

REGISTRATION NO. 333-47222

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC:
From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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, OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE
ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY
DETERMINE.

(BANK OF AMERICA LOGO)

\$3,000,000,000 INTERNOTES (SM)

We may offer to sell our Bank of America Corporation InterNotes(SM) from time to time. The specific terms of our InterNotes(SM) are set prior to the time of sale and described in a separate supplement. You should read this prospectus and that supplement carefully before you invest.

We may offer the notes through agents who purchase the notes as principal and receive a concession. The maximum amount we expect to receive is from \$2,994,000,000 to \$2,910,000,000, after paying agents concessions of between \$6,000,000 and \$90,000,000. The agents are not required to sell any specific amount of notes but will use their best efforts to sell the notes. We also may offer the notes directly. We have not set a date for termination of our offering.

The agents have advised us that from time to time they may purchase and sell notes in the secondary market, but they are not obligated to make a market in the notes and may suspend or completely stop that activity at any time. We do not intend to list notes on any stock exchange.

OUR NOTES ARE UNSECURED AND ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, DEPOSITS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK. THE NOTES ARE NOT GUARANTEED BY BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. OR ANY OTHER BANK, ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVE INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL. POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THE NOTES ALSO SHOULD CONSIDER THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 5.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE NOTES OR PASSED ON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

JOINT LEAD MANAGERS AND LEAD AGENTS

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC

INCAPITAL, LLC

AGENTS

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EDWARD JONES

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PAINWEBBER INCORPORATED

PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES

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Prospectus dated January , 2001.

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InterNotes(SM) is a Service Mark of Integrated Holdings, LLC

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SUMMARY

This section summarizes the legal and financial terms of the notes that are described in more detail in "Description of Notes" beginning on page 12. Final terms of any particular notes are set at the time of sale and are contained in the supplement relating to those notes. That supplement may vary from and supersede the terms contained in this Summary. In addition, you should read the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and in the supplement.

Issuer..... Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America
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phone: (888) 279-3457.

Purchasing Agent..... Incapital, LLC

Joint Lead Managers and
Lead Agents..... Banc of America Securities LLC and Incapital, LLC

Agents..... A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
PaineWebber Incorporated
Prudential Securities Incorporated
Salomon Smith Barney Inc.

Title of Notes..... Bank of America Corporation InterNotes(SM)

Affiliates..... Bank of America Corporation is the indirect parent of Banc of America Securities LLC, one of the Agents, and, through a subsidiary, owns a significant equity interest in Integrated Holdings, LLC, the parent of Incapital, LLC, the Purchasing Agent. Additional details of these relationships are disclosed in "Plan of Distribution" on page 25.

Amount..... We may issue up to \$3,000,000,000 of notes in connection with this prospectus. There are no limitations on our ability to issue additional indebtedness in the form of InterNotes(SM) or otherwise.

Denominations..... The notes will be issued and sold in denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 (unless otherwise stated in the supplement).

Status..... The notes are our direct unsecured obligations. Each supplement states whether the notes are senior or subordinated debt. Senior notes rank equally with our other unsecured senior debt and subordinated notes rank equally with our other unsecured subordinated debt and junior in right of payment to our senior debt.

Although we are a bank holding company, the notes are not savings accounts or deposits in our banking subsidiaries and are not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency.

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Holders of Subordinated Notes have Limited

Rights..... Payment of principal of our subordinated notes may not be accelerated if there is a default in the payment of principal or any premium or interest or the performance of any of our other Indenture covenants.

Maturities..... The notes are due nine months or more from the date of issue.

Interest..... - Each note bears interest from the issue date at a fixed rate per annum;

- Interest on each note is payable either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually on each interest payment date and on the maturity date. Interest also will be paid on the date of redemption or repayment if a note is redeemed or repurchased prior to maturity; and

- Interest on the notes is computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Principal..... The principal amount of the notes is payable on the maturity date at the corporate trust office of the paying agent or at any other place we may designate.

- Redemption and Repayment. - Unless stated in the applicable supplement, the notes are not redeemable at our option or repayable at the option of the holder prior to the maturity date; and
- The notes are unsecured and not subject to any sinking fund.
- Survivor's Option..... Specific notes may contain a provision permitting the optional redemption of those notes prior to maturity upon the death of a purchaser holding the notes for at least six months prior to the holder's death. Your notes may not be redeemed unless that right is specified in the supplement for your notes. The right to exercise the Survivor's Option is subject to limits set by us on the permitted dollar amount of total exercises by holders of notes in any calendar year. Additional details of this right are described in the section entitled "Survivor's Option" on page 15.
- Sale and Clearance..... We will sell notes in the United States only. Notes are issued in book-entry only form and clear through The Depository Trust Company. We do not intend to issue notes in certificated form.
- Trustee..... The Trustee for senior and subordinated notes is The Bank of New York, 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286, under separate restated Indentures, each dated as of January 1, 2001.
- Selling Group..... The agents and dealers comprising the selling group are broker-dealers and securities firms. The agents, including the Purchasing Agent, have entered into a Selling Agent Agreement with us. Dealers who are members of the selling group have executed a Master Selected Dealer Agreement with the Purchasing Agent. The agents and the dealers have agreed to market and sell the notes in accordance with the terms of those respective agreements and all other applicable laws and regulations. You may call the Purchasing Agent at 1-877-284-2663 for a list of selling group members.

 ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This document is a prospectus and is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration or continuous offering process. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the notes we may offer in connection with the Bank of America Corporation InterNotes(SM) program. Using this shelf process, we may from time to time sell these InterNotes(SM) in various offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$3,000,000,000. While we have various notes and other evidence of indebtedness outstanding, references in this prospectus to "notes" are to the Bank of America Corporation InterNotes(SM).

The specific terms and conditions of notes being offered will be contained in a pricing supplement or a prospectus supplement. A copy of that supplement will be provided to you along with a copy of this prospectus. That supplement also may add, update or change information in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the supplement, you should rely on the information in the supplement. You should read both this prospectus and the supplement together with the additional information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. That additional information is described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 26 of this prospectus.

You should rely only on the information provided in this prospectus and the supplement, including the information incorporated by reference. Neither we, nor any dealers or agents, have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not offering the notes in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any supplement is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover

page of those documents.

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus to "we," "us," "our," or similar references mean Bank of America Corporation.

RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the notes will involve certain risks. This prospectus does not describe all of those risks. Neither we nor the agents are responsible for advising you of these risks now or as they may change in the future.

In consultation with your own financial and legal advisors, you should carefully consider, among other matters, the following discussion of risks before deciding whether an investment in the notes is suitable for you. The notes are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about the significant elements of the notes or financial matters in general. You should not purchase notes unless you understand and know you can bear these investment risks.

Redemption -- We may choose to redeem notes when prevailing interest rates are relatively low.

If your notes are redeemable at our option, we may choose to redeem your notes from time to time. Prevailing interest rates at the time we redeem your notes would likely be lower than the rate borne by the notes as of their original issue date. In such a case you would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the notes being redeemed. Our redemption right also may adversely impact your ability to sell your notes as our redemption date approaches.

Uncertain Trading Markets -- We cannot assure that a trading market for your notes will ever develop or be maintained.

In making your evaluation of the notes, you should assume that you will be holding the notes until their maturity. We cannot assure you that a trading

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market for your notes will ever develop or be maintained. Many factors independent of our creditworthiness affect the trading market and market value of your notes. Those factors include, without limitation:

- the method of calculating the principal and interest for the notes;
- the time remaining to the maturity of the notes;
- the outstanding amount of the notes;

- the redemption or repayment features of the notes;

- market rates of interest higher than rates borne by the notes; and
- the level, direction and volatility of interest rates generally.

There may be a limited number of buyers when you decide to sell your notes. This may affect the price you receive for your notes or your ability to sell your notes at all.

Subordinated notes have limited acceleration rights.

The holders of senior notes may declare those notes in default and accelerate the due date of those notes. Holders of subordinated notes do not have that right and may accelerate payment of indebtedness only upon our bankruptcy.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation and a bank holding company. Our principal assets are the shares of stock of Bank of America, N.A. and the other banking and nonbanking subsidiaries that we own. Through those subsidiaries, we provide a diversified range of banking and nonbanking financial services and products primarily throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Southeast, Southwest, Northwest and West regions of the United States and in selected international markets.

We, and our subsidiaries, are subject to supervision by various United States federal and state banking and other regulatory authorities. See "Regulatory Matters" on page 8.

BUSINESS SEGMENT OPERATIONS

We report the results of our operations through four business segments: (1) Consumer and Commercial Banking, (2) Asset Management, (3) Global Corporate and Investment Banking and (4) Equity Investments.

The major components of our Consumer and Commercial Banking segment are Banking Regions, Consumer Products and Commercial Banking.

- Banking Regions

Banking Regions serves approximately 30 million consumer households in 21 states and the District of Columbia and overseas through our extensive network of over 4,500 banking centers, 14,000 ATM's, telephone and Internet channels on www.bankofamerica.com. Banking Regions provides a wide array of products and services, including deposit products such as checking, money market savings accounts, time deposits and IRA's and credit products such as home equity, personal auto loans and auto leasing. Banking Regions also includes small business banking providing treasury management, credit services, community investment, debit card, e-commerce and brokerage services to over 2 million small business relationships across the franchise.

- Consumer Products

Consumer Products provides specialized services such as the origination and servicing of residential mortgage loans, issuance and servicing of credit cards, direct banking via the telephone and the Internet, student lending and certain insurance services. Consumer Products also provides consumer home equity and auto loans, retail finance

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programs to dealerships and lease financing of new and used cars.

- Commercial Banking

Commercial Banking provides commercial lending and treasury management services to middle market companies with annual revenue between \$10 million and \$500 million. These services are available through relationship manager teams as well as through alternative channels such as the telephone via the commercial service center and the Internet by accessing Bank of America Direct(TM).

Our Asset Management segment includes the Private Bank, Banc of America Capital Management and Banc of America Investment Services, Inc.

- Private Bank

The Private Bank offers financial solutions to high-net-worth clients and foundations in the United States and internationally by providing customized asset management and credit, financial advisory, fiduciary, trust and banking services.

- Banc of America Capital Management

Banc of America Capital Management, offering management of equity, fixed income, cash and alternative investments, manages the assets of individuals, corporations, municipalities, foundations and universities, and public and private institutions; and provides advisory services to our affiliated family of mutual funds.

- Banc of America Investment Services, Inc.

Banc of America Investment Services, Inc. provides both full-service and discount brokerage services through investment professionals located throughout the franchise and a brokerage web site that provides customers a wide array of market analyses, investment research and self-help tools, account information and transaction capabilities.

Our Global Corporate and Investment Banking segment provides a broad array of financial products such as investment banking, trade finance, treasury management, capital markets, leasing and financial advisory services to domestic and international corporations, financial institutions and government entities. Clients are supported through offices in 37 countries in four distinct geographic regions: United States and Canada; Asia; Europe, Middle East and Africa; and Latin America. Products and services provided include loan origination, mergers and acquisitions advisory, debt and equity underwriting and trading, cash management, derivatives, foreign exchange, leasing, leveraged finance, project finance, real estate finance, senior bank debt, structured finance and trade services. Our Global Corporate and Investment Banking segment offers clients a comprehensive range of global capabilities through four components: Global Credit Products, Global Capital Raising, Global Markets and Global Treasury Services.

- Global Credit Products

Global Credit Products provides credit and lending services and includes the corporate industry-focused portfolio, real estate, leasing and project finance.

- Global Capital Raising

Global Capital Raising houses our investment banking activities. Through a separate subsidiary, Bank of America Securities LLC, Global Capital Raising underwrites and makes markets in equity securities, high-grade and high-yield corporate debt securities, commercial paper, and mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. Bank of America Securities LLC also provides correspondent clearing services for other securities broker/dealers, offers traditional brokerage service to high-net-worth individuals, provides prime-brokerage services and makes markets in equity derivatives. Debt and equity securities research, loan syndications, mergers and acquisitions advisory services, private placements and equity derivatives are also provided through Banc of America Securities LLC.

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- Global Markets

Global Markets provides business solutions for a global customer base using interest rate derivatives, foreign exchange products, commodity derivatives and mortgage-related products. In support of these activities the businesses will take positions in these products and capitalize on market-making activities. The Global Markets business also takes an active role in the trading of fixed income securities in all of the regions in which Global Corporate and Investment Banking transacts business and is a primary dealer in the United States as well as in several international locations.

- Global Treasury Services

Global Treasury Services provides the technology, strategies and integrated solutions to help financial institutions, government agencies and public and private companies of all sizes manage their operations and cash flows on a local, regional, national and global level.

Our Equity Investments segment includes Principal Investing, which is comprised of a diversified portfolio of companies at all stages of the business cycle, from start-up to buyout. Investments are made on both a direct and indirect basis in the United States and overseas. Direct investing activity focuses on playing an active role in the strategic and financial direction of the portfolio company as well as providing broad business experience and access to our global resources. Indirect investments represent passive limited partnership stakes in funds managed by experienced third party private equity investors who act as general partners. Equity Investments also includes our strategic technology and alliances investment portfolio in addition to other parent company investments.

ACQUISITIONS AND SALES

As part of our operations, we regularly evaluate the potential acquisition of, and hold discussions with, various financial institutions and other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding company or financial holding company ownership or control. In addition, we regularly analyze the values of, and submit bids for, the acquisition of customer-based funds and other liabilities and assets of such financial institutions and other businesses. We also regularly consider the potential disposition of certain of our assets, branches, subsidiaries or lines of businesses. As a general rule, we publicly announce any material acquisitions or dispositions when a definitive agreement has been reached.

OUTSTANDING DEBT

At September 30, 2000, we had the following debt outstanding (in millions):

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| Senior debt | |
| Bank of America Corporation..... | \$22,115 |
| Subsidiaries..... | 29,441 |
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| Total senior debt..... | 51,556 |
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| Subordinated debt | |
| Bank of America Corporation..... | 17,248 |
| Subsidiaries..... | 608 |
| | ----- |
| Total subordinated debt..... | 17,856 |
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| Total long-term debt..... | \$69,412 |
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| Guaranteed Preferred Beneficial | |
| Interests in Junior Subordinated | |
| Notes..... | \$ 4,955 |
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| Total..... | \$74,367 |
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As of September 30, 2000, we had \$9.9 billion of commercial paper and other short-term notes payable outstanding.

REGULATORY MATTERS

The following discussion describes elements of an extensive regulatory framework applicable to bank holding companies, financial holding companies and banks and specific information about us and our subsidiaries. Federal regulation of banks, bank holding companies and financial holding companies is intended primarily for the protection of depositors

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and the Bank Insurance Fund rather than for the protection of stockholders, creditors or noteholders.

As a registered bank holding company and, effective March 11, 2000, a financial holding company under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, we are subject to the supervision of, and to regular inspection by, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board"). Our banking subsidiaries are organized predominantly as national banking associations, which are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "Comptroller" or "OCC"), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") and other federal and state regulatory agencies. In addition to banking laws, regulations and regulatory agencies, we and our subsidiaries and affiliates are subject to various other laws and regulations and supervision and examination by other regulatory agencies, all of which directly or indirectly affect our operations and management and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

A financial holding company, and the companies under its control, are permitted to engage in activities considered "financial in nature" as defined by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and Federal Reserve Board interpretations (including, without limitation, insurance and securities activities), and, therefore, may engage in a broader range of activities than permitted for bank holding companies and their subsidiaries. A financial holding company may directly or indirectly engage in activities considered financial in nature, either de novo or by acquisition, provided the financial holding company gives the Federal Reserve Board after-the-fact notice of the new activities. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act also permits national banks, such as our bank subsidiaries, to engage in activities considered financial in nature through a financial subsidiary, subject to certain conditions and limitations and with the prior approval of the Comptroller.

INTERSTATE BANKING

Bank holding companies (including bank holding companies that also are financial holding companies) also are required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board before acquiring more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any bank which is not already majority-owned by the bank holding company. Pursuant to the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency

Act of 1994, a bank holding company may acquire banks in states other than its home state without regard to the permissibility of such acquisitions under state law, but subject to any state requirement that the bank has been organized and operating for a minimum period of time, not to exceed five years, and the requirement that the bank holding company, before or after the proposed acquisition, controls no more than 10% of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in the United States and no more than 30% or such lesser or greater amount set by state law, of such deposits in that state.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 also authorizes banks to merge across state lines to create interstate branches. The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 also permits a bank to open new branches in a state in which it does not already have banking operations if such state enacts a law permitting de novo branching. We have consolidated our retail subsidiary banks into a single interstate bank, Bank of America, N.A., headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, with full service branch offices in 21 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, we operate a limited purpose nationally chartered credit card bank, Bank of America, N.A. (USA), headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, a nationally chartered banker's bank, Bank of America Oregon, N.A., headquartered in Portland, Oregon, and a California-chartered nonmember bank, Bank of America Community

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Development Bank, headquartered in Walnut Creek, California.

CHANGES IN REGULATIONS

Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently introduced in Congress, in the state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood and timing of any proposals or legislation and the impact they might have on us and our subsidiaries cannot be determined at this time.

CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Federal Reserve Board, the Comptroller and the FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to United States banking organizations. In addition, these regulatory agencies may from time to time require that a banking organization maintain capital above the minimum levels, whether because of its financial condition or actual or anticipated growth. The Federal Reserve Board risk-based guidelines define a three-tier capital framework. Tier 1 capital consists of common and qualifying preferred shareholders' equity, less certain intangibles and other adjustments. Tier 2 capital consists of preferred stock not qualifying as Tier 1 capital, subordinated and other qualifying debt, and the allowance for credit losses up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets. Tier 3 capital includes subordinated debt that is unsecured, fully paid, has an original maturity of at least two years, is not redeemable before maturity without prior approval by the Federal Reserve and includes a lock-in clause precluding payment of either interest or principal if the payment would cause the issuing bank's risk-based capital ratio to fall or remain below the required minimum. The sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital less investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries represents qualifying total capital, at least 50% of which must consist of Tier 1 capital. Risk-based capital ratios are calculated by dividing Tier 1 and total capital by risk-weighted assets. Assets and off-balance sheet exposures are assigned to one of four categories of risk-weights, based primarily on relative credit risk. The minimum Tier 1 capital ratio is 4% and the minimum total capital ratio is 8%. Our Tier 1 and total risk-based capital ratios under these guidelines at September 30, 2000 were 7.32% and 10.80%, respectively. At September 30, 2000, we did not have any subordinated debt that qualified as Tier 3 capital.

The leverage ratio is determined by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted average total assets. Although the stated minimum ratio is 3%, most banking organizations are required to maintain ratios of least 100 to 200 basis points above 3%. Our leverage ratio at September 30, 2000 was 6.06%. We meet our leverage ratio requirement.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, among other things, identifies five capital categories for insured depository institutions (well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized) and requires the respective federal regulatory agencies to implement systems for "prompt corrective action" for insured depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements within such categories. This act imposes progressively more restrictive constraints on operations, management and capital distributions, depending on the category in which an institution is classified. Failure to meet the capital guidelines could also subject a banking institution to capital raising requirements. An "undercapitalized" bank must develop a capital restoration plan and its parent holding company must guarantee that bank's

compliance with the plan. The liability of the parent holding company under any such guarantee is limited to the lesser of 5% of the bank's assets at the time it became "undercapitalized" or the amount needed to comply with the plan. Furthermore, in the event of the bankruptcy of the parent holding company, such guarantee would take priority over the parent's

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general unsecured creditors. In addition, this act requires the various regulatory agencies to prescribe certain non-capital standards for safety and soundness relating generally to operations and management, asset quality and executive compensation and permits regulatory action against a financial institution that does not meet such standards.

The various regulatory agencies have adopted substantially similar regulations that define the five capital categories identified by this act, using the total risk-based capital, Tier 1 risk-based capital and leverage capital ratios as the relevant capital measures. Such regulations establish various degrees of corrective action to be taken when an institution is considered undercapitalized. Under the regulations, a "well capitalized" institution must have a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 6%, a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10% and a leverage ratio of at least 5% and not be subject to a capital directive order. Under these guidelines, each of our banking subsidiaries is considered well capitalized.

Banking agencies have also adopted final regulations which mandate that regulators take into consideration (a) concentrations of credit risk; (b) interest rate risk, when the interest rate sensitivity of an institution's assets does not match the sensitivity of its liabilities or its off-balance-sheet position; and (c) risks from non-traditional activities, as well as an institution's ability to manage those risks, when determining the adequacy of an institution's capital. That evaluation will be made as a part of the institution's regular safety and soundness examination. In addition, the banking agencies have amended their regulatory capital guidelines to incorporate a measure for market risk. In accordance with the amended guidelines, we and any of our banking subsidiaries with significant trading activity must incorporate a measure for market risk in our regulatory capital calculations effective for reporting periods after January 1, 1998. The revised guidelines did not have a material impact on us or our banking subsidiaries' regulatory capital ratios or our well capitalized status.

DISTRIBUTIONS

Our funds for cash distributions to our stockholders are derived from a variety of sources, including cash and temporary investments. The primary source of these funds and funds used to pay principal and interest on our indebtedness, such as the notes, however, is dividends received from our banking subsidiaries. Each of our banking subsidiaries is subject to various regulatory policies and requirements relating to the payment of dividends, including requirements to maintain capital above regulatory minimums. The appropriate federal regulatory authority is authorized to determine under certain circumstances relating to the financial condition of a bank or bank holding company that the payment of dividends would be an unsafe or unsound practice and to prohibit payment thereof.

In addition, our ability, and the ability of our banking subsidiaries, to pay dividends may be affected by the various minimum capital requirements and the capital and non-capital standards established under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, as described above. Our right, and the right of our stockholders and creditors, to participate in any distribution of the assets or earnings of our subsidiaries is further subject to the prior claims of creditors of the respective subsidiaries.

