qualifying trustee (solely for purposes of this Section and Section 1306, the Trustee and any such other trustee are referred to collectively as the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 1304 in respect of the Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto of any Defeasible Series shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any such Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto, of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal and any premium and interest, but money so held in trust need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the U.S. Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 1304 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge that by law is for the account of the Holders of Outstanding Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto.

Anything in this Article Thirteen to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon Company Request any money or U.S. Government Obligations held by it as provided in Section 1304 with respect to Securities and any Coupons appertaining thereto of any Defeasible Series that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are in excess of the amount thereof that would then





be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance with respect to the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto.

Section 1306. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money in accordance with this Article Thirteen with respect to the Securities of any series and any Coupons appertaining thereto by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article Thirteen with respect to Securities of such series or any Coupons appertaining thereto until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all money held in trust pursuant to Section 1305 with respect to Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto in accordance with this Article Thirteen; provided, however, that if the Company makes any payment of principal of or any premium or interest on any Security of such series or any Coupons appertaining thereto following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series and any Coupons appertaining thereto to receive such payment from the money so held in trust.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Meetings of Holders of Securities

Section 1401. Purpose for Which Meetings May be Called.

A meeting of Holders of Securities of any series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to this Article to make, give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders of Securities of such series.

Section 1402. Call, Notice and Place of Meetings.

(a) The Trustee may at any time call a meeting of Holders of Securities of any series for any purpose specified in Section 1401, to be held at such time and at such place in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or, if Securities of such series are to be issued as Bearer Securities, in London, as the Trustee shall determine. Notice of every meeting of Holders of Securities of any series, setting forth the time and



the place of such meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at such meeting, shall be given, in the manner provided in Section 106, not less than 21 nor more than 180 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The Trustee or the Company may fix, in advance of the giving of such notice, a date as the record date for determining the Holders entitled to notice or to vote at any such meeting not more than 15 days prior to the date fixed for the giving of such notice.

(b) In case at any time the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series shall have requested the Trustee to call a meeting of the Holders of Securities of any series for any purpose specified in Section 1401, by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and the Trustee shall not have made the first publication of the notice of such meeting within 21 days after receipt of such request or shall not thereafter proceed to cause the meeting to be held as provided herein, then the Company or the Holders of the Securities of such series in the amount above specified, as the case may be, may determine the time and the place in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or, if Securities of such series are to be issued as Bearer Securities, in London for such meeting and may call such meeting for such purposes by giving notice thereof as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.

Section 1403. Persons Entitled to Vote at Meetings.

To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series, a Person shall be (1) a Holder of one or more Outstanding Securities of such series, or (2) a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as proxy for a Holder or Holders of one or more Outstanding Securities of such series by such Holder or Holders. The only Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel, any representatives of the Trustee and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

Section 1404. Quorum; Action.

The Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of a series shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of Holders of Securities of such series. In the absence of a quorum within 30 minutes after the time appointed for any such meeting, the meeting shall, if convened at the request of Holders of Securities of such series, be dissolved. In any other case the meeting may be adjourned for a period of not less than 10 days as determined by the chairman of the meeting prior to the adjournment of such meeting. In the absence of a



quorum at any such adjourned meeting, such adjourned meeting may be further adjourned for a period of not less than 10 days as determined by the chairman of the meeting prior to the adjournment of such adjourned meeting. Notice of the reconvening of any adjourned meeting shall be given as provided in Section 1402(a), except that such notice need be given only once not less than five days prior the date on which the meeting is scheduled to be reconvened.

Except as limited by the proviso to Section 902, any resolution presented to a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present as aforesaid may be adopted only by the affirmative vote of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series, provided, however, that, except as limited by the proviso to Section 902, any resolution with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which this Indenture expressly provides may be made, given or taken by the Holders of a specified percentage, which is less than a majority, in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of a series may be adopted at a meeting or an adjourned meeting duly reconvened and at which a quorum is present as aforesaid by the affirmative vote of the Holders of such specified percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series.

Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series duly held in accordance with this Section shall be binding on all the Holders of Securities of such series and the Coupons appertaining thereto, whether or not present or represented at the meeting.

