

Article 1 of the Original Indenture, shall be deemed to mean the net earnings of the Company ascertained as follows:

- (a) The total operating revenues of the Company and the net non-operating revenues of the properties of the Company shall be ascertained.
- (b) From the total, determined as provided in Subsection (a), there shall be deducted all operating expenses, including all salaries, rentals, insurance, license and franchise fees, expenditures for repairs and maintenance, taxes (other than income, excess profits and other taxes measured by or dependent on net taxable income), depreciation as shown on the books of the Company or an amount equal to the minimum provision for depreciation as hereinafter defined, whichever is greater, but excluding all property retirement appropriations, all interest and sinking fund charges, amortization of stock and debt discount and expense or premium and further excluding any charges to income or otherwise for the amortization of plant or property accounts or of amounts transferred therefrom.
- (c) The balance remaining after the deduction of the total amount computed pursuant to Subsection (b) from the total amount computed pursuant to Subsection (a) shall constitute the "net earnings of the Company available for interest", provided that not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the net earnings of the Company available for interest may consist of the aggregate of (i) net non-operating income, (ii) net earnings from mortgaged property other than property of the character of property additions, and (iii) net earnings from property not subject to the lien of this Indenture.
- (d) No income received or accrued by the Company from securities and no profits or losses from the sale of capital assets shall be included in making the computations aforesaid.

(e) In case the Company shall have acquired any acquired plant or systems or shall have been consolidated or merged with any other corporation, within or after the particular period for which the calculation of net earnings of the Company available for interest, depreciation and property retirement is made,

then, in computing the net earnings of the Company available for interest, depreciation and property retirement, there may be included, to the extent they may not have been otherwise included, the net earnings or net losses of such acquired plant or system or of such other corporation, as the case may be, for the whole of such period. The net earnings or net losses of such property additions, or of such other corporation, for the period preceding such acquisition or such consolidation or merger, shall be ascertained and computed as provided in the foregoing subsections of this definition as if such acquired plant or system had been owned by the Company during the whole of such period, or as if such other corporation had been consolidated or merged with the Company prior to the first day of such period.

(f) In case the Company shall have obtained the release of any property pursuant to Section 3 of Article VII of the Original Indenture, of a fair value in excess of Five hundred thousand dollars, as shown by the engineer's certificate required by said Section 3, or shall have obtained the release of any property pursuant to Section 3 of Article VII of the Original Indenture, the proceeds of which shall have exceeded Five hundred thousand dollars, within or after the particular period for which the calculation of net earnings of the Company available for interest, depreciation and property retirement is made, then, in computing the net earnings of the Company available for interest, depreciation and property retirement, the net earnings or net losses of such property for the whole of such period shall be included to the extent practicable on the basis of actual earnings and expenses of such property or on the basis of such estimates of the earnings and expenses of such property as the signers of an officers' certificate filed with the Trustee pursuant to Section 3(b) of Article III or Section 16 of Article IV of the Original Indenture shall deem proper.

The term "minimum charge for depreciation" as used herein shall mean an amount equal to (a) fifteen percent (15%) of the total operating revenues of the Company after deducting therefrom an amount equal to the aggregate cost to the Company of electric energy, gas and water purchased for resale to