SOURCE OF STRENGTH

According to Federal Reserve Board policy, bank holding companies are expected to act as a source of financial strength to each subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary. This support may be required at times when a bank holding company may not be able to provide such support. Similarly, under the cross-guarantee provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, in the event of a loss suffered or anticipated by the

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FDIC -- either as a result of default of a banking subsidiary or related to FDIC assistance provided to a subsidiary in danger of default the other banking subsidiaries may be assessed for the FDIC's loss, subject to certain exceptions.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we describe a different use in a supplement, we will use net proceeds from the sale of the notes for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes include:

- our working capital needs;
- investments in, or extensions of credit to, our banking and nonbanking subsidiaries;
- the possible acquisitions of other financial institutions or their assets or liabilities;
- the possible acquisitions of or investments in other businesses of a type we are eligible to acquire; and
- the possible reduction of outstanding indebtedness or the repurchase of our outstanding equity securities.

Until we designate the use of these net proceeds, we will temporarily invest them. We may, from time to time, engage in additional capital financings as we determine appropriate based on our needs and prevailing market conditions. These additional capital financings may include the sale of other notes and securities.

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the years in the five year period ended December 31, 1999 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 are as follows:

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| YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 | |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|--|-----|
| 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | | |
| Excluding interest on deposits | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Including interest on deposits | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 |

The ratio of earnings to fixed charges has been computed by dividing (a) earnings before income taxes and fixed charges less (b) equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries by fixed charges.

Fixed charges consist of:

- interest expense
- amortization of debt discount and appropriate issuance costs, and
- one-third (the amount deemed to represent an appropriate interest factor) of net rent expense under lease commitments.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

Our senior notes are issued under a restated indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 (the "Senior Indenture") between us and The Bank of New York, and our subordinated notes are issued under a restated indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 (the "Subordinated Indenture," and together with the Senior Indenture, the "Indentures") between us and The Bank of New York. The statements in this prospectus and the related supplements concerning the notes and the Indentures are not complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by, the provisions of the Indentures, including the definitions of certain terms. Whenever we refer to particular provisions of the Indentures or the defined terms contained in the Indentures, those provisions and defined terms are incorporated in this prospectus by

reference. The Indentures do not limit the amount of additional indebtedness that we may incur. Accordingly, without the consent of the holders of the notes, we may issue additional indebtedness under the Indentures in excess of the \$3,000,000,000 initial offering price of the notes offered by this prospectus.

Notes issued in accordance with this prospectus and a related supplement will have the following general characteristics:

- The notes are our direct unsecured obligations. Each supplement states whether the notes are senior or subordinated debt. Senior notes rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior debt and subordinated notes rank equally with all of our other unsecured subordinated debt and junior in right of payment to our senior debt.
- The notes may be offered from time to time by us through the Purchasing Agent and will mature on any day nine months or more from the issue date. Each note will bear interest from the issue date at a fixed rate per annum.
- The notes are not subject to any sinking fund.
- The minimum denomination of the notes will be \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 (unless otherwise stated in the supplement).

In addition, the supplement relating to each offering of notes will describe specific terms of the notes, including:

- the price, which may be expressed as a percentage of the aggregate initial public offering price of the note, at which the note will be issued to the public;
- the date on which the note will be issued to the public;
- the maturity date of the note;
- the rate per annum at which the note will bear interest;
- the interest payment frequency;
- the purchase price, Purchasing Agent's concession and net proceeds to us;
- whether the authorized representative of the holder of a beneficial interest in the note will have the right to seek repayment upon the death of the purchaser as described under "Survivor's Option" on page 15;
- if the note may be redeemed at our option or repaid at the option of the holder prior to its maturity date and the provisions relating to such redemption or repayment;
- any special United States Federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the note; and
- any other terms of the note not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable Indenture.

PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

Principal of, premium, if any, and interest in the notes will be paid to owners of a beneficial interest in the notes in accordance with the arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the Depositary and its participants as described under "Registration and Settlement" on page 19. Interest on each note will be payable either monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually on each interest payment date and at maturity or on the date of redemption or repayment if a note is redeemed or repaid prior to maturity. Interest is payable to the person in whose name a note is registered at the close of business on the regular record date before each interest payment date. Interest payable at maturity, on a date of redemption or repayment or in connection with the exercise of a Survivor's Option is payable to the person to whom principal is payable.

We will pay any administrative costs imposed by banks in connection with making payments in immediately available funds, but any tax, assessment or governmental charge imposed upon payments, including, without limitation, any withholding tax, is the responsibility of the holders of a beneficial interest in

the notes in respect of which such payments are made.

INTEREST AND INTEREST RATES

Each note will begin to accrue interest on its issue date. The applicable supplement will specify a fixed interest rate per annum payable monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Interest on the notes is computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a Business Day, principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next Business Day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST

Interest on the notes will be paid as follows:

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Interest Payment

| Frequency | Interest Payment Dates |
|---------------------|---|
| <S> Monthly..... | <C> Fifteenth day of each calendar month, beginning in the first calendar month following the month the note was issued. |
| Quarterly..... | Fifteenth day of every third month, beginning in the third calendar month following the month the note was issued. |
| Semi-annual.... | Fifteenth day of every sixth month, beginning in the sixth calendar month following the month the note was issued. |
| Annual..... | Fifteenth day of every twelfth month, beginning in the twelfth calendar month following the month the note was issued. |

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The regular record date for any interest payment date is the first day of the calendar month in which the interest payment date occurs, except that the regular record date for the final interest payment date is the final interest payment date.

Interest on a note will be payable beginning on the first interest payment date after its issue date to holders of record on the corresponding regular record date. If interest is payable on a day which is not a Business Day, payment will be postponed to the next Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment.

"Business Day" means, with respect to any note, unless the supplement relating to that note states otherwise, any weekday that is (1) not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and (2) not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

REDEMPTION AND REPAYMENT

Unless we otherwise provide in the applicable supplement, the notes are not redeemable or repayable prior to the maturity date.

If the supplement states that the note is redeemable at our option prior to its maturity date, then, we may redeem any of those notes either in whole or from time to time in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to DTC as the holder of the note on such date or dates specified in the supplement.

If the supplement states that your note is repayable at your option prior to its maturity date, we will require receipt of notice of the request for prepayment at least 30 but not more than 60 days prior to the date or dates specified in the supplement. We also must receive the completed form entitled "Option to Elect Repayment."

Exercise of the repayment option by the holder of a note is irrevocable. The Depositary's nominee is considered the holder of the notes and therefore will be the only entity that can exercise that right to repayment. See "Registration and Settlement" on page 19.

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To ensure that the Depositary's nominee will timely exercise a right to repayment with respect to a particular beneficial interest in a note, the beneficial owner of such interest must instruct the broker or other direct or indirect participant through which it holds a beneficial interest in the note to notify the Depositary of its desire to exercise a right to repayment. Because different firms have different cut-off times for accepting instructions from their customers, each beneficial owner should consult the broker or other direct or indirect participant through which it holds an interest in a note to determine the cut-off time by which the instruction must be given for timely notice to be delivered to the Depositary. Conveyance of notices and other communications by the Depositary to participants, by participants to indirect participants and by participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners of the notes will be governed by agreements among them and any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

The actual redemption or repayment normally will occur on the interest payment date or dates following receipt of a valid notice. Unless otherwise specified in the supplement, the redemption or repayment price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the note plus accrued interest to the date or dates of redemption or repayment.

We may at any time purchase notes, including those otherwise tendered for repayment by a holder, or holder's duly authorized representative, pursuant to the Survivor's Option described in the next paragraph, at any price or prices in the open market or otherwise. If we purchase the notes in this manner, we have the discretion to either hold, resell or surrender the notes to the Trustee for cancellation.

SURVIVOR'S OPTION

The "Survivor's Option" is our agreement with the purchaser of a note to repurchase that note, if requested, upon the death of the purchaser occurring at least six months after the purchaser purchased the note. The supplement relating to any note will state whether the estate of the deceased holder of a beneficial interest in the note will have the Survivor's Option; notes held for less than six months at the purchaser's date of death are not eligible for repurchase by exercise of the Survivor's Option.

If the Survivor's Option is exercised, we will, at our option, either repay or purchase any note, in whole or in part, that is properly tendered for repayment by or on behalf of the person that has authority to act on behalf of the deceased owner of the note, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the beneficial interest of the deceased owner in the note plus accrued interest to the date of repayment.

We have the discretionary right to limit the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted from all holders in any calendar year to an amount equal to the greater of \$1,000,000 or 1% of the outstanding principal amount of all notes outstanding as of the end of the most recent calendar year. We also have the discretionary right to limit to \$200,000 in any calendar year the aggregate principal amount of acceptances of exercise of the Survivor's Option in such calendar year for any individual deceased holder. In addition, we will not permit the exercise of the Survivor's Option for an amount less than \$1,000 or that will result in a note with a principal amount of less than \$1,000 to remain outstanding.

An otherwise valid election to exercise the Survivor's Option may not be withdrawn. Each election to exercise the Survivor's Option will be accepted in the order received by the Trustee, except for any note the acceptance of which would contravene the restrictions described above. Notes accepted for repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option normally will be repaid on the first interest payment date that occurs 20 or more calendar days after the date of the acceptance. Each note submitted for repayment that is not accepted in any

calendar year due to the application of the limitations described in the preceding paragraph will be deemed to be tendered in the following calendar year in the order in which all such notes were originally tendered. If a note submitted for repayment pursuant to a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is not accepted, the applicable Trustee will deliver a notice by first-class mail to the registered holder, at its last known address as indicated in the note Register, that states the reason the note has not been accepted for payment.

Since the notes are represented by a global note, the Depository or its nominee is treated as the holder of the notes and will be the only entity that can exercise the Survivor's Option for such notes. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option for a note, the deceased holder's authorized representative must provide the following to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in the note is held by the deceased owner:

- appropriate evidence satisfactory to the applicable Trustee that (a) the deceased was the owner of a beneficial interest in the note at the time of death and for at least six months prior to his or her death, (b) the death of the beneficial owner has occurred and (c) the representative has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner;
- if the beneficial interest in the note is held by a nominee of the deceased beneficial owner, a certificate satisfactory to the applicable Trustee from the nominee attesting to the deceased's ownership of a beneficial interest in such note;
- a written request for repayment signed by the representative of the decedent with signature guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States.
- if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement;
- tax waivers and any other instruments or documents that the Trustee reasonably requires in order to establish the validity of the ownership of the notes and the claimant's entitlement to payment; and
- any additional information the Trustee requires to document ownership or authority to make the election and to cause the redemption of the notes.

In turn, the broker or other entity will deliver each of these items to the Trustee, together with evidence satisfactory to the Trustee from the broker or other entity stating that it represents the deceased beneficial owner.

We retain the right to limit the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option will be accepted in any one calendar year as described above. All other questions regarding the eligibility or validity of any exercise of the Survivor's Option will be determined by the applicable Trustee, in its sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding on all parties.

The death of a person owning a note in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety with another or others will be deemed the death of the holder of the note, and the entire principal amount of the note so held will be subject to repayment.

The death of a person owning a note by tenancy in common will be deemed the death of a holder of a note only with respect to the deceased holder's interest in the note so held by tenancy in common. However, if a note is held by husband and wife as tenants in common, the death of either will be deemed the death of the holder of the note, and the entire principal amount of the note so held will be subject to repayment.

The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial interests of ownership of a note, will be

deemed the death of the holder of the note for purposes of this provision, regardless of the registered holder, if the beneficial interest can be established to the satisfaction of the applicable Trustee. The beneficial interest will be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership, ownership under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife and custodial and trust arrangements where one person has substantially all of the beneficial ownership interest in the note during his or her lifetime.

The broker or other entity will be responsible for disbursing payments received from the Trustee to the representative. See "Registration and Settlement" on page 19.

Forms for the exercise of the Survivor's Option may be obtained from The Bank of New York, 101 Barclay Street, 7 East, New York, New York 10286, Attention: Reorganization Department, (212) 815-2742.

SUBORDINATION

The subordinated notes are subordinated in right of payment to our Senior Indebtedness. The Subordinated Indenture basically defines "Senior Indebtedness" as any indebtedness for money borrowed, including all of our indebtedness for borrowed and purchased money, all of our obligations arising from off-balance sheet guarantees and direct credit substitutes and our obligations associated with derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts and commodity contracts, that were outstanding on the date we executed the Subordinated Indenture, or were created, incurred or assumed after that date and all deferrals, renewals, extensions and refundings of that indebtedness or obligations unless the instrument creating or evidencing the indebtedness provides that the indebtedness is subordinate in right of payment to any of our other indebtedness. Our senior notes are Senior Indebtedness.

We will not be able to make any principal, premium or interest payments on the subordinated notes or repurchase our subordinated notes if there is a default or event of default on any Senior Indebtedness that is not remedied and we and the Subordinated Trustee receive notice of this from the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of any kind or category of any Senior Indebtedness or the Subordinated Trustee receives notice from us.

If we repay any subordinated note before the required date or in connection with a distribution of our assets to creditors pursuant to a dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, any principal, premium or interest owing to holders of our Senior Indebtedness will be paid to those holders before any holders of Subordinated Indebtedness will be paid. In addition, if such amounts were previously paid to the holder of a subordinated note or the Subordinated Trustee, the holders of senior notes will have first rights to such amounts previously paid.

Until all Senior Indebtedness is repaid in full, the holders of subordinated notes will be subject to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of our assets.

SALE OR ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BANK

The Senior Indenture prohibits the issuance, sale or other disposition of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions:

- sales of directors' qualifying shares;
- sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to the disposition and to the conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, we would own at least 80% of each class of the capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank;
- sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction;
- any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank of additional shares of its capital stock, securities convertible into shares of its capital stock, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock, to its shareholders at any price, so long as before such sale we owned, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and immediately after the sale, we owned, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of securities of the Principal Subsidiary Bank as we owned before such sale of additional securities; and
- any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to us or our wholly owned subsidiary.

A Principal Subsidiary Bank is defined in the Senior Indenture as any of our banking subsidiaries (other than any credit card bank, presently Bank of America N.A. (USA)) with total assets equal to more than 10% of our total consolidated

assets. At present, Bank of America, N.A. is our only Principal Subsidiary Bank.

There is no equivalent covenant in the Subordinated Indenture.

WAIVER OF COVENANTS

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes affected that are outstanding under each of the Indentures may waive compliance with certain covenants or conditions of such Indentures.

MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURES

We and the applicable Trustee may modify each of the Senior and Subordinated Indentures with the consent of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes at the time outstanding under that Indenture, voting as one class. However, we cannot modify either Indenture to extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium of, or reduce the rate of or extend the time of payment of interest on, any note without the consent of each noteholder. Furthermore, we cannot modify either Indenture to reduce the percentage of notes required to consent to modification without the consent of all holders of the notes outstanding under the Indenture.

In addition, we and the Trustee may execute supplemental indentures in limited circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding notes.

MEETINGS AND ACTION BY NOTEHOLDERS

The Trustee may call a meeting in its discretion or upon request by us or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the notes outstanding under either Indenture upon the giving of notice. If a meeting of noteholders is duly held, any resolution raised or decision taken will be binding on all holders of notes outstanding under the Indenture.

DEFAULTS AND RIGHTS OF ACCELERATION

The Senior Indenture defines an event of default as any one of the following events:

- our failure to pay principal or premium when due on any notes;
- our failure to pay interest on any notes, within 30 days after the interest becomes due;
- our breach of any of our other covenants contained in the senior notes or the Senior

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Indenture that is not cured within 90 days after written notice to us by the Senior Trustee, or to us and the Senior Trustee by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all senior notes then outstanding under the Senior Indenture and affected thereby; and

- certain events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation.

The Subordinated Indenture defines an event of default solely as our bankruptcy under Federal bankruptcy laws.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of 25% in principal amount of the notes outstanding under the applicable Indenture may declare the principal amount of all such notes to be due and payable immediately. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes then outstanding under the applicable Indenture may annul the declaration of an event of default and waive past defaults.

Payment of principal of the subordinated notes may not be accelerated in the case of a default in the payment of principal or any premium or interest or the performance of any other covenants.

COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS

If we fail to pay principal or premium on the notes or if we are over 30 days late on an interest payment on the notes, the appropriate Trustee can demand that we pay to it, for the benefit of the noteholders under that Indenture, the amount which is due and payable on those notes including any interest incurred because of our failure to make that payment. If we fail to pay the required amount on demand, the Trustee may take appropriate action including instituting judicial proceedings.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes then outstanding under an Indenture may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee under that Indenture. Trustee, however, will be entitled to receive from the holders reasonable indemnity against expenses and liabilities.

At least annually, we are required to file with the Trustees a certificate stating that we are not in default with any of the terms of the respective Indentures.

NOTICES

We will provide noteholders any required notices by first-class mail to the addresses of the holders as they appear in the note Register.

CONCERNING THE TRUSTEES

We and our subsidiaries have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York and its affiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. The Bank of New York also serves as trustee for a number of series of our outstanding indebtedness under other indentures.

REGISTRATION AND SETTLEMENT

THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

All of the notes we offer will be issued in book-entry only form. This means that we will not issue actual notes or certificates. Instead, we will issue global notes in registered form (each, a "Global Note"). Each Global Note is held through DTC, as Depository, and is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. Accordingly, Cede & Co. will be the holder of record of the notes. Each note represents a beneficial interest in that Global Note.

Beneficial interests in a Global Note are shown on, and transfers are effected through, records maintained by DTC or its participants. In order to own a beneficial interest in a note, you must be an institution that has an account with DTC or have a direct or indirect account with such an institution. Transfers of ownership interests in the notes will be accomplished by making entries in DTC participants'

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books acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners of these notes will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest, unless the use of the book-entry system is discontinued.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a Global Note, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be the sole holder of the notes represented thereby for all purposes, including payment of principal and interest, under the applicable Indenture. Except as otherwise provided below, the beneficial owners of the notes are not entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes and will not be considered the holders for any purpose under the applicable Indenture. Accordingly, each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if such beneficial owner is not a DTC participant, on the procedures of the DTC participant through which such beneficial owner owns its interest in order to exercise any rights of a holder of a note under the applicable Indenture. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of notes take physical delivery of such notes in certificated form. Those limits and laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes.

Each Global Note representing notes will be exchangeable for certificated notes of like tenor and terms and of differing authorized denominations in a like aggregate principal amount, only if (i) the Depository notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for the Global Notes or we become aware that the Depository has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in any such case we fail to appoint a successor to the Depository within 60 calendar days, (ii) we, in our sole discretion, determine that the Global Notes shall be exchangeable for certificated notes or (iii) an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes under the Indenture. Upon any such exchange, the certificated notes shall be registered in the names of the beneficial owners of the Global Note representing the notes.

The following is based on information furnished by DTC:

DTC will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully-registered notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. Generally, one fully registered Global Note will be issued for all of the principal amount of the notes. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any note exceeds \$400 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$400 million of principal amount and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such note.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking

Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among direct participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in direct participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available

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to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its direct and indirect participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of the notes under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the notes on DTC's records. The beneficial interest of each actual purchaser of each note is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of beneficial interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their beneficial interests in notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such notes are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of the notes may wish to take certain steps to augment transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the notes, such as redemption, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. Beneficial owners of the notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners, or in the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the notes. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the regular record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the regular record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

We will pay principal and any premium or interest payments on the notes in immediately available funds directly to DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such date. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case

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with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." These payments will be the responsibility of these participants and not of DTC or any other party, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time. Payment of

principal and any premium or interest to DTC is our responsibility, disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of the direct or indirect participant.

We will send any redemption notices to Cede & Co. If less than all of the notes are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository for the notes at any time by giving us reasonable notice. Under such circumstances, if a successor securities depository is not obtained, we will print and deliver certificated notes.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for its accuracy.

REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATED NOTES

If we ever issue notes in certificated form, those notes may be presented for registration, transfer and payment at the office of the Registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated and maintained by us. We have originally designated The Bank of New York, 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286 to act in those capacities for both senior and subordinated notes. The Registrar or transfer agent will make the transfer or registration only if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. There will not be a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of the notes, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the exchange. At any time we may change transfer agents or approve a change in the location through which any transfer agent acts. We may also designate additional transfer agents for any notes at any time.

We will not be required to (i) issue, exchange or register the transfer of any note to be redeemed for a period of 15 days after the selection of the notes to be redeemed; or (ii) exchange or register the transfer of any note that was selected, called or is being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any note being redeemed in part.

We will pay principal and any premium and interest on any certificated notes at the offices of the paying agents we may designate from time to time. Generally, we will pay interest on a note on any interest payment date to the person in whose name the note is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for that payment.

TAX CONSEQUENCES TO U.S. HOLDERS

The following general summary describes the principal United States Federal income and estate tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the notes. This summary provides general information only and is directed solely to original holders who hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and does not purport to discuss all United States Federal income tax consequences that may be applicable to particular categories of investors that may be subject to special rules, such as certain financial institutions, insurance companies, dealers in securities, persons holding notes as part of a "straddle," conversion transaction, hedging or other integrated transaction, persons who have ceased to be United States citizens

or to be taxed as resident aliens or persons that are not U.S. Holders. In addition, the tax consequences of holding a particular note will depend, in part, on the particular terms of such note as described in the applicable supplement. This summary also does not discuss the tax consequences that are specific to holders who purchase notes that are treated as issued with "original issue discount."

Holders of notes are advised to consult their own tax advisors with regard to the application of the United States Federal income and estate tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or foreign tax jurisdiction.

This summary is based on the Code, United States Treasury Regulations (including proposed and temporary regulations) promulgated under the Code, rulings, official pronouncements and judicial decisions as of the date of this Prospectus. The authorities on which this summary is based are subject to change or differing interpretations, which could apply retroactively, so as to result in United States Federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below.

For purposes of the following discussion, "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial

owner of a note that is:

(1) for United States Federal income tax purposes a citizen or resident of the United States;

(2) a corporation or partnership (or other entity properly classified as a corporation or partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any state (including the District of Columbia);

(3) an estate the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source;

(4) a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and (b) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; or

(5) any other holder whose income with respect to a note is effectively connected with such holder's conduct of a United States trade or business.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST

Interest on a note will generally be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time it is accrued or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder's method of accounting for tax purposes.