Section 1405. Determination of Voting Rights;  
Conduct and Adjournment of Meetings.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Holders of Securities of such series in regard to proof of the holding of Securities of such series and of the appointment of proxies and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meetings as it shall deem appropriate. Except as otherwise permitted or required by any such regulations, the holding of Securities shall be proved in the manner specified in Section 104 or by having the signature of the person executing the proxy witnessed or guaranteed by any trust company, bank or banker authorized by Section 104 to certify to the holding of Bearer Securities. Such regulations may provide that written instruments



appointing proxies, regular on their face, may be presumed valid and genuine without the proof specified in Section 104 or other proof.

(b) The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called the Company or by Holders of Securities as provided in Section 1402(b), in which case the Company or the Holders of Securities of the series calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chairman. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by vote of the Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series represented at the meeting.

(c) At any meeting each Holder of a Security of such series or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 principal amount of Securities of such series held or represented by him; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote, except as a Holder of a Security of such series or proxy.

(d) Any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series duly called pursuant to Section 1402 at which a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series represented at the meeting; and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

#### Section 1406. Counting Votes and Recording Action of Meetings.

The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of the Holders of Securities of such series or of their representatives by proxy and the principal amounts and serial numbers of the Outstanding Securities of such series held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in triplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record, at least in triplicate, of the proceedings of each meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be prepared by the secretary of the meeting and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice of the meeting and showing that said notice was given as provided in Section 1402 and, if applicable, Section 1404. Each





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copy shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one such copy shall be delivered to the Company, and another to the Trustee to be preserved by the Trustee, the latter to have attached thereto the ballots voted at the meeting. Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of the day and year first above written.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:  
\_\_\_\_\_

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
COMPUTATION OF RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES  
(dollars in thousands)

	June 30,				December 31,				
					1994	1993	1992	1991	
For the Twelve									
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Consolidated									
1. Fixed Charges:									
A) Interest expense	\$ 51,851	\$ 48,757	\$ 42,866	\$ 44,003	\$ 45,535	\$ 42,493			
B) Amortization	1,380	1,330	1,183	1,089	1,095	1,045			
C) Interest portion of rentals	5,656	5,589	5,456	5,346	5,020	5,370			
D) Interest on PriMerit debt	15,314	17,494	26,915	48,244	86,790	113,581			
E) Interest on PriMerit deposits	44,900	57,643	85,974	114,744	127,143	106,269			
Total fixed charges	\$ 119,101	\$ 130,813	\$ 162,394	\$ 213,426	\$ 265,583	\$ 268,758			
2. Earnings (as defined):									
F) Net income (loss)	\$ 24,280	\$ 15,406	\$ 17,661	\$ (14,175)	\$ 37,171	\$ 42,685			
G) Income taxes	15,257	8,214	14,473	641	25,623	28,508			
Fixed Charges (1. above)	119,101	130,813	162,394	213,426	265,583	268,758			
Total earnings as defined	\$ 158,638	\$ 154,433	\$ 194,528	\$ 199,892	\$ 328,377	\$ 339,951			
3. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.33	1.18	1.20	0.94	1.24	1.26			

	June 30,				December 31,				
					1994	1993	1992	1991	
For the Twelve									
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Consolidated									
1. Fixed Charges (without interest on deposits):									
A) Interest expense	\$ 51,851	\$ 48,757	\$ 42,866	\$ 44,003	\$ 45,535	\$ 42,493			
B) Amortization	1,380	1,330	1,183	1,089	1,095	1,045			
C) Interest portion of rentals	5,656	5,589	5,456	5,346	5,020	5,370			
D) Interest on PriMerit debt	15,314	17,494	26,915	48,244	86,790	113,581			
Total fixed charges	\$ 74,201	\$ 73,170	\$ 76,420	\$ 98,682	\$ 138,440	\$ 162,489			
2. Earnings (as defined):									
F) Net income (loss)	\$ 24,280	\$ 15,406	\$ 17,661	\$ (14,175)	\$ 37,171	\$ 42,685			
G) Income taxes	15,257	8,214	14,473	641	25,623	28,508			
Fixed Charges (1. above)	74,201	73,170	76,420	98,682	138,440	162,489			
Total earnings as defined	\$ 113,738	\$ 96,790	\$ 108,554	\$ 85,148	\$ 201,234	\$ 233,682			
3. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.53	1.32	1.42	0.86	1.45	1.44			