BOND PREMIUM

If a U.S. Holder purchases a note for an amount that is greater than the principal amount of the note, such holder will be considered to have purchased such note with "amortizable bond premium" equal in amount to such excess. A U.S. Holder may elect (in accordance with applicable Code provisions) to amortize such premium over the remaining term of the note (where such note is not redeemable prior to its maturity date), based on the U.S. Holder's yield to maturity with respect to the note.

A U.S. Holder may generally use the amortizable bond premium allocable to an accrual period to offset interest required to be included in the U.S. Holder's income with respect to the note in that accrual period. If the amortizable bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the amount of interest allocable to such accrual period, such excess would be allowed as a deduction for such accrual period, but only to the extent of the U.S. Holder's prior interest inclusions on the note that have not been offset previously by bond premium. Any excess is generally carried forward and allocable to the next accrual period.

If such note may be redeemed by us prior to maturity after the U.S. Holder has acquired it, the amount of amortizable bond premium is determined with reference to either the amount payable on

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maturity or, if it results in a smaller premium, attributable to the period through the earlier redemption date with reference to the amount payable on the earlier redemption date. A U.S. Holder who elects to amortize bond premium must reduce his tax basis in the note as described under "Sale, Exchange or Redemption of the Notes" below.

An election to amortize bond premium applies to all taxable debt obligations held by the U.S. Holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies and thereafter acquired by the U.S. Holder and may be revoked only with the consent of the Internal Revenue Service. Generally, a holder may make an election to include in gross income its entire return on a note (i.e., the excess of all remaining payments to be received on the note over the amount paid for the note by such holder) in accordance with a constant yield method based on the compounding of interest. If a holder makes such an election for a note with amortizable bond premium, such election will result in a deemed election to amortize bond premium for all of the holder's debt instruments with amortizable bond premium and may be revoked only with the permission of the Internal Revenue Service.

SALE, EXCHANGE OR REDEMPTION OF THE NOTES

Upon the sale, exchange or redemption of a note, a U.S. Holder will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or redemption (other than amounts representing interest not previously included in income) and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in a note will generally be the U.S. dollar cost of the note to such U.S. Holder, reduced by any principal payments received by the U.S. Holder and any amortizable bond premium used to offset interest.

In general, gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange or redemption of a note will be capital gain or loss. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the treatment of capital gains (which may be taxed at

lower rates than ordinary income for taxpayers who are individuals, trusts or estates) and losses (the deductibility of which is subject to limitation).

If a U.S. Holder disposes of only a portion of a note pursuant to a redemption or repayment (including the Survivor's Option, if applicable), such disposition will be treated as a pro rata prepayment in retirement of a portion of a debt instrument. Generally, the resulting gain or loss would be calculated by assuming that the original note being tendered consists of two instruments, one that is retired (or repaid), and one that remains outstanding. The adjusted issue price and the U.S. Holder's adjusted basis, determined immediately before the disposition, would be allocated between these two instruments based on the portion of the instrument that is treated as retired by the pro rata prepayment.

BACKUP WITHHOLDING AND INFORMATION REPORTING

Backup withholding and information reporting requirements may apply to certain payments of principal, premium and interest on a note, and to payments of proceeds of the sale or redemption of a note, to certain non-corporate U.S. Holders. Bank of America Corporation, its agent, a broker, the relevant Trustee or any paying agent, as the case may be, will be required to withhold from any payment a tax equal to 31% of such payment if the U.S. Holder fails to furnish or certify his correct taxpayer identification number (social security number or employer identification number) to the payor in the manner required, fails to certify that such U.S. Holder is not subject to backup withholding, or otherwise fails to comply with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a holder may be credited against such holder's United States Federal income tax and may entitle such holder to a refund, provided that the

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required information is furnished to the United States Internal Revenue Service.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION
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Under the terms of a Selling Agent Agreement dated as of January , 2001, the notes are offered from time to time by us to the Purchasing Agent for subsequent resale to the agents and other dealers who are broker-dealers and securities firms. The agents, including the Purchasing Agent, are parties to that agreement. The notes will be offered for sale in the United States only. Dealers who are members of the selling group have executed a Master Selected Dealer Agreement with the Purchasing Agent. The agents have agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to solicit offers from investors to purchase the notes. We also may appoint additional agents to solicit offers to purchase the notes. Any solicitation and sale of the notes through those additional agents, however, will be on the same terms and conditions to which the original agents have agreed. We will pay the Purchasing Agent a gross selling concession to be divided among the Purchasing Agent and the other agents as they agree. The concession is payable to the Purchasing Agent in the form of a discount ranging from 0.2% to 3.0% of the non-discounted price for each note sold. The Purchasing Agent also may sell notes to dealers at a discount not in excess of the concession it received from us.

Following the solicitation of orders, each of the agents, severally and not jointly, may purchase notes as principal for its own account from the Purchasing Agent. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable supplement, these notes will be purchased by the agents and resold by them to one or more investors at a fixed public offering price. After the initial public offering of notes to be resold by an agent to investors, the public offering price (in the case of notes to be resold at a fixed public offering price), concession and discount may be changed.

We have the sole right to accept offers to purchase notes and may reject any proposed offer to purchase notes in whole or in part. Each agent also has the right, in its discretion reasonably exercised, to reject any proposed offer to purchase notes in whole or in part. We reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify any offer without notice. We also may change the terms, including the interest rate we will pay on the notes, at any time prior to our acceptance of an offer to purchase.

Each agent, including the Purchasing Agent, may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933. We have agreed to indemnify the agents against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. We have also agreed to reimburse the agents for certain expenses.

If any notes are to be distributed by means other than those set forth in the Selling Agent Agreement, prior to commencement of such distribution, copies of the proposed distribution agreements will be submitted to the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. for review along with an estimate of the maximum compensation to be received by any NASD member or related person participating in the distribution.

No note will have an established trading market when issued. We do not intend to apply for the listing of the notes on any securities exchange, but we have been advised by the agents that the agents may purchase and sell notes in the secondary market as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. The agents are not obligated to make a market in the notes, and they may discontinue making a market at any time without notice. Neither we nor the agents can provide any assurance regarding the liquidity of any trading market for any notes. All secondary trading in the notes will settle in immediately available funds. See "Registration and Settlement" on page 19.

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In connection with certain offerings of notes, the rules of the SEC permit the Purchasing Agent to engage in transactions that may stabilize the price of the notes. The Purchasing Agent will conduct these activities for the agents. These transactions may consist of short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. A short sale is the sale by the Purchasing Agent of a greater amount of notes than the amount the Purchasing Agent has agreed to purchase in connection with an offering of notes. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made by the Purchasing Agent to prevent or retard a decline in the price of the notes while an offering of notes is in process. In general, these purchases or bids for the notes for the purpose of stabilization or to reduce a syndicate short position could cause the price of the notes to be higher than it might otherwise be in the absence of those purchases or bids. The Purchasing Agent makes no representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that these transactions may have on the price of any notes. In addition, the Purchasing Agent makes no representation that, once commenced, these transactions will not be discontinued without notice. The Purchasing Agent is not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

Banc of America Securities LLC is a broker-dealer and one of our subsidiaries. Through one of our subsidiaries we own a significant equity interest in Integrated Holdings, LLC, the parent of Incapital, LLC, the Purchasing Agent. Because of the relationship between us, Banc of America Securities LLC and Incapital, LLC, each offering and any remarketing of notes will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. regarding the offer and sale of securities of an affiliated entity.

Following the initial distribution of notes, our affiliated entities, including Banc of America Securities LLC and Incapital, LLC, may buy and sell the notes in secondary market transactions as part of their business as broker-dealers. Any sale will be at negotiated prices relating to prevailing prices at the time of sale. This prospectus and related supplements may be used by one or more of our affiliated entities in connection with offers and sales related to secondary market transactions in the notes to the extent permitted by applicable law. Any of our affiliated entities may act as principal or agent in these transactions. Neither Banc of America Securities LLC nor Incapital, LLC will execute a transaction in the notes in a discretionary account without specific prior written approval of that customer.

The agents or dealers to or through which we may sell notes may engage in transactions with us and perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document that we file at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room

by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also inspect our filings at the regional offices of the SEC located at 7 World Trade Center, New York, New York 10048 and Citicorp Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661 or over the Internet at the SEC's home page at <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also inspect reports and other information we file at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means:

- incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;
- we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and
- information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this incorporated information and certain information in this prospectus

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We incorporate by reference the documents listed below which were filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act:

- our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999;
- our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2000, June 30, 2000 and September 30, 2000; and
- our current reports on Form 8-K filed on our behalf since January 1, 2000 (with the exception of any information filed pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K which is not incorporated herein by reference).

We also incorporate by reference each of the following documents that we will file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus (except any information filed pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K):

- reports filed under Sections 13(a) and (c) of the Exchange Act;
- definitive proxy or information statements filed under Section 14 of the Exchange Act in connection with any subsequent stockholders' meetings; and
- any reports filed under Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate as of the date of this prospectus only. Our business, financial position and results of operations may have changed since that date.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above (excluding exhibits), at no cost, by contacting us at the following address:

Bank of America Corporation
Corporate Treasury Division
NC1-007-23-01
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
(704) 386-5972

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and all accompanying supplements contain or incorporate statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Those statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking language such as "will likely result," "may," "are expected to," "is anticipated," "estimate," "projected," "intends to," or other similar words. Our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, those forward-looking statements. Those statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to, certain risks described in the prospectus supplement. When considering those forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind these risks, uncertainties and other cautionary statements made in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement which speaks only as of the date made.

LEGAL OPINIONS

The legality of the notes will be passed upon for us by Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., Charlotte, North Carolina, and for the agents by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, New York, New York. As of the date of this prospectus, certain members of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., beneficially owned less than one-tenth of 1% of our outstanding shares of common stock.

EXPERTS

Our consolidated financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 have been incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of that firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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INTERNOTES (SM)

PROSPECTUS
January , 2001

Our affiliated entities, including Banc of America Securities LLC and Incapital, LLC, will deliver this prospectus for offers and sales in the secondary market.

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PART II.

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The estimated expenses, other than underwriting or broker-dealer fees, discounts and commissions, in connection with the offering are as follows:

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| Securities Act Registration Fee..... | \$ 792,000 |
| NASD Fee..... | 35,000 |
| Printing and Engraving Expenses..... | 200,000 |
| Legal Fees and Expenses..... | 260,000 |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses..... | 10,000 |
| Blue Sky Fees and Expenses..... | 30,000 |
| Trustee's and Depositary's Fees and Expenses (including counsel fees)..... | 320,000 |
| Rating Agency Fees and Expenses..... | 50,000 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 50,000 |
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ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or

is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Subsection (b) of Section 145 of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in accordance with the above standards, except that no indemnification may be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 of the DGCL further provides that, to the extent that a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith; and that indemnification provided by, or granted pursuant to, Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled. Section 145 further empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the

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corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under Section 145 of the DGCL.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation's certificate of incorporation to contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director; provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for (i) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law; (iii) willful or negligent unlawful payment of a dividend or stock purchase or redemption; or (iv) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant eliminates the ability to recover monetary damages against directors of the Registrant for breach of fiduciary duty to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. In accordance with the provisions of the DGCL, the Bylaws of the Registrant provide that, in addition to the indemnification of directors and officers otherwise provided by the DGCL, the Registrant shall, under certain circumstances, indemnify its directors, executive officers and certain other designated officers against any and all liability and litigation expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of their status or activities as directors and officers, except for liability or litigation expense incurred on account of activities that were at the time known or believed by such director or officer to be in conflict with the best interests of the Registrant. Pursuant to such Bylaws and as authorized by statute, the Registrant may also maintain, and does maintain, insurance on behalf of its directors and officers against liability asserted against such persons in such capacity whether or not such directors or officers have the right to indemnification pursuant to the Bylaws or otherwise.

In addition, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of April 10, 1998 (the "Merger Agreement") between the Registrant, formerly, NationsBank Corporation ("NationsBank") and the former BankAmerica Corporation ("old BankAmerica"), for six years after September 30, 1998 (the date of the consummation of the merger of old BankAmerica with and into the Registrant (the

"Merger")), the Registrant will indemnify directors, officers and employees of old BankAmerica, NationsBank, or any of their respective subsidiaries against certain liabilities in connection with such persons' status as such or in connection with the Merger Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated thereby. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, the Registrant will also, for six years after September 30, 1998 and with respect to events occurring prior to the consummation of the Merger, honor all rights to indemnification and limitations of liability existing in favor of the foregoing persons as provided in the governing documents of NationsBank, old BankAmerica or their respective subsidiaries.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, for six years after September 30, 1998, the Registrant will also use its best efforts to cause the directors and officers of old BankAmerica and NationsBank to be covered by a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to the consummation of the Merger.

The foregoing is only a general summary of certain aspects of Delaware law dealing with indemnification of directors and officers and does not purport to be complete. It is qualified in its entirety by reference to the relevant statutes which contain detailed specific provisions regarding the circumstances under which and the persons for whose benefit indemnification shall or may be made.

In addition, certain sections of the form of the Selling Agent Agreement filed as an Exhibit hereto provide for indemnification of the Registrant and its directors and officers by the underwriters or agents against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the 1933 Act. From time to time similar provisions have been contained in other agreements relating to other securities of the Registrant.

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ITEM 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS

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| 1.1 -- | Form of Selling Agent Agreement | |
| 4.1 -- | Restated Senior Indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 between Bank of America Corporation and The Bank of New York, as trustee | |
| 4.2 -- | Restated Subordinated Indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 between Bank of America Corporation and The Bank of New York, as trustee | |
| 4.3 -- | Form of Bank of America Corporation Senior InterNote | |
| 4.4 -- | Form of Bank of America Corporation Subordinated InterNote | |
| 5.1 -- | Opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. regarding legality of notes being registered* | |
| 12.1 -- | Calculation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 12(a) of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2000, filed November 14, 2000 | |
| 23.1 -- | Consent of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1)* | |
| 23.2 -- | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP | |
| 24.1 -- | Power of Attorney* | |
| 24.2 -- | Certified Resolutions* | |
| 25.1 -- | Statement of Eligibility of Senior Trustee on Form T-1* | |
| 25.2 -- | Statement of Eligibility of Subordinated Trustee on Form T-1* | |

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*Previously filed with this Registration Statement.

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 the Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;

(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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of notes offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(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.

provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) above do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-3 or Form S-8 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

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

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

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the notes offered herein, and the offering of such notes at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the 1933 Act may be permitted to directors, officers controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act 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 whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant hereby undertakes (1) to use its best efforts to distribute prior to the opening of bids, to prospective bidders, underwriters, and dealers, a reasonable number of copies of a prospectus which at that time meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the 1933 Act, and relating to the securities offered at competitive bidding, as contained in the Registration Statement, together with any supplements thereto, and (2) to file an amendment to the Registration Statement reflecting the results of bidding, the terms of the reoffering and related matters to the extent required by the applicable form, not later than the first use, authorized by the Registrant after the opening of bids, of a prospectus relating to the securities offered at competitive bidding, unless no further public offering of such securities by the Registrant and no reoffering of such securities by the purchasers is proposed to be made.

The 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 of 1939, as amended (the "Act"), in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

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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 Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, on January 17, 2001.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: HUGH L. MCCOLL, JR.*

 Hugh L. McColl, Jr.
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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| HUGH L. MCCOLL, JR.* ----- Hugh L. McColl, Jr. | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | January 17, 2001 |
| JAMES H. HANCE, JR.* ----- James H. Hance, Jr. | Vice Chairman, Chief Financial Officer and Director (Principal Financial Officer) | January 17, 2001 |
| MARC D. OKEN* ----- Marc D. Oken | Executive Vice President and Principal Financial Executive (Principal Accounting Officer) | January 17, 2001 |
| CHARLES W. COKER* ----- Charles W. Coker | Director | January 17, 2001 |
| ALAN T. DICKSON* ----- Alan T. Dickson | Director | January 17, 2001 |
| FRANK DOWD, IV* ----- Frank Dowd, IV | Director | January 17, 2001 |
| KATHLEEN F. FELDSTEIN* ----- Kathleen F. Feldstein | Director | January 17, 2001 |
| PAUL FULTON* ----- Paul Fulton | Director | January 17, 2001 |
| DONALD E. GUINN* ----- Donald E. Guinn | Director | January 17, 2001 |
| C. RAY HOLMAN* ----- C. Ray Holman | Director | January 17, 2001 |

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| | W.W. Johnson | | |
| | KENNETH D. LEWIS* | President, Chief Operating Officer and Director | January 17, 2001 |
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| | Kenneth D. Lewis | | |
| | WALTER E. MASSEY* | Director | January 17, 2001 |
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| | Walter E. Massey | | |
| | O. TEMPLE SLOAN, JR.* | Director | January 17, 2001 |
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| | MEREDITH R. SPANGLER* | Director | January 17, 2001 |
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| | RONALD TOWNSEND* | Director | January 17, 2001 |
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| | Ronald Townsend | | |
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| | Solomon D. Trujillo | | |
| | JACKIE M. WARD* | Director | January 17, 2001 |
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| | Jackie M. Ward | | |
| | VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS* | Director | January 17, 2001 |
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SELLING AGENT AGREEMENT

by and among

Bank of America Corporation

and the

Agents named herein

January __, 2001

January __, 2001
To the Agents listed on
the signature page hereto.

Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") proposes to issue and sell up to \$3,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Bank of America Corporation InterNotes(SM) due nine months or more from date of issue (the "Notes"). The Notes may be Senior Notes or Subordinated Notes. The Senior Notes are to be issued pursuant to a restated indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 between the Company and The Bank of New York (the "Senior Trustee") (the "Senior Indenture"). The Subordinated Notes are to be issued pursuant to a restated indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 between the Company and The Bank of New York (the "Subordinated Trustee") (the "Subordinated Indenture"). The Senior Trustee and the Subordinated Trustee are collectively referred to herein as the "Trustee," and the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture are collectively referred to herein as the "Indentures." The terms of the Notes are described in the Prospectus referred to below.

Subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Selling Agent Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Company hereby (1) appoints each of you as agent of the Company ("Agent") for the purpose of soliciting offers to purchase the Notes and each of you hereby agree to use your reasonable best efforts to solicit offers to purchase Notes upon terms acceptable to the Company at such times and in such amounts as the Company shall from time to time specify and in accordance with the terms hereof, and, after consultation with Incapital, LLC (the "Purchasing Agent"), and (2) agrees that whenever the Company determines to sell Notes pursuant to this Agreement, such Notes shall be sold pursuant to a Terms Agreement (as defined herein) relating to such sale in accordance with the provisions of Section V hereof between the Company and the Purchasing Agent, with the Purchasing Agent purchasing such Notes as principal for resale to other Agents or dealers, each of whom will purchase as principal. The Company reserves the right to enter into agreements substantially identical hereto with other agents.

I.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement No. 333-47222 relating to the Notes and the offering thereof, from time to time, in accordance with Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). Such registration statement has been declared effective by the SEC, and the Indentures have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"). Such registration statement and the prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, as from time to time amended or supplemented, including any Pricing Supplement (as defined herein), are referred to herein as the "Registration Statement" and the "Prospectus," respectively.

II.

The Agents obligations hereunder are subject to the following conditions:

(a) On the date hereof, the Agents shall have received the following legal opinions, dated as of the date hereof and in form and substance satisfactory to the Agents:

(1) The opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., counsel to the Company, to the effect of paragraphs (i) and (iv) through (x) below, and the opinion of Paul J. Polking, Executive Vice

President and General Counsel to the Company (or any deputy or associate general counsel to the Company), to the effect of paragraphs (ii) and (iii) below:

(i) The Company is a duly organized and validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, has the corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Prospectus, and is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; Bank of America, N. A. (the "Principal Subsidiary Bank") is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business;

(ii) Each of the Company and the Principal Subsidiary Bank is qualified or licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which such counsel has knowledge that the Company or the Principal Subsidiary, as the case may be, is required to be so qualified or licensed;

(iii) All the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and (except as provided in 12 U.S.C. ss. 55, as amended) nonassessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank (except directors' qualifying shares) are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company free and clear of any perfected security interest and, to the knowledge of such counsel, after due inquiry, any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances;

(iv) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms (subject, as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and except insofar as the enforceability of the indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Agreement may be limited by federal and state securities laws, and further subject

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to 12 U.S.C. ss.1818(b)(6)(D) and similar bank regulatory powers and to the application of principles of public policy underlying all such laws);

(v) Each of the Indentures have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, as applicable, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding instrument of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, and the Notes have been duly authorized and, when the terms of the Notes have been established and when the Notes have been completed, executed, authenticated and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture, the applicable Board Resolutions and this Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor, will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits of such Indenture, subject (with respect to the applicable Indenture and the Notes) as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. ss.1818(b)(6)(D) and similar bank regulatory powers and to the application of principles of public policy underlying all such laws;

(vi) The forms of Note attached to the Secretary's Certificate delivered to the Agents conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus, as supplemented or amended;

(vii) The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act; counsel is without knowledge that any stop

order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened; the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and each amendment thereof or supplement thereto (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein or incorporated by reference therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "1934 Act") and the respective rules thereunder;

(viii) Counsel is without knowledge that (1) there is any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding before or by any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement which is not adequately disclosed in the Prospectus, or (2) any franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, is not so described or filed as required;

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(ix) Neither the issuance and sale of the Notes, the consummation of any other of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms thereof will conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under any provision of applicable law or the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Company, each as amended to date, or the terms of any material indenture or other agreement or instrument known to such counsel and to which the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank is a party or bound, or any order or regulation known to such counsel to be applicable to the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank; and

(x) No authorization, order, approval or consent of, or filing with, any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary or required on behalf of the Company in connection with the sale of the Notes hereunder, except such as have been obtained under the 1933 Act or the General Rules and Regulations under the 1933 Act (the "1933 Act Regulations"), and such as may be required under foreign or state securities or insurance laws in connection with the distribution of the Notes.

In rendering this opinion, counsel may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of North Carolina or the United States, or the General Corporate Law of Delaware, to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon counsel for the Agents or upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be reliable and who are satisfactory to counsel for the Agents; and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and the Principal Subsidiary Bank and public officials.

(2) The opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, counsel to the Agents, covering the matters referred to in subparagraph (1) under the subheadings (iv) through (vii), inclusive, above.

In rendering the opinion, counsel may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York or the United States, to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon counsel for the Company or upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be reliable and who are satisfactory to counsel for the Company; and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and the Principal Subsidiary Bank and public officials.

(3) In giving their opinions required by subsections (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this Section, but without opining in connection therewith, Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP shall each additionally state that although they have not independently verified, are not passing upon and assume no responsibility

for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement, counsel has no reason to believe that the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof at the time it became effective and as of the date of such opinion, or that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, as of the date of such opinion, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(b) On the date hereof, the Agents shall have received a certificate of any Senior Vice President or Treasurer or any other authorized officer of the Company satisfactory to the Agents, dated as of the date hereof, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and this Agreement and that to the best of their knowledge (i) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there has not been any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, earnings or business affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth or contemplated in the Prospectus, as supplemented or amended, (ii) the other representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the date of such certificate, (iii) the Company has performed or complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the date of such certificate, (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened by the SEC and (v) no litigation or proceeding shall be threatened or pending to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Notes, or which in any way affects the validity of the Notes.

(c) On the date hereof, the Agents shall have received a letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PricewaterhouseCoopers") dated as of the date hereof and in form and substance satisfactory to the Agents, to the effect that:

(i) They are independent public accountants with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the meaning of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(ii) In their opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries audited by them and included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations with respect to registration statements on Form S-3 and the 1934 Act and the General Rules and Regulations under the 1934 Act (the "1934 Act Regulations").

(iii) On the basis of procedures (but not an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) consisting of:

(a) Reading the minutes of the meetings of the stockholders, the board

of directors, executive committee and audit committee of the Company and the boards of directors and executive committees of its subsidiaries as set forth in the minute books through a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of delivery of such letter;

(b) Performing the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information as described in FAS No. 71, Interim Financial Information, on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and reading the unaudited interim financial data, if any, for the period from the date of the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus to the date of the latest available interim financial data; and

(c) Making inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters regarding the specific items for which representations

are requested below;

nothing has come to their attention as a result of the foregoing procedures that caused them to believe that:

(1) the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations thereunder;

(2) any material modifications should be made to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;

(3) (i) at the date of the latest available interim financial data and at the specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in stockholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as compared with the amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or (ii) for the period from the date of the latest available financial data to a specified date not more than five business days prior to the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in stockholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, except in all instances for changes or

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decreases which the Registration Statement and Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or PricewaterhouseCoopers shall state any specific changes or decreases.

(iv) The letter shall also state that PricewaterhouseCoopers has carried out certain other specified procedures, not constituting an audit, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information which are included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and which are specified by the Agents and agreed to by PricewaterhouseCoopers, and has found such amounts, percentages and financial information to be in agreement with the relevant accounting, financial and other records of the Company and its subsidiaries identified in such letter.

(d) On the date hereof and on each Settlement Date (as defined herein) with respect to any purchase of Notes by the Purchasing Agent, counsel to the Agents shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as such counsel may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling such counsel to pass upon the issuance and sale of Notes as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy and completeness of any of the representations and warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, contained herein; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of Notes as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Purchasing Agent and to counsel to the Agents.

The obligations of the Purchasing Agent to purchase Notes as principal, both under this Agreement and under any Terms Agreement, are subject to the conditions that (i) no litigation or proceeding shall be threatened or pending to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Notes, or which in any way questions or affects the validity of the Notes, (ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall be in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose shall be pending before or threatened by the SEC and (iii) there shall have been no material adverse change not in the ordinary course of business in the consolidated financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, each of which conditions shall be met on the date of the Terms Agreement and on the corresponding Settlement Date. Further, if specifically called for by any written agreement by the Purchasing Agent, including a Terms Agreement, to purchase Notes as principal, the Purchasing Agent's obligations hereunder and under such agreement, shall be subject to such additional conditions, including those set forth in clauses (a), (b) and (c) above, as agreed to by the parties, each of which such agreed conditions shall be met on the corresponding Settlement Date.

III.

In further consideration of your agreements herein contained, the Company covenants as follows:

(a) The Company will notify the Agents immediately of (i) the effectiveness of any amendment to the Registration Statement, (ii) the filing of any supplement to the Prospectus or

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any document to be filed pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, (iii) the receipt of any comments from the SEC with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (other than with respect to a document filed with the SEC pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus), (iv) any request by the SEC for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information relating thereto (other than such a request with respect to a document filed with the SEC pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus), and (v) the issuance by the SEC of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(b) The Company will give the Agents notice of its intention to file or prepare any additional registration statement with respect to the registration of additional Notes or any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus (other than an amendment or supplement providing solely for a change in the interest rates or maturity dates of Notes or similar changes or an amendment or supplement effected by the filing of a document with the SEC pursuant to the 1934 Act) and, upon request, will furnish the Agents with copies of any such registration statement or amendment or supplement proposed to be filed or prepared a reasonable time in advance of such proposed filing or preparation, as the case may be, and will not file any such registration statement or amendment or supplement in a form as to which the Agents or your counsel reasonably object.

(c) The Company will deliver to the Agents without charge, a copy of (i) the Indentures, (ii) the Registration Statement (as originally filed) and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus) and (iii) a certified copy of the corporate authorization of the issuance and sale of the Notes. The Company will furnish to the Agents as many copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as the Agents shall reasonably request so long as the Agents are required to deliver a Prospectus in connection with sales or solicitations of offers to purchase the Notes under the Act. Upon request, the Company will furnish to the Agents a paper copy of any Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company with the SEC pursuant to the 1934 Act as soon as practicable after the filing thereof.

(d) The Company will prepare, with respect to any Notes to be sold through or to the Agents pursuant to this Agreement, a pricing supplement with respect to such Notes in substantially the form attached as Exhibit D (a "Pricing Supplement") and will file such Pricing Supplement with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act not later than the close of business on the second business day after the date on which such Pricing Supplement is first used.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k) of this Section, if at any time during the term of this Agreement any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it

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is necessary, in the reasonable opinion of your counsel or counsel for the Company, to further amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances existing at the time the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the reasonable opinion of either such counsel, to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, immediate notice shall be given, and confirmed in writing, to the Agents to cease the solicitation of offers to purchase the Notes and to cease sales of any Notes by the Purchasing Agent, and the Company will promptly prepare and file with the SEC such amendment or supplement, whether by filing documents pursuant to the 1934 Act, the 1933 Act or otherwise, as may be necessary to correct such untrue statement or omission or to make the

Registration Statement and Prospectus comply with such requirements.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k) of this Section, on or prior to the date on which there shall be released to the general public interim financial statement information related to the Company with respect to each of the first three quarters of any fiscal year or preliminary financial statement information with respect to any fiscal year, the Company shall furnish promptly such information to the Agents, confirmed in writing, and thereafter shall cause promptly the Prospectus to be amended or supplemented to include or incorporate by reference financial information with respect thereto, as well as such other information and explanations as shall be necessary for an understanding thereof, as may be required by the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act or otherwise.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k) of this Section, on or prior to the date on which there shall be released to the general public financial information included in or derived from the audited financial statements of the Company for the preceding fiscal year, the Company shall furnish promptly such information to the Agents and thereafter shall cause promptly the Registration Statement and the Prospectus to be amended to include or incorporate by reference such audited financial statements and the report or reports, and consent or consents to such inclusion or incorporation by reference, of the independent accountants with respect thereto, as well as such other information and explanations as shall be necessary for an understanding of such financial statements, as may be required by the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act or otherwise.

(h) The Company will make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable, but not later than 90 days after the close of the period covered thereby, an earnings statement (in form complying with the provisions of Section 11(a) and of Rule 158 under the 1933 Act) covering each twelve-month period beginning, in each case, not later than the first day of the Company's fiscal quarter next following the "effective date" (as defined in such Rule 158) of the Registration Statement with respect to each sale of Notes.

(i) The Company will endeavor to qualify the Notes for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions of the United States as the Agents may designate and will maintain such qualifications in effect for as long as may be required for

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the distribution of the Notes; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified. The Company will file such statements and reports as may be required by the laws of each jurisdiction in which the Notes have been qualified as above provided. The Company will promptly advise the Agents of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Notes for sale in any such state or jurisdiction or the initiating or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose.

(j) The Company, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, will file promptly all documents required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act.

(k) The Company shall not be required to comply with the provisions of subsections (e), (f) or (g) of this Section or the provisions of Sections VII(b), (c) and (d) during any period from the time (i) the Agents have suspended solicitation of purchases of the Notes pursuant to a direction from the Company and (ii) the Agents shall not then hold any Notes as principal purchased from the Purchasing Agent to the time the Company shall determine that solicitation of purchases of the Notes should be resumed or shall subsequently agree for the Purchasing Agent to purchase Notes as principal.

IV.

(a) The Agents propose to solicit offers to purchase the Notes upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Prospectus and upon the terms communicated to the Agents from time to time by the Company or the Purchasing Agent, as the case may be. For the purpose of such solicitation the Agents will use the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented which has been most recently distributed to the Agents by the Company, and the Agents will solicit offers to purchase only as permitted or contemplated thereby and herein and will solicit offers to purchase the Notes only as permitted by the 1933 Act and the applicable securities laws or regulations of any jurisdiction. The Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend solicitation of offers to purchase the Notes commencing at any time for any period of time or permanently. Upon receipt of instructions (which may be given orally) from the Company, the Agents will suspend promptly solicitation of offers to purchase until such time as the Company has advised the Agents that such solicitation may be resumed.

Unless otherwise instructed by the Company, the Agents are authorized to solicit offers to purchase the Notes only in denominations of \$1,000 or more (in multiples of \$1,000). The Agents are not authorized to appoint subagents or to engage the services of any other broker or dealer in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes without the consent of the Company. Unless otherwise instructed by the Company, the Purchasing Agent shall communicate to the Company, orally or in writing, each offer to purchase Notes. The Company shall have the sole right to accept offers to purchase Notes and may reject any proposed offers to purchase Notes as a whole or in part. Each Agent shall have the right, in its discretion reasonably exercised, to reject any proposed purchase of Notes, as a whole or in part, and any such rejection shall not be deemed a breach of its agreements contained herein. The Company agrees to pay the Purchasing

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Agent, as consideration for soliciting offers to purchase Notes pursuant to a Terms Agreement, a concession in the form of a discount equal to the percentages of the initial offering price of each Note actually sold as set forth in Exhibit A hereto (the "Concession"). The Purchasing Agent and the other Agents will share the above-mentioned Concession in such proportions as they may agree.

Unless otherwise authorized by the Company, all Notes shall be sold to the public at a purchase price not to exceed 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest, if any. Such purchase price shall be set forth in the confirmation statement of the Selling Group Member responsible for such sale and delivered to the purchaser along with a copy of the Prospectus (if not previously delivered) and Pricing Supplement.

(b) Procedural details relating to the issue and delivery of, and the solicitation of purchases and payment for, the Notes are set forth in the Administrative Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Procedures"), as amended from time to time. The provisions of the Procedures shall apply to all transactions contemplated hereunder other than those made pursuant to a Terms Agreement. The Agents and the Company each agree to perform the respective duties and obligations specifically provided to be performed by each in the Procedures as amended from time to time. The Procedures may only be amended by written agreement of the Company and the Agents.

(c) The Company, the Purchasing Agent and each Agent acknowledges and agrees, and each Selling Group Member will be required to acknowledge and agree, that the Notes (i) are being offered for sale in the United States only, (ii) are not savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of the Principal Subsidiary Bank or any other banking affiliate of the Company, (iii) are not guaranteed by the Principal Subsidiary Bank or any other banking affiliate of the Company and (iv) are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

V.

Each sale of Notes shall be made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and a separate agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit C (a "Terms Agreement") to be entered into which will provide for the sale of such Notes to, and the purchase and reoffering thereof, by the Purchasing Agent as principal. A Terms Agreement may also specify certain provisions relating to the reoffering of such Notes by the Purchasing Agent. The offering of Notes by the Company hereunder and the Purchasing Agent's agreement to purchase Notes pursuant to any Terms Agreement shall be deemed to have been made on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements of the Company herein contained and shall be subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth. Each Terms Agreement shall describe the Notes to be purchased pursuant thereto by the Purchasing Agent as principal, and may specify, among other things, the principal amount of Notes to be purchased, the interest rate or formula and maturity date or dates of such Notes, the interest payment dates, if any, the net proceeds to the Company, the initial public offering price at which the Notes are proposed to be reoffered, and

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the time and place of delivery of and payment for such Notes (the "Settlement Date"), whether the Notes provide for a Survivor's Option, whether the Notes are redeemable or repayable and on what terms and conditions, and any other relevant terms. In connection with the resale of the Notes purchased, without the consent of the Company, the Agents are not authorized to appoint subagents or to engage the service of any other broker or dealer, nor may you reallow any portion of the Concession paid to you. Terms Agreements, each of which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, or as otherwise agreed to between the Company and the Purchasing Agent, may take the form of an exchange of any standard form of written telecommunication between the Purchasing Agent and the Company.

VI.

(a) The Company represents and warrants to the Agents as of the date hereof, as of the date of each acceptance by the Company of an offer for the purchase of Notes (including any purchase by the Purchasing Agent as principal, pursuant to a Terms Agreement or otherwise), as of each Settlement Date, and as of any time that the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be amended or supplemented or there is filed with the SEC any document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus (other than any Current Report on Form 8-K relating exclusively to the issuance of debt securities under the Registration Statement) (each of the times referenced above being referred to herein as a "Representation Date") as follows:

(i) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and has filed with the SEC the Registration Statement, which has become effective. The Registration Statement meets the requirements of Rule 415(a)(1) under the 1933 Act and complies in all other material respects with said Rule.

(ii) (a) the Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented, the Prospectus and the applicable Indenture will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act, the Trust Indenture Act and the 1934 Act and the respective rules and regulations thereunder, (b) the Registration Statement, as amended as of any such time, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, and (c) the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of any such time, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to (x) that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of either of the Trustees or (y) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of any Agent specifically for use in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

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(iii) The Company has complied and will comply with all the provisions of Florida H.B. 1771, codified as Section 517.075 of the Florida Statutes, 1987, as amended, and all regulations promulgated thereunder relating to issuers doing business in Cuba; provided, however, that in the event that such Section 517.075 shall be repealed, or amended such that issuers shall no longer be required to disclose in prospectuses information regarding business activities in Cuba or that a broker, dealer or agent shall no longer be required to obtain a statement from issuers regarding such compliance, then this representation and agreement shall be of no further force and effect.

(b) Any certificate signed by any director or officer of the Company and delivered to the Purchasing Agent or to counsel for the Purchasing Agent in connection with an offering of Notes or the sale of Notes to the Purchasing Agent as principal shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to the Agents as to the matters covered thereby on the date of such certificate and at each Representation Date subsequent thereto.

(c) All representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the Company contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company submitted pursuant hereto shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Agent or any controlling person of any Agent, or by or on behalf of the Company, and shall survive each delivery of and payment for any of the Notes.

VII.

(a) Each acceptance by the Company of an offer for the purchase of Notes, and each delivery of Notes to the Purchasing Agent pursuant to a sale of Notes to the Purchasing Agent, shall be deemed to be an affirmation that the representations and warranties of the Company made to the Agents in this Agreement and in any certificate theretofore delivered pursuant hereto are true and correct at the time of such acceptance or sale, as the case may be, and an undertaking that such representations and warranties will be true and correct at the time of delivery to the Purchasing Agent of the Note or Notes relating to such acceptance or sale, as the case may be, as though made at and as of each such time (and it is understood that such representations and warranties shall

relate to the Registration Statement and Prospectus as amended and supplemented to each such time).

(b) Each time:

- (i) the Company accepts a Terms Agreement requiring such updating provisions;
- (ii) the Company files an Annual Report on Form 10-K or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus;
- (iii) the Company files a Current Report on Form 8-K required by Item 2 of Form 8-K with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; or
- (iv) if required by the Agents after the Registration Statement or Prospectus has

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been amended or supplemented (other than by an amendment or supplement providing solely for interest rates, maturity dates or other terms of Notes or similar changes or an amendment or supplement which relates exclusively to an offering of securities other than the Notes),

the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agents a certificate of any Senior Vice President or Treasurer or any other authorized officer of the Company satisfactory to the Agents (an "Authorized Officer") dated the date specified in the applicable Terms Agreement or dated the date of filing with the SEC of such supplement or document or the date of effectiveness of such amendment, as the case may be, in form satisfactory to the Agents to the effect that the statements contained in the certificate referred to in Section II(b) hereof which was last furnished to the Agents are true and correct as of the date specified in the applicable Terms Agreement or at the time of such filing, amendment or supplement, as the case may be, as though made at and as of such time (except that such statements shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to such time) or, in lieu of such certificate, a certificate of the same tenor as the certificate referred to in said Section II(b), modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such certificate.

(c) Each time:

- (i) the Company accepts a Terms Agreement requiring such updating provisions;
- (ii) the Company files an Annual Report on Form 10-K or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; or
- (iii) if required by the Agents after:
 - (A) the Company files a Current Report on Form 8-K required by Item 2 of Form 8-K with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; or
 - (B) the Registration Statement or Prospectus has been amended or supplemented (other than by an amendment or supplement providing solely for interest rates, maturity dates or other terms of the Notes or similar changes or an amendment or supplement which relates exclusively to an offering of securities other than the Notes),

the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished forthwith to the Agents and your counsel the written opinions of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., counsel to the Company, and Paul J. Polking, Executive Vice President and General Counsel to the Company (or any deputy or associate general counsel to the Company), or other counsel satisfactory to the Agents, dated the date specified in the applicable Terms

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Agreement or dated the date of filing with the SEC of such supplement or document or the date of effectiveness of such amendment, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agents, of the same tenor as the opinions referred to in Section II(a)(1) hereof, but modified, as necessary, to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such opinions; or, in lieu of such opinions, counsel last furnishing such opinions to the Agents shall furnish the Agents with a letter substantially to the effect that the Agents may rely on such last opinion to the same extent as though it was dated the date of such letter authorizing reliance (except that statements in such last opinion shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such letter authorizing reliance).

(d) Each time:

- (i) the Company accepts a Terms Agreement requiring such updating provisions;
- (ii) the Company files an Annual Report on Form 10-K or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; or
- (iii) if required by the Agents after:
 - (A) the Company files a Current Report on Form 8-K required by Item 2 of Form 8-K with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; or
 - (B) the Registration Statement or Prospectus has been amended or supplemented to include additional financial information required to be set forth or incorporated by reference into the Prospectus under the terms of Item 11 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act,

the Company shall cause PricewaterhouseCoopers to furnish the Agents a letter, dated the date specified in the applicable Terms Agreement or dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment, supplement or document filed with the SEC, as the case may be, in form satisfactory to the Agents, of the same tenor as the portions of the letter referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) of Section II(c) hereof but modified to relate to the Registration Statement and Prospectus, as amended and supplemented to the date of such letter, and of the same general tenor as the portions of the letter referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of said Section II(c) with such changes as may be necessary to reflect changes in the financial statements and other information derived from the accounting records of the Company; provided, however, that if the Registration Statement or the Prospectus is amended or supplemented solely to include financial information as of and for a fiscal quarter, PricewaterhouseCoopers may limit the scope of such letter to the unaudited financial statements included in such amendment or supplement. If any other information included therein is of an accounting, financial or statistical nature, the Agents may request procedures be performed with respect to such other information. If

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PricewaterhouseCoopers is willing to perform and report on the requested procedures, such letter should cover such other information. Any letter required to be provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers hereunder shall be provided within 10 business days of the filing of the Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, within a reasonable time of a request made pursuant to subparagraph (iii) hereof or on the date specified in an applicable Terms Agreement.

VIII.

(a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Agent and each person who controls any Agent within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or arise out of or are based upon any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus, or any

amendment or supplement thereof, or arise out of or are based upon any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that (i) the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Agent specifically for use in connection with the preparation thereof, or arises out of or is based upon statements in or omissions from that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of either of the Trustees, and (ii) such indemnity with respect to the Prospectus shall not inure to the benefit of any Agent (or any person controlling such Agent) from whom the person asserting any such loss, claim, damage or liability purchased the Notes which are the subject thereof if the Agent failed to deliver a copy of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented to such person in connection with the sale of such Notes excluding documents incorporated therein by reference at or prior to the written confirmation of the sale of such Notes to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the 1933 Act and the untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in the Prospectus was corrected in the Prospectus as amended or supplemented. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.

(b) Each Agent severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934

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Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Agent, but only with reference to written information relating to such Agent furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Agent specifically for use in the preparation of the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity, provided such information is acknowledged in writing as having been provided by such Agent for such purpose. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Agent may otherwise have.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section VIII of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section VIII, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party except to the extent, if any, that such failure materially prejudices the indemnifying party. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein, and, to the extent that it may elect by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assert such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section VIII for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in connection with the assertion of legal defenses in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel, approved by the Agents in the case of subparagraph (a), representing the indemnified parties under subparagraph (a) who are parties to such action), (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action or (iii) the indemnifying party has authorized the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party; and except that if clause (i) or (iii) is applicable, such liability shall be only in respect of the counsel referred to in such clause (i) or (iii).

(d) To provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in

which the indemnification provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section VIII is due in accordance with its terms but is for any reason held by a court to be unavailable from the Company on the grounds of policy or otherwise, the Company and the Agents shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Company and one or more of the Agents may be

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subject in such proportion so that each Agent is responsible for that portion represented by the percentage that the total commissions and underwriting discounts received by such Agent bears to the total sales price from the sale of Notes sold to or through the Agents to the date of such liability, and the Company is responsible for the balance. However, if the allocation provided by the foregoing sentence is not permitted by applicable law, the Company and the Agents shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Company and one or more of the Agents may be subject in such proportion to reflect the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other in connection with the statements or omissions or alleged statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the parties shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or such Agent, the parties' relative intents, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission, and any other equitable considerations appropriate in the circumstances. The Company and the Agents agree that it would not be equitable if the amount of such contribution were determined by pro rata or per capita allocation (even if the Agents were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to above in this paragraph (d). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, (i) in no case shall an Agent be responsible for any amount in excess of the commissions and underwriting discounts received by such Agent in connection with the Notes from which such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses arise and (ii) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section VIII, each person who controls any Agent within the meaning of the 1933 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Agent, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, each officer of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the provisions of this paragraph (d). Any party entitled to contribution will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against another party or parties under this paragraph (d), notify such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify such party or parties shall not relieve the party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have hereunder or otherwise than under this paragraph (d).