	June 30,		December 31,						
			1994	1993	1992	1991	1990		
Company (natural gas operations)									
1. Fixed Charges									
A) Interest expense	\$ 51,851	\$ 48,757	\$ 42,866	\$ 44,003	\$ 45,535	\$ 42,493			
B) Amortization	1,380	1,330	1,183	1,089	1,095	1,045			
C) Interest portion of rentals	4,712	4,556	4,468	4,525	4,394	4,875			
Total fixed charges	\$ 57,943	\$ 54,643	\$ 48,517	\$ 49,617	\$ 51,024	\$ 48,413			
2. Earnings (as defined):									
D) Net income (loss)	\$ 24,280	\$ 15,406	\$ 17,661	\$ (14,175)	\$ 37,171	\$ 42,685			
E) Less PriMerit earnings/loss	(12,024)	(6,596)	9,818	28,400	(10,142)	(14,171)			
F) Income taxes	7,011	4,914	14,382	9,395	15,649	18,824			
Fixed Charges (1. above)	57,943	54,643	48,517	49,617	51,024	48,413			
Total earnings as defined	\$ 77,210	\$ 68,367	\$ 90,378	\$ 73,237	\$ 93,702	\$ 95,751			
3. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.33	1.25	1.86	1.48	1.84	1.98			



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
 COMPUTATION OF RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS  
 (dollars in thousands)

					For the Twelve Months				
					June 30,		December 31,		
					1994	1993	1992	1991	
Consolidated									
1. Combined fixed charges									
A) Total fixed charges	\$ 119,101	\$ 130,813	\$ 162,394	\$ 213,426	\$ 265,583	\$ 268,758			
B) Preferred dividends*	990	1,416	1,840	1,222	2,618	2,915			
Total fixed charges and preferred dividends	\$ 120,091	\$ 132,229	\$ 164,234	\$ 214,648	\$ 268,201	\$ 271,673			
2. Earnings	\$ 158,638	\$ 154,433	\$ 194,528	\$ 199,892	\$ 328,377	\$ 339,951			
3. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends	1.32	1.17	1.18	0.93	1.22	1.25			
Consolidated									
1. Combined fixed charge (without interest on deposits):									
A) Total fixed charges	\$ 74,201	\$ 73,170	\$ 76,420	\$ 98,682	\$ 138,440	\$ 162,489			
B) Preferred dividends*	990	1,416	1,840	1,222	2,618	2,915			
Total fixed charges and preferred dividends	\$ 75,191	\$ 74,586	\$ 78,260	\$ 99,904	\$ 141,058	\$ 165,404			
2. Earnings	\$ 113,738	\$ 96,790	\$ 108,554	\$ 85,148	\$ 201,234	\$ 233,682			
3. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends	1.51	1.30	1.39	0.85	1.43	1.41			
Company (natural gas operations)									
1. Combined fixed charges									
A) Total fixed charges	\$ 57,943	\$ 54,643	\$ 48,517	\$ 49,617	\$ 51,024	\$ 48,413			
B) Preferred dividends*	956	1,154	1,540	2,125	2,447	2,902			
Total fixed charges and preferred dividends	\$ 58,899	\$ 55,797	\$ 50,057	\$ 51,742	\$ 53,471	\$ 51,315			
2. Earnings	\$ 77,210	\$ 68,367	\$ 90,378	\$ 73,237	\$ 93,702	\$ 95,751			
3. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends	1.31	1.23	1.81	1.42	1.75	1.87			

\* Preferred and preference dividends have been adjusted to represent the pretax earnings necessary to cover such dividend requirements.

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement of our reports dated February 25, 1994 included in Southwest Gas Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1993 and to all references to our Firm included in this registration statement.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Las Vegas, Nevada  
September 21, 1994

Exhibit 23.01