IX.

The Company may elect to suspend or terminate the offering of Notes under this Agreement at any time; the Company also (as to any one or more of the Agents) or any Agent (as to itself) may terminate the appointment and arrangements described in this Agreement. Upon receipt of instructions from the Company, the Purchasing Agent shall suspend or terminate the participation of any Selected Dealer under the Master Selected Dealer Agreement. Such actions

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may be taken, in the case of the Company, by giving prompt written notice of suspension to all of the Agents and by giving not less than 5 days' written notice of termination to the affected party and the other parties to this Agreement, or in the case of an Agent, by giving not less than 5 days' written notice of termination to the Company and except that, if at the time of termination an offer for the purchase of Notes shall have been accepted by the Company but the time of delivery to the purchaser or his agent of the Note or Notes relating thereto shall not yet have occurred, the Company shall have the obligations provided herein with respect to such Note or Notes. The Company shall promptly notify the other parties in writing of any such termination.

The Purchasing Agent may, and, upon the request of an Agent with respect to any Notes being purchased by such Agent shall, terminate any agreement hereunder by the Purchasing Agent to purchase such Notes, immediately

upon notice to the Company at any time prior to the Settlement Date relating thereto, (i) if there has been, since the date of such agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, or (ii) if there shall have occurred, since the date of such agreement, any outbreak or material escalation of hostilities or other national or international calamity or crisis, financial or otherwise, the effect of which is such as to make it, in the sole judgment of the Purchasing Agent or such Agent, impracticable to market the Notes or enforce contracts for the sale of the Notes, or (iii) if, since the date of such agreement, trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended by the SEC or a national securities exchange, or if trading generally on either the American Stock Exchange or the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices for securities have been required, by either of said exchanges or by order of the SEC or any other governmental authority, (iv) if there shall have come to the Purchasing Agent's or such Agent's attention any facts that would cause the Purchasing Agent or such Agent to believe that the Prospectus, at the time it was required to be delivered to a purchaser of Notes, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances existing at the time of such delivery, not misleading, (v) if the rating assigned by any nationally recognized securities rating agency to any debt securities of the Issuer as of the date of any agreement by the Purchasing Agent or such Agent to purchase Notes as principal shall have been lowered since that date or if any such rating agency shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any debt securities of the Issuer or (vi) if, since the date of such agreement, a banking moratorium shall have been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.

Any Terms Agreement shall be subject to termination in your absolute discretion on the terms set forth or incorporated by reference therein. The termination of this Agreement shall not require termination of any agreement by the Purchasing Agent to purchase Notes as principal, and the termination of any such agreement shall not require termination of this Agreement.

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If this Agreement is terminated, Section III(c), (d) and (e), Section VIII and Section XII hereof shall survive and shall remain in effect; provided that if at the time of termination of this Agreement an offer to purchase Notes has been accepted by the Company but the time of delivery to the Purchasing Agent of such Notes has not occurred, the provisions of all of Section III, Section IV(b) and Section V shall also survive until time of delivery.

In the event a proposed offering is not completed according to the terms of this Agreement, an Agent will be reimbursed by the Company only for out-of-pocket accountable expenses actually incurred.

X.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all statements, requests, notices and advices hereunder shall be in writing, or by telephone if promptly confirmed in writing, and if to an Agent shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered in person or sent by telex, facsimile transmission (confirmed in writing), or registered mail to such Agent at its address, telex or telecopier number set forth on Annex A hereto and if to the Company shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent by telex, telecopier or registered mail to the Company at the address specified below. All such notices shall be effective on receipt.

If to the Company:

Bank of America Corporation
Bank of America Corporate Center
Corp. Treas. Div. NC1-007-23-01
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Karen A. Gosnell, Senior Vice President
Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

With a copy to:

Paul J. Polking
General Counsel
Bank of America Corporation
Bank of America Corporate Center
Legal Department NC1-007-20-01
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255

Telecopy: (704) 386-6453

Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P.
201 North Tryon Street - Suite 3000
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

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Attention: Boyd C. Campbell, Jr.
Telecopy: (704) 343-2300

or at such other address as such party may designate from time to time by notice duly given in accordance with the terms of this Section.

XI.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the Agents and the Company, and inure solely to the benefit of the Agents and the Company and any other person expressly entitled to indemnification hereunder and the respective personal representatives, successors and assigns of each, and no other person shall acquire or have any rights under or by virtue of this Agreement.

XII.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York. Each party to this Agreement irrevocably agrees that any legal action or proceeding against it arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment rendered against it in connection with this Agreement may be brought in any Federal or New York State court sitting in the County of New York, New York, and, by execution and delivery of this Agreement, such party hereby irrevocably accepts and submits to the jurisdiction of each of the aforesaid courts in person, generally and unconditionally with respect to any such action or proceeding for itself and in respect of its property, assets and revenues. Each party hereby also irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such action or proceeding brought in any such court and any claim that any such action or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

XIII.

If this Agreement is executed by or on behalf of any party, such person hereby states that at the time of the execution of this Agreement he has no notice of revocation of the power of attorney by which he has executed this Agreement as such attorney.

The Company will pay the following expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including: (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement; (ii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the Notes; (iii) the fees and disbursements of the Company's auditors, of the Trustee and its counsel and of any paying or other agents appointed by the Company; (iv) the printing and delivery to the Agents in quantities as hereinabove stated of copies of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus; (v) the reasonable fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, counsel for the Agents; (vi) if the Company lists Notes on a securities exchange, the costs and fees of such listing; (vii) the fees and expenses, if any, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, incurred with respect to any filing with the National Association of

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Securities Dealers, Inc.; (viii) the cost of providing CUSIP or other identification numbers for the Notes, (ix) all reasonable expenses (including fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP) in connection with "Blue Sky" qualifications and (x) any fees charged by rating agencies for the rating of the Notes.

This Agreement may be executed by each of the parties hereto 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 to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Facsimile signatures shall be deemed original signatures.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign and return to us a counterpart hereof, and upon acceptance hereof by you, this letter and such acceptance hereof shall constitute a binding agreement between the Company and you.

Very truly yours,
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written:

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

INCAPITAL, LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

PAINWEBBER INCORPORATED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____

Name:
Title:

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ANNEX A

AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Banc of America Securities LLC
Bank of America Corporate Center
NC 1007-06-07
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065
Attention: Lynn T. McConnell
Fax: (704) 386-6616

Incapital, LLC
30 S. Wacker Dr.
Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60646-7488
Fax: (312) 441-0912

A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
#1 North Jefferson
7th Floor Bond Department
St. Louis, Missouri 63103
Attention: Karen C. Middleton/Dan Moloney
Fax: (314) 955-5989

Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
101 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94104
Attention: Kathryn Battles SF345CAL-19-113
Fax: (415) 667-5090

Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.
Corporate Bond Department
12555 Manchester Road.
St. Louis, Missouri 63131
Attention: Becca Heisler
Fax: (314) 515-3502

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
Global Transaction Management Group
4 World Financial Center Floor 15
New York, NY 10080
Attention: Scott G. Primrose
Fax: (212) 449-2234

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Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
1585 Broadway
2nd Floor
New York, New York 10036
Attention: Manager - Continuously Offered Products
Fax: (212) 761-0780
w/copy to:
1585 Broadway
29th Floor
New York, New York 10036
Attention: Peter Cooper, Investment Banking Information Center
Fax: (212) 761-0260

PaineWebber Incorporated
Taxable Fixed Income Department
Attention: Corporate Desk
800 Harbor Blvd.
Weehawken, New Jersey 07087
Fax: (201) 352-6900

Prudential Securities Incorporated
One New York Plaza
New York, NY 10292
Attention: Frederick J. Tate/Frank P. Sinatra

Fax: (212) 778-4456/4556

Salomon Smith Barney Inc.
Medium-Term Note Department
388 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013
Fax: (212) 816-0949

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EXHIBIT A

DEALER AGENT PROGRAM

The following Concessions are payable as a percentage of the non-discounted Price to Public of each Note sold through the Purchasing Agent.

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| 9 months to less than 23 months..... | 0.200% |
| 23 months to less than 35 months..... | 0.400% |
| 35 months to less than 47 months..... | 0.625% |
| 47 months to less than 59 months..... | 0.750% |
| 59 months to less than 71 months..... | 1.000% |
| 71 months to less than 83 months..... | 1.100% |
| 83 months to less than 95 months..... | 1.200% |
| 95 months to less than 107 months..... | 1.300% |
| 107 months to less than 119 months..... | 1.400% |
| 119 months to less than 131 months..... | 1.500% |
| 131 months to less than 143 months..... | 1.600% |
| 143 months to less than 179 months..... | 1.750% |
| 179 months to less than 239 months..... | 2.000% |
| 239 months to 360 months..... | 2.500% |
| 361 months or greater..... | 3.000% |

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EXHIBIT B

Bank of America Corporation

\$3,000,000,000

INTERNOTES

DUE FROM NINE MONTHS OR MORE FROM DATE OF ISSUE

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

InterNotes, Due from nine months or more from date of issue are offered on a continuing basis by Bank of America Corporation. The Notes will be offered by Incapital, LLC (the "Purchasing Agent"), Banc of America Securities LLC, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, PaineWebber Incorporated, Prudential Securities Incorporated and Salomon Smith Barney, Inc. (collectively, the "Agents") pursuant to a Selling Agent Agreement among the Company and the Agents dated as of the date hereof (the "Selling Agreement") and one or more terms agreements substantially in the form attached to the Selling Agreement as Exhibit C (each a "Terms Agreement"). The Notes are being resold by the Purchasing Agent (and by any Agent that purchases them from the Purchasing Agent) (i) directly to customers of the Agents or (ii) to selected broker-dealers (the "Selling Group") for distribution to their customers pursuant to a Master Selected Dealers Agreement (a "Dealers Agreement") attached to the Selling Agreement as Exhibit E. The Agents have agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases of the Notes. The Notes may be either senior debt or subordinated debt and have been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Bank of New York is the trustee (the "Trustee") for both the senior and the subordinated debt under restated Indentures dated as of January 1, 2001, as amended from time to time, between the Company and the Trustee (the "Indenture") covering the Notes. Pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, The Bank of New York also will serve as authenticating agent, issuing agent and paying agent.

Each tranche of Notes will be issued in book-entry only form ("Notes") and represented by one or more fully registered global notes without coupons (each, a "Global Note") held by the Trustee, as agent for The Depository Trust Corporation ("DTC") and recorded in the book-entry system maintained by DTC. Each Global Note will have the annual interest rate, maturity and other terms set forth in the relevant Pricing Supplement (as defined in the Selling Agreement). Owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be entitled to physical delivery of Notes issued in certificated form equal in principal amount to their respective beneficial interests only upon certain limited circumstances

described in the Indenture.

Administrative procedures and specific terms of the offering are explained below. Administrative and record-keeping responsibilities will be handled for the Company by its Treasury Department.

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The Company will advise the Agents and the Trustee in writing of those persons handling administrative responsibilities with whom the Agents and the Trustee are to communicate regarding offers to purchase Notes and the details of their delivery.

Notes will be issued in accordance with the administrative procedures set forth in herein. To the extent the procedures set forth below conflict with or omit certain of the provisions of the Notes, the Indenture, the Selling Agreement or the Prospectus and the Pricing Supplement (together, the "Prospectus"), the relevant provisions of the Notes, the Indenture, the Selling Agreement and the Prospectus shall control. Capitalized terms used herein that are not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Selling Agreement, the Prospectus in the form most recently filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424 of the 1933 Act, or in the Indenture.

Administrative Procedures for Notes

In connection with the qualification of Notes for eligibility in the book-entry system maintained by DTC, the Trustee will perform the custodial, document control and administrative functions described below, in accordance with its obligations under a Letter of Representations from the Company and the Trustee to DTC, dated January __, 2001 and a Medium-Term Note Certificate Agreement between the Trustee and DTC (the "Certificate Agreement") dated January __, 2001 and its obligations as a participant in DTC, including DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System ("SDFS"). The procedures set forth below may be modified in compliance with DTC's then-applicable procedures and upon agreement by the Company, the Trustee and the Purchasing Agent.

Maturities: Each Note will mature on a date (the "Maturity Date") not less than nine months after the date of delivery by the Company of such Note. Notes will mature on any date selected by the initial purchaser and agreed to by the Company. "Maturity" when used with respect to any Note, means the date on which the outstanding principal amount of such Note becomes due and payable in full in accordance with its terms, whether at its Maturity Date or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, repayment or otherwise.

Issuance: All Notes having the same terms will be represented initially by a single Global Note. Each Global Note will be dated and issued as of the date of its authentication by the Trustee.

Each Global Note will bear an original issue date (the "Original Issue Date"). The Original Issue Date shall remain the same for all Notes subsequently issued upon transfer, exchange or substitution of an original Note regardless of their dates of authentication.

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Identification Numbers: The Company has received from the CUSIP Service Bureau (the CUSIP Service Bureau) of Standard & Poor's Corporation ("Standard & Poor's") one series of CUSIP numbers consisting of approximately 900 CUSIP numbers for future assignment to Global Notes. The Company will provide the Purchasing Agent, DTC and the Trustee with a list of such CUSIP numbers. On behalf of the Company, the Purchasing Agent will assign CUSIP numbers as described below under Settlement Procedure "B". DTC will notify the CUSIP Service Bureau periodically of the CUSIP numbers that the Company has assigned to Global Notes. The Company will reserve additional CUSIP numbers when necessary for assignment to Global Notes and will provide the Purchasing Agent, the Trustee and DTC with the list of additional CUSIP numbers so obtained.

Registration: Unless otherwise specified by DTC, Global Notes will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons. Each Global Note will be registered in the

name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, on the Note Register maintained under the Indenture by the Trustee. The beneficial owner of a Note (or one or more indirect participants in DTC designated by such owner) will designate one or more participants in DTC (with respect to such Note, the "Participants") to act as agent or agents for such owner in connection with the book-entry system maintained by DTC, and DTC will record in book-entry form, in accordance with instructions provided by such Participants, a credit balance with respect to such beneficial owner of such Note in the account of such Participants. The ownership interest of such beneficial owner in such Note will be recorded through the records of such Participants or through the separate records of such Participants and one or more indirect participants in DTC.

Transfers: Transfers of interests in a Global Note will be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and, in turn, by Participants (and in certain cases, one or more indirect participants in DTC) acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests.

Exchanges: The Trustee, at the Company's request, may deliver to DTC and the CUSIP Service Bureau at any time a written notice of consolidation specifying (a) the CUSIP numbers of two or more Global Notes outstanding on such date that represent Notes having the same terms or (except that Issue Dates need not be the same) and for which interest, if any, has been paid to the same date and which otherwise constitute Notes of the same series and

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tenor under the Indenture, (b) a date, occurring at least 30 days after such written notice is delivered and at least 30 days before the next Interest Payment Date, if any, for the related Notes, on which such Global Notes shall be exchanged for a single replacement Global Note; and (c) a new CUSIP number, obtained from the Company, to be assigned to Such replacement Global Note. Upon receipt of such a notice, DTC will send to its participants (including the Issuing Agent) and the Trustee a written reorganization notice to the effect that such exchange will occur on such date. Prior to the specified exchange date, the Trustee will deliver to the CUSIP Service Bureau written notice setting forth such exchange date and the new CUSIP number and stating that, as of such exchange date, the CUSIP numbers of the Global Notes to be exchanged will no longer be valid. On the specified exchange date, the Trustee will exchange such Global Notes for a single Global Note bearing the new CUSIP number and the CUSIP numbers of the exchanged Global Notes will, in accordance with CUSIP Service Bureau procedures, be cancelled and not immediately reassigned. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Global Notes to be exchanged exceed \$400,000,000 in aggregate principal or face amount, one replacement Global Note will be authenticated and issued to represent each \$400,000,000 of principal or face amount of the exchanged Global Notes and an additional Global Note will be authenticated and issued to represent any remaining principal amount of such Global Notes (See "Denominations" below).

Denominations: Unless otherwise agreed by the Company, Notes will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or more (in multiples of \$1,000). Global Notes will be denominated in principal or face amounts not in excess of \$400,000,000 or any other limit set by the DTC (the "Permitted Amount"). If one or more Notes having an aggregate principal or face amount in excess of the Permitted Amount would, but for the preceding sentence, be represented by a single Global Note, then one Global Note will be issued to represent each Permitted Amount principal or face amount of such Note or Notes and an additional Global Note will be Issued to represent any remaining

principal amount of such Note or Notes. In such case, each of the Global Notes representing such Note or Notes shall be assigned the same CUSIP number.

Issue Price: Unless otherwise specified in an applicable Pricing Supplement, each Note will be issued at the percentage of principal amount specified in the Prospectus relating to such Note.

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Interest: General. Each Note will bear interest at a fixed rate. Interest on each Note will accrue from the Issue Date of such Note for the first interest period and from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid for all subsequent interest periods. Except as set forth hereafter, each payment of interest on a Note will include interest accrued to, but excluding, as the case may be, the Interest Payment Date or the date of Maturity (other than a Maturity Date of a Note occurring on the 31st day of a month in which case such payment of interest will include interest accrued to but excluding the 30th day of such month). Any payment of principal, premium or interest required to be made on a day that is not a Business Day (as defined below) may be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue as a result of any such delayed payment.

Each pending deposit message described under Settlement Procedure "C" below will be routed to Standard & Poor's Corporation, which will use the message to include certain information regarding the related Notes in the appropriate daily bond report published by Standard & Poor's Corporation.

Each Note will bear interest from, and including, its Issue Date at the rate per annum set forth thereon and in the applicable Pricing Supplement until the principal amount thereof is paid, or made available for payment, in full. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, interest on each Note will be payable either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually on each Interest Payment Date and at Maturity (or on the date of redemption or repayment if a Note is repurchased by the Company prior to maturity pursuant to mandatory or optional redemption or repayment provisions or the Survivor's Option). Interest will be payable to the person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date next preceding each Interest Payment Date; provided, however, interest payable at Maturity, on a date of redemption or repayment or in connection with the exercise of the Survivor's Option will be payable to the person to whom principal shall be payable.

Any payment of principal, and premium, if any, or interest required to be made on a Note on a day which is not a Business Day need not be made on such day, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if

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made on such day, and no additional interest shall accrue as a result of such delayed payment. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, any interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The interest rates the Company will agree to pay on newly-issued Notes are subject to change without notice by the Company from time to time, but no such change will affect any Notes already issued or as to which an offer to purchase has been accepted by the Company.

The Interest Payment Dates for a Note that provides for monthly interest payments shall be the fifteenth day of each calendar month, commencing in the calendar month that next succeeds the month in which

the Note is issued. In the case of a Note that provides for quarterly interest payments, the Interest Payment Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each third month, commencing in the third succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued. In the case of a Note that provides for semi-annual interest payments, the Interest Payment dates shall be the fifteenth day of each sixth month, commencing in the sixth succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued. In the case of a Note that provides for annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Date shall be the fifteenth day of every twelfth month, commencing in the twelfth succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued. The Regular Record Date with respect to any Interest Payment Date shall be the first day of the calendar month in which such Interest Payment Date occurred, except that the Regular Record Date with respect to the final Interest Payment Date shall be the final Interest Payment Date.

Each payment of interest on a Note shall include accrued interest from and including the Issue Date or from and including the last day in respect of which interest has been paid (or duly provided for), as the case may be, to, but excluding, the Interest Payment Date or Maturity Date, as the case may be.

Calculation of Interest: Interest on the Notes (including interest for partial periods) will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. (Examples of interest calculations are as follows: October 1, 1998 to April 1, 1999 equals 6 months and 0 days, or 180 days; the interest paid equals $180/360$ times the annual rate of interest times the principal amount of the Note. The period from December 3, 1998 to April 1, 1999 equals 3 months and 28

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days, or 118 days; the interest payable equals $118/360$ times the annual rate of interest times the principal amount of the Note.)

Business Day: "Business Day" means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, any weekday that is (1) not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and (2) not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

Payments of Principal and Interest: Payments of Principal and Interest. Promptly after each Regular Record Date, the Trustee will deliver to the Company and DTC a written notice specifying by CUSIP number the amount of interest, if any, to be paid on each Global Note on the following Interest Payment Date (other than an Interest Payment Date coinciding with a Maturity Date) and the total of such amounts. DTC will confirm the amount payable on each Global Note on such Interest Payment Date by reference to the daily bond reports published by Standard & Poor's. On such Interest Payment Date, the Company will pay to the Trustee, and the Trustee in turn will pay to DTC, such total amount of interest due (other than on the Maturity Date), at the times and in the manner set forth below under "Manner of Payment." If any Interest Payment Date for any Note is not a Business Day, the payment due on such day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date.

Payments on the Maturity Date. On or about the first Business Day of each month, the Trustee will deliver to the Company and DTC a written list of principal, premium, if any, and interest to be paid on each Global Note representing Notes maturing or subject to redemption (pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise) or repayment ("Maturity") in the following month. The Trustee, the Company and DTC will confirm the amounts of such principal, premium, if any, and interest

payments with respect to each Global Note on or about the fifth Business Day preceding the Maturity Date of such Global Note. On the Maturity Date, the Company will pay to the Trustee, and the Trustee in turn will pay to DTC, the principal amount of such Global Note, together with interest and premium, if any, due on such Maturity Date, at the times and in the manner set forth below under "Manner of Payment." If the Maturity Date of any Global Note is not a

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Business Day, the payment due on such day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after such Maturity Date. Promptly after payment to DTC of the principal and interest due on the Maturity Date of such Global Note and all other Notes represented by such Global Note, the Trustee will cancel and destroy such Global Note in accordance with the Indenture and so advise the Company.

Manner of Payment. The total amount of any principal, premium, if any, and interest due on Global Notes on any Interest Payment Date or at Maturity shall be paid by the Company to the Trustee in immediately available funds on such date. The Company will make such payment on such Global Notes to an account specified by the Trustee. Prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of Maturity or as soon as possible thereafter, the Trustee will make payment to DTC in accordance with existing arrangements between DTC and the Trustee, in funds available for immediate use by DTC, each payment of interest, principal and premium, if any, due on a Global Note on such date. On each Interest Payment Date (other than on the Maturity Date) the Trustee will pay DTC such interest payments in same-day funds in accordance with existing arrangements between the Trustee and DTC. Thereafter, on each such date, DTC will pay, in accordance with its SDFS operating procedures then in effect, such amounts in funds available for immediate use to the respective Participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in principal amount of beneficial interest in such Global Note as are recorded in the book-entry system maintained by DTC. Neither the Company nor the Trustee shall have any direct responsibility or liability for the payment by DTC of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes to such Participants.

Withholding Taxes. The amount of any taxes required under applicable law to be withheld from any interest payment on a Note will be determined and withheld by the Participant, indirect participant in DTC or other person responsible for forwarding payments and materials directly to the beneficial owner of such Note.

Procedure for Rate
Setting and Posting:

The Company and the Agents will discuss, from time to time, the aggregate principal amounts of, the Maturities, the Issue Price

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and the interest rates to be borne by Notes that may be sold as a result of the solicitation of orders by the Agents. If the Company decides to set interest rates borne by any Notes in respect of which the Agents are to solicit orders (the setting of such interest rates to be referred to herein as "Posting") or if the Company decides to change interest rates previously posted by it, it will promptly advise the Agents of the prices and interest rates to be posted.

The Purchasing Agent will assign a separate CUSIP number for each tranche of Notes to be posted, and will so advise and notify the Company and the Trustee

of said assignment by telephone and/or by telecopier or other form of electronic transmission. The Purchasing Agent will include the assigned CUSIP number on all Posting notices communicated to the Agents and Selling Group members.

Offering of Notes:

In the event that there is a Posting, the Purchasing Agent will communicate to each of the Agents and Selling Group members the aggregate principal amount and Maturities of, along with the interest rates to be borne by, each tranche of Notes that is the subject of the Posting. Thereafter, the Purchasing Agent, along with the other Agents and the Selling Group, will solicit offers to purchase the Notes accordingly.

Purchase of Notes by the Purchasing Agent:

The Purchasing Agent will, no later than 12:00 noon (New York City time) on the seventh day subsequent to the day on which such Posting occurs, or if such seventh day is not a Business Day on the preceding Business Day, or on such other Business Day and time as shall be mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Agents (any such day, a "Trade Day"), (i) complete, execute and deliver to the Company a Terms Agreement that sets forth, among other things, the amount of each tranche that the Purchasing Agent is offering to purchase or (ii) inform the Company that none of the Notes of a particular tranche will be purchased by the Purchasing Agent.

Acceptance and Rejection of Orders:

Unless otherwise agreed by the Company and the Agents, the Company has the sole right to accept orders to purchase Notes and may reject any such order in whole or in part. Unless otherwise instructed by the Company, the Purchasing Agent will promptly advise the Company by telephone of all offers to

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purchase Notes received by it, other than those rejected by it in whole or in part in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. No order for less than \$1,000 principal amount of Notes will be accepted.

Upon receipt of a completed and executed Terms Agreement from the Purchasing Agent, the Company will (i) promptly execute and return such Terms Agreement to the Purchasing Agent or (ii) inform the Purchasing Agent that its offer to purchase the Notes of a particular tranche has been rejected, in whole or in part. The Purchasing Agent will thereafter promptly inform the other Agents and participating Selling Group members of the action taken by the Company.

Preparation of Pricing Supplement:

If any offer to purchase a Note is accepted by or on behalf of the Company, the Company will provide a Pricing Supplement (substantially in the form attached to the Selling Agreement as Exhibit D) reflecting the terms of such Note and will have filed such Pricing Supplement with the SEC in accordance with the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) under the Act. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to send such Pricing Supplement by email or telecopy to the Purchasing Agent and the Trustee by 3:00 p.m. (New York City Time) on the applicable Trade Day. The Purchasing Agent shall use its reasonable best efforts to send such Pricing Supplement and the Prospectus by email or telecopy or overnight express (for delivery by the close of business on the applicable Trade Day, but in no event later than 11:00 a.m. New York City time, on the Business Day following the applicable Trade Date) to each Agent (or other Selling Group Member) which made or presented the offer to purchase the applicable Note and the Trustee at the following applicable address:

if to Banc of America Securities LLC, to:

100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065
Attention: Lynn T. McConnell
Telephone: (704) 386-6616
Telecopier: (704) 386-9399

if to Incapital, LLC, to:

30 S. Wacker Drive

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Chicago, Illinois 60646-7488
Telephone: (312) 441-0044
Telecopier: (312) 441-0912

if to A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc, to:

#1 North Jefferson
7th Floor Bond Department
St. Louis, Missouri 63103
Attention: Karen C. Middleton/Dan Moloney
Telephone: (314) 955-5000
Telecopier: (314) 955-5989

if to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., to:

Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
101 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94101
Attention: Kathryn Battles SF345CAL-19-113
Telephone: (415) 667-5176
Telecopier: (415) 667-5090

if to Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P., to:

Corporate Bond Department
12555 Manchester Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63131
Attention: Becca Heisler
Telephone: (314) 515-3500
Telecopier: (314) 515-3502

if to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated, to:

Merrill Lynch Production Technologies
44B Colonial Drive
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854
Attention: Prospectus Operations/ Nachman Kimerling
Telephone: (732) 885-2768
Telecopier: (732) 885-2774/5/6
email: mtnsuppl@na2.us.ml.com

if to Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, to:

1585 Broadway

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2nd Floor
New York, New York 10036
Attention: MTN Trading Desk, Carlos Cabrera
Telephone: (212) 761-4000
Telecopier: (212) 761-0780

if to PaineWebber Incorporated, to:

Taxable Financial Income Department
Attention: Corporate Desk
800 Harbor Blvd.
Weehawken, New Jersey 07087
Telephone: (201) 352-7150
Telecopier: (201) 352-6900

if to Prudential Securities Incorporated, to:

111 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10011-0804
Attention: Thomas Sloan

if to Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., to:

Attention: Annabelle Avila
Brooklyn Army Terminal
140 58th Street
8th Floor
Brooklyn, New York 11220
Telephone: (718) 765-6725
Telecopier: (718) 765-6734]

and if to the Trustee, to:

The Bank of New York
10161 Centurion Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32256
Attention: Corporate Trust Department

For record keeping purposes, one copy of each Pricing Supplement, as so filed, shall also be mailed or telecopied to:

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
180 Maiden Lane
New York, New York 10038-4982

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Attention: James R. Tanenbaum, Esq.
Telephone: (212) 806-5400
Telecopier (212) 806-6006

and to:

Banc of America Securities LLC
Bank of America Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065
Attention: Lynn T. McConnell
Telephone: (704) 386-6616
Telecopier: (704) 388-9939

Each such Agent (or Selling Group Member), in turn, pursuant to the terms of the Selling Agreement and the Master Selected Dealer Agreement, will cause to be delivered a copy of the Prospectus and the applicable Pricing Supplement to each purchaser of Notes from such Agent or Selling Group member.

Outdated Pricing Supplements and the Prospectuses to which they are attached (other than those retained for files) will be destroyed.

Delivery of Confirmation
and Prospectus to Purchaser
by Presenting Agent:

Subject to "Suspension of Solicitation; Amendment or Supplement" below, the Agents will deliver a Prospectus and Pricing Supplement as herein described with respect to each Note sold by it.

For each offer to purchase a Note accepted by or on behalf of the Company, the Purchasing Agent will confirm in writing with each Agent or Selling Group Member the terms of such Note, the amount being purchased by such Agent or Selling Group Member and other applicable details described above and delivery and payment instructions, with a copy to the Company.

In addition, the Purchasing Agent, other Agent or Selling Group member, as the case may be, will deliver to investors purchasing the Notes the Prospectus (including the Pricing Supplement) in relation to such Notes prior to or simultaneously with delivery of the confirmation of sale or delivery of the Note.

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Settlement:

The receipt of immediately available funds by the Company in payment for Notes and the authentication and issuance of the Global Note representing such Notes shall constitute "Settlement" with respect to such Note. All orders accepted by the Company will be settled within one to three Business Days pursuant to the timetable for Settlement set forth below, unless

the Company and the purchaser agree to Settlement on a later date, and shall be specified upon acceptance of such offer; provided, however, in all cases the Company will notify the Trustee on the date issuance instructions are given.

Settlement Procedures:

In the event of a purchase of Notes by any Agent, as agent, appropriate Settlement details, if different from those set forth below, will be set forth in the applicable Terms Agreement to be entered into between such Agent and the Company pursuant to the Selling Agreement. Settlement Procedures with regard to each Note sold by an Agent, as principal for the Company, shall be as follows:

A. After the acceptance of an offer by the Company with respect to a Note, the Purchasing Agent will communicate the following details of the terms of such offer (the "Note Sale Information") to the Company by telephone confirmed in writing or by facsimile transmission or other acceptable written means:

1. Principal amount of the purchase;
2. Whether the Notes are Senior or Subordinated;
3. Interest Rate per annum;
4. Interest Payment Frequency;
5. Settlement Date;
6. Maturity Date;
7. Price to Public;
8. Purchasing Agent's commission determined pursuant to Section IV(a) of the Selling Agreement;

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9. Net proceeds to the Company;
10. Trade Date;
11. If a Note is redeemable by the Company or repayable by the Noteholder, such of the following as are applicable:
 - (i) The date on and after which such Note may be redeemed/repaid (the "Redemption/Repayment Commencement Date"),
 - (ii) Initial redemption/repayment price (% of par), and
 - (iii) Amount (% of par) that the initial redemption/repayment price shall decline (but not below par) on each anniversary of the Redemption/Repayment Commencement Date;
12. Whether the Note has a Survivor's Option;
13. If a Discount Note, the total amount of original issue discount, the yield to maturity and the initial accrual period of original issue discount;
14. DTC Participant Number of the

institution through which the customer will hold the beneficial interest in the Global Note; and

15. Such other terms as are necessary to complete the applicable form of Note.

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- B. The Company will confirm the previously assigned CUSIP number to the Global Note representing such Note and then advise the Trustee and the Purchasing Agent by telephone (confirmed in writing at any time on the same date) or by telecopier or other form of electronic transmission of the information received in accordance with Settlement Procedure "A" above, the assigned CUSIP number and the name of the Purchasing Agent. Each such communication by the Company will be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Company to the Trustee and the Agents that (i) such Note is then, and at the time of issuance and sale thereof will be, duly authorized for issuance and sale by the Company; (ii) such Note, and the Global Note representing such Note, will conform with the terms of the Indenture; and (iii) upon authentication and delivery of the Global Note representing such Note, the aggregate principal amount of all Notes issued under the Indenture will not exceed the aggregate principal amount of Notes authorized for issuance at such time by the Company.
- C. The Trustee will communicate to DTC and the Purchasing Agent through DTC's Participant Terminal System, a pending deposit message specifying the following Settlement information:
 1. The information received in accordance with Settlement Procedure "A".
 2. The numbers of the participant accounts maintained by DTC on behalf of the Trustee and the Purchasing Agent.
 3. The initial Interest Payment Date for such Note, number of days by which such date succeeds the related DTC record date (which term means the Regular Record Date), and if then calculated, the amount of interest payable on such Initial Interest Payment Date (which amount shall have been confirmed by the Trustee).
 4. The CUSIP number of the Global Note representing such Notes.

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5. The frequency of interest.
6. Whether such Global Note represents any other Notes issued or to be issued (to the extent then known).
- D. DTC will credit such Note to the participant account of the Trustee maintained by DTC.
- E. The Trustee will complete and deliver a Global Note representing such Note in a form that has been approved by the Company, the Agents and the Trustee.

- F. The Trustee will authenticate the Global Note representing such Note and maintain possession of such Global Note.
- G. The Trustee will enter an SDFS deliver order through DTC's Participant Terminal System instructing DTC to (i) debit such Note to the Trustee's participant account and credit such Note to the participant account of the Purchasing Agent maintained by DTC and (ii) debit the settlement account of the Purchasing Agent and credit the settlement account of the Trustee maintained by DTC, in an amount equal to the price of such Note less the Purchasing Agent's commission. The entry of such a deliver order shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Trustee to DTC that (a) the Global Note representing such Note has been issued and authenticated and (b) the Trustee is holding such Global Note pursuant to the Certificate Agreement.
- H. The Purchasing Agent will enter an SDFS deliver order through DTC's Participant Terminal System instructing DTC to (i) debit such Note to the Purchasing Agent's participant account and credit such Note to the participant accounts of the Participants to whom such Note is to be credited maintained by DTC and (ii) debit the settlement accounts of such Participants and credit the settlement account of the Purchasing Agent maintained by DTC, in an amount equal to the price of the Note less the agreed upon commission so credited to their accounts.

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- I. Transfers of funds in accordance with SDFS deliver orders described in Settlement Procedures "G" and "H" will be settled in accordance with SDFS operating procedures in effect on the Settlement Date.
- J. The Trustee will credit to an account of the Company maintained at Bank of America, N.A. funds available for immediate use in an amount equal to the amount credited to the Trustee's DTC participant account in accordance with Settlement Procedure "G".
- K. The Trustee will send a copy of the Global Note representing such Note by first-class mail to the Company.
- L. The Purchasing Agent will confirm the purchase of each Note to the purchaser thereof either by transmitting' to the Participant to whose account such Note has been credited a confirmation order through DTC's Participant Terminal System or by mailing a written confirmation to such purchaser. In all cases the Prospectus as most recently amended or supplemented must accompany or precede such confirmation.
- M. Each Business Day, the Trustee will send to the Company a statement setting forth the principal amount of Notes outstanding as of that date under the Indenture and setting forth the CUSIP number(s) assigned to, and a brief description of, any orders which the Company has advised the Trustee but which have not yet been settled.

Settlement Procedures
Timetable:

In the event of a purchase of Notes by the Purchasing Agent, as principal, appropriate Settlement details, if different from those set forth below will be set forth in the applicable Terms Agreement to be entered

into between the Purchasing Agent and the Company pursuant to the Selling Agreement.

Settlement Procedures "A" through "M" shall be completed as soon as possible but not later than the respective times (New York City time) set forth below:

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Settlement

| Procedure ----- | Time ----- |
|--------------------|--|
| A | 4:00 p.m. on the Trade Day. |
| B | 5:00 p.m. on the Trade Day. |
| C | 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day before the Settlement Date. |
| D | 10:00 a.m. on the Settlement Date. |
| E | 12:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date. |
| F | 12:30 a.m. on the Settlement Date. |
| G-H | 2:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date. |
| I | 4:45 p.m. on the Settlement Date. |
| J-L | 5:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date. |
| M | Weekly or at the request of the Company. |

NOTE: The Prospectus as most recently amended or supplemented must accompany or precede any written confirmation given to the customer (Settlement Procedure "L"). Settlement Procedure "I" is subject to extension in accordance with any extension Fedwire closing deadlines and in the other events specified in the SDFS operating procedures in effect on the Settlement Date.

If Settlement of a Note is rescheduled or cancelled, the Trustee will deliver to DTC, through DTC's Participant Terminal System, a cancellation message to such effect by no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Business Day immediately preceding the scheduled Settlement Date.

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Failure to Settle:

If the Trustee fails to enter an SDFS deliver order with respect to a Note pursuant to Settlement Procedure "G", the Trustee may deliver to DTC, through DTC's Participant Terminal System, as soon as practicable a withdrawal message instructing DTC to debit such Note to the participant account of the Trustee maintained at DTC. DTC will process the withdrawal message, provided that such participant account contains Notes having the same terms and having a principal amount that is at least equal to the principal amount of such Note to be debited. If withdrawal messages are processed with respect to all the Notes issued or to be issued represented by a Global Note, the Trustee will cancel such Global Note in accordance with the Indenture, make appropriate entries in its records and so advise the Company. The CUSIP number assigned to such Global Note shall, in accordance with CUSIP Service Bureau procedures, be cancelled and not immediately reassigned. If withdrawal messages are processed with respect to one or more, but not all, of the Notes represented by a Global Note, the Trustee will exchange such Global Note for two Global Notes, one of which shall represent such Notes and shall be cancelled immediately after issuance, and the other of which shall represent the remaining Notes previously represented by the surrendered Global Note and shall bear the CUSIP number of the surrendered Global Note. If the purchase price for any Note is not timely paid to the Participants with respect to such Note by the beneficial purchaser thereof (or a person, including an indirect participant in DTC, acting on behalf of such purchaser), such Participants and, in turn, the related Agent may enter SDFS deliver orders through DTC's participant Terminal System reversing the orders entered pursuant to Settlement Procedures "G"

and "H", respectively. Thereafter, the Trustee will deliver the withdrawal message and take the related actions described in the preceding paragraph. If such failure shall have occurred for any reason other than default by the Agent in the performance of its obligations hereunder or under the Selling Agreement, the Company will reimburse the Agent on an equitable basis for its reasonable out-of-pocket accountable expenses actually incurred and loss of the use of funds during the period when they were credited to the account of the Company.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon any failure to settle with respect to a Note, DTC may take any actions in accordance with its SDFS operating procedures then in effect. In the event of a failure to settle with respect to one or more, but not all, of Notes that were to have been represented by a Global Note, the Trustee will provide, in accordance with Settlement Procedures "D" and "E", for the authentication and issuance of a Global Note representing the other Notes to have been represented by such Global Note and will make appropriate entries in its records.

Procedure for
Rate Changes:

Each time a decision has been reached to change rates, the Company will promptly advise the Agents of the new rates, who will forthwith suspend solicitation of purchases of Notes at the prior rates. The Agents may telephone the Company with recommendations as to the changed interest rates.

Suspension of Solicitation
Amendment or Supplement:

Subject to the Company's representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Selling Agreement, the Company may instruct the Agents to suspend at any time for any period of time or permanently, the solicitation of orders to purchase Notes. Upon receipt of such instructions (which may be given orally), each Agent will forthwith suspend solicitation until such time as the Company has advised it that solicitation of purchases may be resumed.

In the event that at the time the Company suspends solicitation of purchases there shall be any orders outstanding for settlement, the Company will promptly advise the Agents and the Trustee whether such orders may be settled and whether copies of the Prospectus as in effect at the time of the suspension may be delivered in connection with the settlement of such orders. The Company will have the sole responsibility for such decision and for any arrangements which may be made in the event that the Company determines that such orders may not be settled or that copies of such Prospectus may not be so delivered.

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If the Company decides to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, it will promptly advise the Agents and furnish the Agents and the Trustee with the proposed amendment or supplement and with such certificates and opinions as are required, all to the extent required by and in accordance with the terms of the Selling Agreement. Subject to the provisions of the Selling Agreement, the Company may file with the Commission any supplement to the Prospectus relating to the Notes. The Company will provide the Agents and the Trustee with copies of any such supplement, and confirm to the Agents that such supplement has been filed with the SEC.

Trustee Not to Risk Funds: Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Trustee to risk or expend its own funds in connection with any payment to the Company, or the Agents or the purchasers, it being understood by all parties that

payments made by the Trustee to either the Company or the Agents shall be made only to the extent that funds are provided to the Trustee for such purpose.

Advertising Costs:

The Company shall have the sole right to approve the form and substance of any advertising an Agent may initiate in connection with such Agent's solicitation to purchase the Notes. The expense of such advertising will be solely the responsibility of such Agent, unless otherwise agreed to by the Company.

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EXHIBIT C

TERMS AGREEMENT

, 2001

Bank of America Corporation
Bank of America Corporate Center
Corp. Treas. Division NC 1-007-23-01
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Karen A. Gosnell, Senior Vice President

The undersigned agrees to purchase the following aggregate principal amount of Bank of America Corporation Senior/Subordinated InterNotes:
\$ _____

The terms of such Notes shall be as follows:

CUSIP Number: _____
Senior/Subordinated Notes:
Interest Rate: _____%
Maturity Date: _____
Price to Public: _____
Agent's Concession: _____%
Net Proceeds to Issuer: _____
Settlement Date, Time and Place: _____
Survivor's Option: _____
Interest Payment Frequency: _____
Optional Redemption/Repayment, if any: _____
Initial Redemption/Repayment Date[s]: _____
Redemption/Repayment Price: Initially _____% of Principal Amount and declining by _____% of the Principal Amount on each anniversary of the Initial Redemption/Repayment Date until the Redemption/Repayment Price is 100% of the Principal Amount.

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[Any other terms and conditions agreed to by the Purchasing Agent and the Company]

INCAPITAL, LLC

By: _____
Title: _____

ACCEPTED

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: _____
Title: _____

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Exhibit D
Form of Pricing Supplement

Pricing Supplement Dated: _____
(To Prospectus Dated _____, 2001)
Pricing Supplement No. _____

Rule 424(b) (3)
File No. 333-_____

U.S. \$3,000,000,000
 BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
 INTERNOTES (SM)
 DUE NINE MONTHS OR MORE FROM DATE OF ISSUE

Trade Date: _____
 Issue Date: _____
 Agent: _____

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| CUSIP | AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | PRICE TO PUBLIC | CONCESSION | NET PROCEEDS TO ISSUER | SENIOR OR SUBORDINATED | INTEREST RATE |
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| INTEREST PAYMENT FREQUENCY | MATURITY DATE | SURVIVOR'S OPTION | REDEMPTION OR REPAYMENT YES/NO | REDEMPTION/ REPAYMENT TERMS |
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Other Terms: _____

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EXHIBIT E

Master Selected Dealer Agreement

<<FirstName>>
 <<Company>>
 <<Address1>>
 <<Address2>>
 <<City>>, <<State>> <<Postal>>

Dear Selected Dealer:

In connection with public offerings of securities after the date hereof for which we are acting as manager of an underwriting syndicate or are otherwise responsible for the distribution of securities to the public by means of an offering of securities for sale to selected dealers, you may be offered the right as such a selected dealer to purchase as principal a portion of such securities. This will confirm our mutual agreement as to the general terms and conditions applicable to your participation in any such selected dealer group organized by us as follows.

1. Applicability of this Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be applicable to any public offering of securities ("Securities"), pursuant to a registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), or exempt from registration thereunder (other than a public offering of Securities effected wholly outside the United

States of America), wherein Incapital, LLC clearing through BNY Clearing Services, LLC (the "Account") (acting for its own Account or for the account of any underwriting or similar group or syndicate) is responsible for managing or otherwise implementing the sale of the Securities to selected dealers ("Selected Dealers") and has expressly informed you that such terms and conditions shall be applicable. Any such offering of Securities to you as a Selected Dealer is hereinafter called an "Offering". In the case of any Offering where we are acting for the account of any underwriting or similar group or syndicate ("Underwriters"), the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of, and binding upon, such Underwriters, including, in the case of any Offering where we are acting with others as representatives of Underwriters, such other representatives.

2. Conditions of Offering; Acceptance and Purchases. Any Offering: (i) will be subject to delivery of the Securities and their acceptance by us and any other Underwriters; (ii) may be subject to the approval of all legal matters by counsel and the satisfaction of other conditions, and (iii) may be made on the basis of reservation of Securities or an allotment against subscription. We will advise you by electronic mail, facsimile or other form of written communication ("Written Communication", which term, in the case of any Offering described in Section 3(a) or 3(b) hereof, may include a prospectus or offering circular) of the particular method and supplementary terms

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and conditions (including, without limitation, the information as to prices and offering date referred to in Section 3(c) hereof) of any Offering in which you are invited to participate. To the extent such supplementary terms and conditions are inconsistent with any provision herein, such terms and conditions shall supersede any such provision. Unless otherwise indicated in any such Written Communication, acceptances and other communications by you with respect to an Offering should be sent to Incapital, LLC, 30 S. Wacker, Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7488 (Fax: (312) 441-0912). We reserve the right to reject any acceptance in whole or in part. Unless notified otherwise by us, Securities purchased by you shall be paid for on such date as we shall determine, on one day's prior notice to you, by certified or official bank check, in an amount equal to the Public Offering Prices (as hereinafter defined) or, if we shall so advise you, at such Public Offering Price less the Concession (as hereinafter defined), payable in New York Clearing House funds to the order of BNY Clearing Services, LLC clearing for the account of Incapital, LLC, against delivery of the Securities. If Securities are purchased and paid for at such Public Offering Price, such Concession will be paid after the termination of the provisions of Section 3(c) hereof with respect to such Securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless notified otherwise by us, payment for and delivery of Securities purchased by you shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, if you are a member, unless you have otherwise notified us prior to the date specified in a Written Communication to you from us or, if you are not a member, settlement may be made through a correspondent who is a member pursuant to instructions which you will send to us prior to such specified date.

3. Representations, Warranties and Agreements.

(a) Registered Offerings. In the case of any Offering of Securities that are registered under the Securities Act ("Registered Offering"), we shall provide you with such number of copies of each preliminary prospectus and of the final prospectus relating thereto as you may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder. You represent and warrant that you are familiar with Rule 15c2-8 under the Exchange Act relating to the distribution of preliminary and final prospectuses and agree that you will comply therewith. You agree to make a record of your distribution of each preliminary prospectus and, when furnished with copies of any revised preliminary prospectus, you will, upon our request, promptly forward copies thereof to each person to whom you have theretofore distributed a preliminary prospectus. You agree that in purchasing Securities in a Registered Offering you will rely upon no statement whatsoever, written or oral, other than the statements in the final prospectus delivered to you by us. You will not be authorized by the issuer or other seller of Securities offered pursuant to a prospectus or by any Underwriter to give any information or to make any representation not contained in the prospectus in connection with the sale of such Securities.

(b) Offerings Pursuant to Offering Circular. In the case of any Offering of Securities, other than a Registered Offering, which is made pursuant to an offering circular or other document comparable to a prospectus in a Registered Offering, we shall provide you with such number of copies of each preliminary offering circular and of the final offering circular relating

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thereto as you may reasonably request. You agree that you will comply with the applicable Federal and state laws, and the applicable rules and regulations of any regulatory body promulgated thereunder, governing the use and distribution of offering circulars by brokers or dealers. You agree that in purchasing Securities pursuant to an offering circular you will rely upon no statements whatsoever, written or oral, other than the statements in the final offering circular delivered to you by us. You will not be authorized by the issuer or other seller of Securities offered pursuant to an offering circular or by any Underwriter to give any information or to make any representation not contained in the offering circular in connection with the sale of such Securities.

(c) Offer and Sale to the Public. With respect to any Offering of Securities, we will inform you by a Written Communication of the public offering price, the selling concession, the reallowance (if any) to dealers and the time when you may commence selling Securities to the public. After such public offering has commenced, we may change the public offering price, the selling concession and the reallowance to dealers. The offering price, selling concession and reallowance (if any) to dealers at any time in effect with respect to an Offering are hereinafter referred to, respectively, as the "Public Offering Price", the "Concession" and the "Reallowance". With respect to each Offering of Securities, until the provisions of this Section 3(c) shall be terminated pursuant to Section 4 hereof, you agree to offer Securities to the public at no more than the Public Offering Price. If so notified by us, you may sell Securities to the public at a lesser negotiated price than the Public Offering Price, but in an amount not to exceed the "Concession." If a Reallowance is in effect, a reallowance from the Public Offering Price not in excess of such Reallowance may be allowed as consideration for services rendered in distribution to dealers who are actually engaged in the investment banking or securities business, who execute the written agreement prescribed by section 24(c) of Article III of the Rules of Fair Practice of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") and who are either members in good standing of the NASD or foreign banks, dealers or institutions not eligible for membership in the NASD who represent to you that they will promptly reoffer such Securities at the Public Offering Price and will abide by the conditions with respect to foreign banks, dealers and institutions set forth in Section 3(e) hereof.

(d) Over-allotment; Stabilization; Unsold Allotments. We may, with respect to any Offering, be authorized to over-allot in arranging sales to Selected Dealers, to purchase and sell Securities for long or short account and to stabilize or maintain the market price of the Securities. You agree that, upon our request at any time and from time to time prior to the termination of the provisions of Section 3(c) hereof with respect to any Offering, you will report to us the amount of Securities purchased by you pursuant to such Offering which then remain unsold by you and will, upon our request at any such time, sell to us for our account or the account of one or more Underwriters such amount of such unsold Securities as we may designate at the Public Offering Price less an amount to be determined by us not in excess of the Concession. If, prior to the later of (i) the termination of the provisions of Section 3(c) hereof with respect to any Offering or (ii) the covering by us of any short position created by us in connection with such Offering for our account or the account of one or more Underwriters, we purchase or contract to purchase for our account or the account of one or more Underwriters in the open market or otherwise any Securities purchased by you under this Agreement as part of such Offering, you agree to pay us on demand an amount

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equal to the Concession with respect to such Securities (unless you shall have purchased such Securities pursuant to Section 2 hereof at the Public Offering Price in which case we shall not be obligated to pay such Concession to you pursuant to Section 2) plus transfer taxes and broker's commissions or dealer's mark-up, if any, paid in connection with such purchase or contract to purchase.

(e) NASD. You represent and warrant that you are actually engaged in the investment banking or securities business and either a member in good standing of the NASD or, if you are not such a member, you are a foreign bank, dealer or institution not eligible for membership in the NASD which agrees to make no sales within the United States, its territories or its possessions or to persons who are citizens thereof or residents therein, and in making other sales to comply with the NASD's interpretation with respect to free riding and withholding. You further represent, by your participation in an Offering, that you have provided to us all documents and other information required to be filed with respect to you, any related person or any person associated with you or any such related person pursuant to the supplementary requirements of the NASD's interpretation with respect to review of corporate financing as such requirements relate to such Offering.

You agree that, in connection with any purchase or sale of the Securities wherein a Concession, discount or other allowance is received or granted, (1) you will comply with the provisions of section 24 of Article III of the NASD's Rules of Fair Practice and (2) if you are a non-NASD member broker or dealer in a foreign country, you will also comply (a), as though you were an

NASD member, with the provisions of sections 8 and 36 thereof and (b) with section 25 thereof as that section applies to a non-NASD member broker or dealer in a foreign country.

You further agree that, in connection with any purchase of securities from us that is not otherwise covered by the terms of this Agreement (whether we are acting as manager, as a member of an underwriting syndicate or a selling group or otherwise), if a selling Concession, discount or other allowance is granted to you, clauses (1) and (2) of the preceding paragraph will be applicable.

(f) Relationship among Underwriters and Selected Dealers. We may buy Securities from or sell Securities to any Underwriter or Selected Dealer and, without consent, the Underwriters (if any) and the Selected Dealers may purchase Securities from and sell Securities to each other at the Public Offering Price less all or any part of the Concession. Unless otherwise specified in a separate agreement between you and us, this agreement does not authorize you to act as agent for: (i) us; (ii) any Underwriter; (iii) the issuer; or (iv) other seller of any Securities in offering Securities to the public or otherwise. Neither we nor any Underwriter shall be under any obligation to you except for obligations assumed hereby or in any Written Communication from us in connection with any Offering. Nothing contained herein or in any Written Communication from us shall constitute the Selected Dealers an association or partners with us or any Underwriter or with one another. If the Selected Dealers, among themselves or with the Underwriters, should be deemed to constitute a partnership for Federal income tax purposes, then you elect to be excluded from the application of Subchapter K, Chapter 1, Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and agree not to take any position inconsistent with that election. You authorize us, in our

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discretion, to execute and file on your behalf such evidence of that election as may be required by the Internal Revenue Service. In connection with any Offering, you shall be liable for your proportionate amount of any tax, claim, demand or liability that may be asserted against you alone or against one or more Selected Dealers participating in such Offering, or against us or the Underwriters, based upon the claim that the Selected Dealers, or any of them, constitute an association, an unincorporated business or other entity, including, in each case, your proportionate amount of any expense incurred in defending against any such tax, claim, demand or liability.

(g) Blue Sky Laws. Upon application to us, we shall inform you as to any advice we have received from counsel concerning the jurisdictions in which Securities have been qualified for sale or are exempt under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions, but we do not assume any obligation or responsibility as to your right to sell Securities in any such jurisdiction.

(h) Compliance with Law. You agree that in selling Securities pursuant to any Offering (which agreement shall also be for the benefit of the issuer or other seller of such Securities) you will comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including the applicable provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, the applicable rules and regulations of the NASD, the applicable rules and regulations of any securities exchange having jurisdiction over the Offering and the applicable laws, rules and regulations specified in Section 3(b) hereof.

Furthermore, you acknowledge and agree that certain Offerings of Securities (i) may be made in the United States only and/or (ii) may be offerings of Securities of an affiliate of a United States bank but are not savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of any such bank and would not be guaranteed by such bank or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

4. Termination, Supplements and Amendments. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by a written instrument executed by each of the parties hereto. This Agreement may be supplemented or amended by us by written notice thereof to you, and any such supplement or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective with respect to any Offering to which this Agreement applies after the date of such supplement or amendment. Each reference to "this Agreement" herein shall, as appropriate, be to this Agreement as so amended and supplemented. The terms and conditions set forth in Section 3(c) hereof with regard to any Offering will terminate at the close of business on the 30th day after the commencement of the public offering of the Securities to which such Offering relates, but in our discretion may be extended by us for a further period not exceeding 30 days and in our discretion, whether or not extended, may be terminated at any earlier time.

5. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and other persons specified in Section 1 hereof, and the respective successors and assigns of each of them.

6. Governing Law. This Agreement and the terms and conditions set forth herein

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with respect to any Offering together with such supplementary terms and conditions with respect to such Offering as may be contained in any Written Communication from us to you in connection therewith shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

Please confirm by signing and returning to us the enclosed copy of this Agreement that your subscription to, or your acceptance of any reservation of, any Securities pursuant to an Offering shall constitute (i) acceptance of and agreement to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (as supplemented and amended pursuant to Section 4 hereof) together with and subject to any supplementary terms and conditions contained in any Written Communication from us in connection with such Offering, all of which shall constitute a binding agreement between you and us, individually or as representative of any Underwriters, (ii) confirmation that your representations and warranties set forth in Section 3 hereof are true and correct at that time, (iii) confirmation that your agreements set forth in Sections 2 and 3 hereof have been and will be fully performed by you to the extent and at the times required thereby and (iv) in the case of any Offering described in Section 3(a) and 3(b) hereof, acknowledgment that you will request and have received from us sufficient copies of the final prospectus or offering circular, as the case may be, with respect to such Offering in order to comply with your undertakings in Section 3(a) or 3(b) hereof.

Very truly yours,

INCAPITAL, LLC

By: _____
Jeffrey P. Novak
Managing Member

CONFIRMED: _____, 20__

<<Company>>

By: _____

Name: _____
(Print name)

Title: _____

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BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION,

as Issuer

AND

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,

as Trustee

RESTATED INDENTURE

DATED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2001

SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES

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THIS RESTATED INDENTURE dated as of January 1, 2001, between BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware (the "Company"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee hereunder (the "Trustee," which term shall include any successor trustee appointed pursuant to Article Seven).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company deems it necessary to issue from time to time for its lawful purposes its senior unsecured debt securities, including notes and other evidence of indebtedness (the "Notes"), and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Notes in one or more series in an unlimited principal amount, to bear such rates of interest, to mature at such time or times and to have such other provisions as shall be fixed as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Notes, the Company and the Trustee entered into that certain Indenture dated as of October 2, 2000 (the "Original Indenture"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10.01 of the Original Indenture, the Company and the Trustee are entitled to make certain changes and additions thereto from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee now desire to make certain changes and additions to the Original Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the execution of this Indenture and the issuance and sale of its Notes; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things necessary to constitute this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company according to its terms, have been done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE:

In order to declare the terms and conditions upon which the Notes are authenticated, issued and received, and in consideration of the premises, of the purchase and acceptance of the Notes by the holders thereof, the Company covenants and agrees with the Trustee, for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective holders from time to time of the Notes, as follows:

ARTICLE ONE.
DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1.01. Definitions. The terms defined in this Section 1.01 (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) for all purposes of this Indenture and of any indenture supplemental hereto shall have the respective meanings specified in this Section. All other terms used in this Indenture which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (the "Trust Indenture Act") or which are by reference therein defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the ("Securities Act") shall have the meanings

(except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise clearly requires) assigned to such terms in the Trust Indenture Act and in the Securities Act as in force at the date of this Indenture as originally executed. All accounting terms used herein and not expressly defined shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the term "generally accepted accounting principles" means such accounting principles as are generally accepted at the time of any computation.

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.

Additional Amounts:

The term "Additional Amounts" shall mean any additional amounts to be paid by the Company in respect of Notes of a series, as may be specified pursuant to Section 4.05 and in such Notes and under the circumstances specified therein, in respect of certain specified taxes, assessments or other governmental charges imposed on certain holders who are United States Aliens, which may be owing to such holders as set forth in Section 4.05.

Authorized Officer:

The term "Authorized Officer" shall mean the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, General Counsel, Deputy or Associate General Counsel or Treasurer of the Company.

Board of Directors:

The term "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee of such Board.

Board Resolution:

The term "Board Resolution" shall mean a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors or by a committee acting under the authority of, or appointment by, the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

Book-Entry Note:

The term "Book-Entry Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.03.

Business Day:

The term "Business Day" shall mean, with respect to any Note, unless such Note shall say otherwise, any weekday that is (1) not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and (2) not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

Capital Stock:

The term "Capital Stock" shall mean, as to shares of a particular corporation, outstanding shares of stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, irrespective of whether such class shall be limited to a fixed sum or percentage in respect of the rights of the holders thereof to participate in dividends and in the distribution of assets upon the voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of such corporation.

Company:

The term "Company" shall mean Bank of America Corporation until a successor corporation shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Company" shall mean such successor corporation.

Company Order:

The term "Company Order" shall mean a written request, order or consent signed in the name of the Company by any Authorized Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

Corporate Trust Office:

The term "Corporate Trust Office" shall mean the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee at which, at any particular time, its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date of original execution of this Indenture is located at The Bank of New York 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

CUSIP number:

The term "CUSIP number" shall mean the identification numbers obtained by the Company from the CUSIP Service Bureau of Standard & Poor's Corporation for assignment to the Notes.

Depositary:

The term "Depositary" shall mean, with respect to the Notes of any series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes, the entity designated as Depositary by the Company pursuant to Section 2.01 until a successor Depositary shall have become such, and thereafter "Depositary" shall mean or include each entity who is then a Depositary hereunder.

Event of Default:

The term "Event of Default" shall mean any event specified as such in Section 6.01.

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Global Note:

The term "Global Note" shall mean those Notes executed by the Company, authenticated and delivered to the Depositary, or a custodian at the Depositary's instruction, to be held and administered by or on behalf of, the Depositary for the benefit of purchasers of Notes. The Global Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee.

Indenture:

The term "Indenture" shall mean 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.

Interest Payment Date:

The term "Interest Payment Date," when used with respect to any Note, shall mean the stated maturity of an installment of interest on such Note.

Issue Date:

The term "Issue Date" shall mean, with respect to Notes of any Tranche the date such Notes are authenticated pursuant to Section 2.06.

Maturity Date:

The term "Maturity Date," when used with respect to any Note, shall mean the stated maturity of such Note.

Notes:

The term "Note" or "Notes" shall mean the Bank of America Senior InterNotes(SM), as well as any other debt securities of the Company which may be issued, authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

Note Register and Note Registrar:

The terms "Note Register" and "Note Registrar" shall have the meanings set forth in Section 2.07 hereof.

Officers' Certificate:

The term "Officers' Certificate" shall mean a certificate signed by any Authorized Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

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Opinion of Counsel:

The term "Opinion of Counsel" shall mean an opinion in writing signed by legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

Outstanding:

The term "Outstanding," when used with reference to Notes, shall, subject to the provisions of Section 7.08 and Section 8.04, mean, as of any particular time, all Notes authenticated and delivered by the Trustee under this Indenture, except

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(b) Notes, or portions thereof, for the payment or redemption

of which moneys in the necessary amount shall have been deposited in trust with the Trustee or with any Paying Agent (other than the Company) or shall have been set aside and segregated in trust by the Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent), provided, that if such Notes are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption shall have been given as in Article Three provided, or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for giving such notice;

(c) Notes that have been defeased pursuant to Section 12.05 hereof; and

(d) Notes paid or in lieu of and in substitution for which other Notes shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to the terms of Article Two, unless proof satisfactory to the Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by bona fide holders in due course.

Paying Agent:

The term "Paying Agent" shall mean, initially, The Bank of New York for the Notes as set forth in Section 4.02, and subsequently, any other paying agent appointed by the Company from time to time in respect of the Notes.

Person:

The term "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Place of Payment:

The term "Place of Payment," when used with respect to Notes of any series, shall mean the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Notes are payable.

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Principal Subsidiary Bank:

The term "Principal Subsidiary Bank" shall mean any Subsidiary Bank the total assets of which as set forth in the most recent statement of condition of such Subsidiary Bank equal more than 10% of the total consolidated assets of the Company and its subsidiaries as determined from the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its subsidiaries. In no event nor at any time shall Bank of America, N.A. (USA) or any other Subsidiary Bank whose principal line of business is the issuance of credit cards be treated as a Principal Subsidiary Bank for purposes of this Indenture.

Redemption Date:

The term "Redemption Date" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.02.

Regular Record Date:

The term "Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date on the Notes of any series shall mean the date specified for that purpose as contemplated by Sections 2.01, 2.03 and 4.01.

Responsible Officer:

The term "Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Trustee shall mean any officer within the Corporate Trust Office including any Vice President, Managing Director, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge and familiarity with the particular subject.

Settlement Date:

The term "Settlement Date" shall mean the date of delivery of a Note against receipt of immediately available funds by the Company in payment for such Note.

Subsidiary Bank:

The term "Subsidiary Bank" shall mean any subsidiary of the Company which is a bank or trust company organized and doing business under any State or Federal law.

Survivor's Option:

The term "Survivor's Option" shall mean, where applicable, the right of the personal representative of a beneficial owner of a Note to require the Company to repay that Note prior to its Maturity Date upon the death of the beneficial owner of the Note.

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Tranche:

The term "Tranche" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.06.

United States Alien:

The term "United States Alien" shall mean any person who, for United States Federal income tax purposes, is a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual, a non-resident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust, or a foreign partnership to the extent that one or more of its members is, for United States Federal income tax purposes, a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual or a non-resident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust.

Vice President:

The term "Vice President" when used with respect to the Company or the Trustee shall mean any vice president, whether or not designated by a number or word or words added before or after the title "Vice President," including any Executive or Senior Vice President

SECTION 1.02. Notice to Noteholders. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, where this Indenture provides for notice to holders of Notes of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given if in writing and mailed, first class, postage prepaid, to each holder at such holder's address as it appears in the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date prescribed for such notice.

Neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular holder of a Note shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other holders of Notes.

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.

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 Notes 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.

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ARTICLE TWO.
EXECUTION, ISSUE AND EXCHANGE OF NOTES

SECTION 2.01. Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series; Designation of Series. Upon the execution of this Indenture, or from time to time thereafter, Notes up to the aggregate principal amount and containing terms and conditions from time to time authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, or in an indenture supplemental hereto (a "Supplemental Indenture"), may be executed and delivered by the Company. Notes will be delivered to the Trustee for authentication, after execution by the Company, and the Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver said Notes to or upon a Company Order without any further action by the Company. The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authorize and deliver any Notes under this Section if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not lawfully be taken or if the Trustee in good faith by a committee of Responsible Officers determines that such action would expose the Trustee to personal liability to existing holders of Notes.

The Notes may be issued in one or more series. The aggregate principal amount of Notes of all series which may be authenticated and delivered and outstanding under this Indenture is not limited. The Notes of a particular series may be issued up to the aggregate principal amount of Notes for such series from time to time authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture. Any limitations on the amount of Notes of a series may be periodically increased by Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture.

There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture, and set forth in an Officers' Certificate, prior to the initial issuance of Notes of any series:

(1) the designation of the Note of the series (which shall distinguish the Notes of the series from all other series of Notes);

(2) the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of the series which may be then authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes of the series pursuant to Section 2.07, 2.08, 3.01 or 10.04), which amount may be "reopened" and increased;

(3) the date or dates on which the principal of the Notes of the series is payable;

(4) the rates at which Notes of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates and the Regular Record Date;

(5) the place or places (in addition to such place or places specified in this Indenture) where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on Notes of the series shall be payable;

(6) the right, if any, of the Company to redeem Notes, in whole or in part, at its option and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and

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conditions upon which, Notes of the series may be redeemed pursuant to any sinking fund or otherwise;

(7) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, purchase or repay Notes of the series pursuant to any mandatory redemption sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder thereof (including the Survivor's Option) and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Notes of the series shall be redeemed, purchased or repaid, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(8) the denominations in which Notes of the series shall be issuable, if other than \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000;

(9) any portion of the principal amount of Notes of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or which the Trustee shall be entitled to claim pursuant to Section 6.01;

(10) whether any Notes of the series shall be issued in any form other than book-entry only and the details of such issuance and the provisions relating to the transfer of such Notes;

(11) if any Notes of such series are to be issuable in definitive form (whether upon original issue or upon exchange of a temporary Note of such series) only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or satisfaction of other conditions, the form and terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(12) the provisions, if any, for the defeasance of any Notes of the series;

(13) the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on any Notes of the series shall be payable if other than the currency of the United States of America;

(14) if the Company has agreed to pay Additional Amounts, the circumstances under which those Additional Amounts will be paid and whether the Company has the option to redeem such Notes rather than pay such Additional Amounts;

(15) any trustees, depositories, authenticating or paying agents, registrars or any other agents with respect to the Notes of such series; and

(16) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture).

All Notes of any one series shall be substantially identical except (i) as to denomination, interest rate, maturity and other similar terms, and (ii) as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture and set forth in an Officers' Certificate.

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

SECTION 2.02. Form of Notes. The Notes of each series shall be substantially in the forms approved from time to time by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or an Officers' Certificate. Such forms may have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements printed, lithographed or engraved thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which the Notes may be listed, or to conform to usage.

Notes of any one series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate, and the authorized principal amount of any series may be increased to provide for issuances of additional Notes of such series. If so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate, the terms of such Notes to be issued from time to time may be determined as set forth in such Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate, as the case may be. All Notes of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, interest rate, maturity and other similar terms and except as may otherwise be provided by or pursuant to the related Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate.

The Notes may be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved on steel engraved borders or produced or reproduced in any other manner (including copies of manually signed originals), all as determined by the officers of the Company executing such Notes as evidenced by their execution of such Notes by manual or facsimile signature.

SECTION 2.03. Denominations; Record Date. Unless otherwise determined by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture, the Notes of each series shall be issuable in book-entry-only form ("Book-Entry Notes") without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 or more (and any amount in excess thereof that is an integral multiple of \$1,000).

The person in whose name any Note is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date shall be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the cancellation of such Note upon any transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Regular Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date; provided, however, that if and to the extent the Company shall default in the payment of the interest due on such Interest Payment Date, such defaulted interest shall be paid to the persons in whose names outstanding Notes are registered on a subsequent record date established by notice given by mail by or on behalf of the Company to the holders of Notes of

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the series in default not less than 15 days preceding such subsequent record date, such record date to be not less than five days preceding the date of payment of such defaulted interest.

SECTION 2.04. Execution and Delivery of Notes. The Notes shall be signed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer or any Vice President. Such signatures may be the manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such officers.

Only such Notes as shall bear thereon a certificate of authentication substantially in the form described in Section 2.05, executed by the Trustee by manual signature of one of its responsible officers if a Global Note, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose. Such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence that the Note so authenticated has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and that the holder is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

In case any officer of the Company who shall have signed any of the Notes shall cease to be such officer before the Note so signed shall be authenticated and delivered by the Trustee or the Company or disposed of by the Company, such Note nevertheless may be authenticated and delivered or disposed of as though the person who signed such Note had not ceased to be such officer of the Company; and any Note may be signed on behalf of the Company by such persons as, at the actual date of the execution of such Note, shall be the proper officers of the Company, although at the date of the execution of this

Indenture any such person was not such officer.

Within five days after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate as to the incumbency and specimen signatures of officers authorized to execute Notes and to give Company Orders under this Indenture and, as long as Notes are outstanding under this Indenture, shall deliver a similar Officers' Certificate each year on the anniversary of the date of the first such Officers' Certificate. The Trustee may conclusively rely on such certificate and the documents delivered with authorized signatures (unless revoked by superseding comparable documents) as to the authorization of the Board of Directors of any Notes delivered hereunder, and the form, terms and conditions thereof, and as to the authority of the instructing officers referred to in this Section so to act.

SECTION 2.05. Appointment of Authenticating Agent; Form of Certificate of Authentication. The certificate of authentication as to Notes shall be in the following form:

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

This is one of the Notes described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

The Bank of New York, as Trustee

By: _____

Authorized Signatory

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The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent or agents (which may be an affiliate or affiliates the Company) with respect to one or more series of Notes which shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Notes of such series issued upon original issue or upon exchange, registration of transfer or partial redemption thereof or pursuant to Section 2.08, and Notes 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 Notes 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 or of any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, which (a) is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers or to otherwise act as authenticating agent, (b) is subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority, and (c) shall have at all times a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$5,000,000. 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 such 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 such 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 promptly give notice of such appointment to all holders of Notes in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.02. 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.

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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 7.06.

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

[ALTERNATIVE FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

This is one of the Notes described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: _____
as Authenticating Agent

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

If all of the Notes of a series are not originally issued at one time, and the Trustee does not have an office capable of authenticating Notes upon original issuance located in a Place of Payment where the Company wishes to have Notes of such series authenticated upon original issuance, the Trustee, if so requested by the Company in writing, shall appoint in accordance with this Section an authenticating agent (which, if so requested by the Company, shall be such affiliate of the Company) having an office in a Place of Payment designated by the Company with respect to such series of Notes, provided that the terms and conditions of such appointment are acceptable to the Trustee.

SECTION 2.06. Authentication and Delivery of Notes. At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Notes executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication by the Trustee together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Notes, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver such Notes in accordance with such Company Order. A Company Order may specify that instructions to the Trustee as to the authentication and delivery of Notes may be given on behalf of the Company by any person designated in such Company Order, and the Trustee may conclusively rely on any such instructions as if given by the Company until such Company Order is expressly revoked by a subsequent Company Order.

Notes of the same series which have the same terms, including the same Settlement Date, Maturity Date, Interest Rate, Interest Payment Dates and Redemption Date, if any (all such

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Notes being collectively referred to herein as a "Tranche"), may be represented by a single global note, without interest coupons.

SECTION 2.07. Exchange and Registration of Transfer of Notes.

(a) The Company shall keep, at an office or agency to be designated and maintained by the Company in accordance with Section 4.04 (as such, a "Note Registrar"), registry books (the "Note Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall register Notes and shall register the transfer of Notes of each such series as provided in this Article Two. Such Note Register shall be in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time. At all reasonable times such Note Register shall be open for inspection by the Trustee. Upon due presentment for registration of transfer of any Notes of a particular series at such office or agency maintained pursuant to Section 4.04 for such purpose in a Place of Payment, the Company shall execute and register and the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of such series of any authorized denominations and for an equal aggregate principal amount and tenor.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual certificated Notes represented thereby, in definitive form, a Global Note may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such series to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor Depositary.

If at any time the Depositary for Notes of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Book-Entry Notes of such series or if at any time the Depositary for the Book-Entry Notes of such series shall no longer be eligible under Section 2.06, the Company shall appoint a successor Depositary with respect to the Notes of such series. If a successor Depositary for the Notes is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Company will execute, authenticate and deliver, Notes of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount and like terms and tenor equal to the principal amount of the Book-Entry Note or Notes in global form representing such series in exchange for such Book-Entry Note or Notes in global form.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that individual Book-Entry Notes of any series shall no longer be represented by a Global Note. In such event the Company will execute, authenticate and deliver individual certificated Notes of such series in definitive form in authorized denominations and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note representing such series in exchange for such Global Note.

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If directed by the Company with respect to a series of Book-Entry Notes, the Depositary for such series of Notes may surrender the Global Note for such series of Notes in exchange in whole or in part for individual Notes of such series in definitive form and of like terms and tenor on such terms as are acceptable to the Company, the Trustee and such Depositary. Thereupon, the Company shall execute, authenticate and deliver, without service charge:

(1) to the Depositary or to each person specified by such Depositary a new individual Note or Notes of the same series and of the same tenor, of authorized denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and

(2) to such Depositary a new Global Note in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate principal amount of the individual Notes delivered to holders thereof.

Upon the exchange of a Global Note for Notes in definitive form, such Global Note shall be cancelled by the Trustee. Certificated Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this Section shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee in writing. The Company shall deliver such certificated Notes to the persons in whose names such Notes are so registered or to the Depositary.

Whenever any certificated Notes are surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, authenticate and deliver the Notes which the holder making the exchange is entitled to receive. All Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Notes of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the selection for redemption of Notes of that series under Section 3.02 and ending at the close of business on the day of such selection or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except in the case of any Note to be redeemed in part, the portion thereof not to be redeemed.

The ownership interest of a beneficial owner in a Book-Entry Note will be recorded through the records of such participants in the Depositary or through the separate records of such participants and the

records of indirect participants in the Depository.

Transfers of a Book-Entry Note will be accomplished by book entries made by the Depository and, in turn, by participants (and in certain cases, one or more indirect

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participants in the Depository) acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such Book-Entry Note.

No service charge shall be made for any exchange of Notes, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith.

SECTION 2.08. Mutilated, Defaced, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes. In case any Note shall at any time become mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen, and such Note or satisfactory evidence of the destruction, loss, or theft thereof (together with the security and indemnity hereinafter referred to and such other documents or proof required by the Company), shall be delivered to the Company, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of such Note, a new Note bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding of the same form, Settlement Date, Interest Rate, denomination, Maturity Date and Interest Payment Dates. In the case of any mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a surety bond or other indemnity satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee may be required of the holder of such Note before a replacement Note will be issued. All expenses (including taxes and governmental charges) associated with obtaining such indemnity and in issuing the new Note shall be borne by the holder of the Note so mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen.

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

Every substituted Note issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section by virtue of the fact that any Note is destroyed, lost or stolen shall, with respect to such Note, constitute an additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be found at any time, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

All Notes shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and shall, to the extent permitted by law, preclude any and all other rights or remedies, notwithstanding any law or statute existing or hereafter enacted to the contrary with respect to the replacement or payment of negotiable instruments or other securities without their surrender.

SECTION 2.09. Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer, or exchange, as the case may be, shall, if surrendered to the Trustee, be cancelled and destroyed by it in accordance with its customary procedures and a certificate of destruction delivered to the Company, or shall, if surrendered to any Paying Agent, be delivered to the Trustee and promptly cancelled and destroyed by the Trustee and a certificate of destruction delivered to the Company, and no Notes shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly permitted by any of the provisions of this Indenture. The Trustee shall destroy cancelled Notes and deliver a certificate of destruction to the Company.

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SECTION 2.10. Book-Entry Only System. If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 2.01 with respect to Notes represented by a Note in global form, a series of Notes may be issued initially in book-entry only form and, if issued in such form, shall be represented by one or more Notes in global form registered in the name of the Depository or other depository designated with respect thereto. So long as such system of registration is in effect, (a) Notes of a series so issued in book-entry only form will not be issuable in the form of or exchangeable for Notes in certificate or definitive registered form, (b) the records of the Depository or such other depository will be determinative for all purposes and (c) neither the Company, the Trustee nor any paying agent, Note Registrar or transfer agent for such Notes will have any responsibility or liability for (i) any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of owners of beneficial interests in the Notes of such series, (ii) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests, (iii) receipt of notices, voting and requesting or directing the Trustee to take, or not to take, or consenting to, certain actions hereunder, or (iv) the records and procedures of the Depository or such other depository, as

the case may be.

ARTICLE THREE.
REDEMPTION OF NOTES; SURVIVOR'S OPTION

SECTION 3.01. Redemption of Notes; Applicability of Section. The Company shall have the right to permit any Note issued hereunder to be redeemed. The terms of any such redemption shall be contained in this particular Note. Redemption of Notes of any series permitted or required by the terms of the Notes shall be made in accordance with such terms and this Section; provided, however, that if any provision of a series of Notes conflicts with any provision of this Section, the provision of such series of Notes shall govern.

SECTION 3.02. Notice of Redemption; Selection of Notes. In case the Company elects to exercise the rights to redeem all or, as the case may be, any part of a series of Notes, it shall fix a date for redemption (the "Redemption Date"). Notice of redemption of Notes 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. The Company or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall give notice of such redemption, at least 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for a redemption to the holders of such Notes so to be redeemed. Notice given in such manner shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice or any defect in the notice to the holder of any such Note designated for redemption shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other such Note. If the Company requests the Trustee to give any notice of redemption, it shall make such request at least 5 days prior to the designated date for delivering such notice, unless a shorter period is satisfactory to the Trustee.

Each such notice of redemption shall specify the date fixed for redemption, the redemption price at which such Notes are to be redeemed, the CUSIP numbers of such Notes, the Place of Payment where such Notes will be paid upon presentation and surrender of such Notes, that interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption will be paid as specified in said notice, and that on and after said date interest thereon or on the portions thereof to be redeemed will cease to accrue. If less than all of the series is to be redeemed, the notice of redemption shall specify the

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numbers of the Notes to be redeemed. In case any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and shall state that, upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes of the same series in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued.

On or before the Redemption Date, the Company will deposit in trust with the Trustee or with one or more paying agents an amount of money sufficient to redeem on the Redemption Date all the Notes or portions of Notes so called for redemption at the appropriate redemption price, together with accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption. If less than all of a series of Notes is to be redeemed, the Company will give the Trustee adequate written notice at least 45 days in advance (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee) as to the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be redeemed.

If less than all the Notes of a series is to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select, pro rata or by lot or in such other manner as it shall deem appropriate and fair, not more than 60 days prior to the date of redemption, the numbers of such Notes Outstanding not previously called for redemption, to be redeemed in whole or in part. The portion of principal of Notes so selected for partial redemption shall be equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Notes of that series or any integral multiple thereof. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of the Notes to be redeemed. If, however, less than all the Notes of a series having differing issue dates, interest rates and stated maturities are to be redeemed, the Company in its sole discretion shall select the particular Notes of such series to be redeemed and shall notify the Trustee in writing at least 45 days prior to the relevant Redemption Date.

SECTION 3.03. Payment of Notes Called For Redemption. If notice of redemption has been given as provided above, the Notes or portions of Notes with respect to which such notice has been given shall become due and payable on the date and at the place stated in such notice at the applicable redemption price, together with any interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, and on and after said date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of such Notes at the redemption price, together with interest accrued to said date) interest on such Notes or portions of Notes so called for redemption shall cease to accrue. On presentation and surrender of such Notes subject to redemption at the Place of Payment and in the manner specified in such notice, such Notes or the specified portions thereof shall be paid and redeemed by the Company at the applicable redemption price, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Any Note that 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 such holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and upon such presentation, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery to the holder thereof, at the expense of the Company, a new Note or Notes of the same series, of authorized denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Note so presented. If a Global Note is so surrendered, such new Note so issued shall be a new Global Note.

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SECTION 3.04. Redemption Suspended During Event of Default. The Trustee shall not redeem any Notes (unless all Notes then outstanding are to be redeemed) or commence the giving of any notice or redemption of Notes during the continuance of any Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge or notice, except that where the giving of notice of redemption of any Notes shall theretofore have been made, the Trustee shall redeem such Notes, provided funds are deposited with it for such purpose. Except as aforesaid, any moneys theretofore or thereafter received by the Trustee shall, during the continuance of such Event of Default, be held in trust for the benefit of the noteholders and applied in the manner set forth in Section 6.06; provided, however, that in case such Event of Default shall have been waived as provided herein or otherwise cured, such moneys shall thereafter be held and applied in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 3.05 Survivor's Option. If so specified in any Note, the representative of a beneficial owner of such Note shall have the option to elect repayment of such Note following the death of the beneficial owner of such Note (a "Survivor's Option"). Unless otherwise specified in the Note, no Survivor's Option may be exercised if the deceased beneficial owner of the Note held such Note for less than six months prior to the beneficial owner's death.

Pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option, the Company shall repay any Note (or portion thereof) properly tendered for repayment by or on behalf of the person (the "Representative") that has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner of a Note under the laws of the appropriate jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the personal representative, executor, surviving joint tenant or surviving tenant by the entirety of such deceased beneficial owner) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the beneficial interest of the deceased owner in such Note plus accrued interest to the date of such repayment (or at a price equal to the Amortized Face Amount for Original Issue Discount Notes and Zero-Coupon Notes on the date of such repayment), subject to the following limitations:

(a) The Company may, in its sole discretion, limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any calendar year (the "Annual Put Limitation") to 1% of the Outstanding principal amount of the Notes as of the end of the most recent fiscal year, but not less than \$1,000,000 in any such calendar year, or such greater amount as the Company in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, and may limit to \$200,000, or such greater amount as the Company in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof) as to which exercise of the Survivor's Option will be accepted in such calendar year with respect to any individual deceased owner or beneficial interests in such Notes (the "Individual Put Limitation").

(b) The Company shall not make principal repayments pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option in amounts that are less than \$1,000, and, in the event that the limitations described in the preceding sentence would result in the partial repayment of any Note, the principal amount of such Note remaining outstanding after repayment must be at least \$1,000 (the minimum authorized denomination of the Notes).

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(c) Any Note (or portion thereof) tendered pursuant to a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option may not be withdrawn.

Each Note (or portion thereof) that is tendered pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted promptly in the order all such Notes are tendered, except for any Note (or portion thereof) the acceptance of which would contravene (i) the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or (ii) the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, with respect to the relevant individual deceased owner of beneficial interests therein. If, as of the end of any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof)

that have been accepted pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option during such year has exceeded either the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, for such year, any exercise(s) of the Survivor's Option with respect to Notes (or portions thereof) not accepted during such calendar year because such acceptance would have contravened either such limitation, if applied, shall be deemed to be tendered in the following calendar year in the order all such Notes (or portions thereof) were tendered. Normally, any Note (or portion thereof) accepted for repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be repaid on the first Interest Payment Date that occurs 20 or more calendar days after the date of such acceptance. In the event that a Note (or any portion thereof) tendered for repayment pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is not accepted, the Trustee shall deliver a notice by first-class mail to the registered holder thereof at its last known address as indicated in the Note Register, that states the reason such Note (or portion thereof) has not been accepted for payment.

In order for a Survivor's Option to be validly exercised with respect to any Note (or portion thereof), the Trustee must receive from the Representative of the deceased owner (i) a written request for repayment signed by the Representative, and such signature must be guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, (ii) tender of a Note (or portion thereof) to be repaid, (iii) appropriate evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that (A) the deceased was the owner of a beneficial interest in such Note at the time of death and for at least six months prior to such Owner's death, (B) the death of such beneficial owner has occurred and (C) the Representative has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner, (iv) if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement, and (v) if the beneficial interest in such Note is held by a nominee of the deceased beneficial owner, a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such nominee attesting to the deceased's ownership of a beneficial interest in such Note, and (vi) tax waivers and such other instruments or documents that the Trustee reasonably requires in order to establish the validity of ownership of the Notes and the Claimants entitled to payment. Subject to the Company's right hereunder to limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any one calendar year, all questions as to the eligibility or validity of any exercise of the Survivor's Option will be determined by the Trustee, in its sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding on all parties.

The death of a person owning a Note in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety with another or others shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment, together with interest accrued thereon to the repayment date. The death of a person owning a Note by tenancy in common shall be

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deemed the death of a holder of a Note only with respect to the deceased holder's interest in the Note so held by tenancy in common; except that in the event a Note is held by husband and wife as tenants in common, the death of either shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment. The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial interests of ownership of a Note, shall be deemed the death of the holder thereof for purposes of this provision, regardless of the registered holder, if such beneficial interest can be established to the satisfaction of the Trustee. Such beneficial interest shall be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership, ownership under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife and trust arrangements where one person has substantially all of the beneficial ownership interest in the Note during his or her lifetime.

For Notes represented by a Global Note, the Depository or its nominee shall be the holder of such Note and therefore shall be the only entity that can exercise the Survivor's Option for such Note. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option with respect to such Note, the Representative must provide to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in such Note is held by the deceased owner (i) the documents described in clauses (i), (iii) and (vi) of the second preceding paragraph and (ii) instructions to such broker or other entity to notify the Depository of such Representative's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option. Such broker or other entity shall provide to the Trustee (i) the documents received from the Representative referred to in clause (i) of the preceding sentence and (ii) a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such broker or other entity stating that it represents the deceased beneficial owner. Such broker or other entity shall be responsible for disbursing any payments it receives pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option to the appropriate Representative.

SECTION 3.06 Repayment Option. If so specified in any Note, the beneficial owner of that Note shall have the option to elect repayment of such

Note (the "Repayment Option") upon delivery of an irrevocable notice of exercise of such option to the Company and the Trustee. Such notice shall be delivered at least 30, but no more than 60 days prior to the next Interest Payment Date proposed as the date for repayment. Repurchases of Notes upon exercise of the Repayment Option shall occur only on an Interest Payment Date. Unless otherwise specified in the Note, such repayment shall be paid at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the beneficial interest subject to such repayment, plus accrued interest to the date of such repayment. The Note may prescribe an alternate purchase price formula.

In order for a Repayment Option to be validly exercised with respect to any Note (or portion thereof), the Trustee must receive from the beneficial owner of such Note (i) a written request for repayment signed by the beneficial owner of such Note, with signature guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the NASD or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, (ii) tender of the Note (or portion thereof) to be repaid, (iii) appropriate evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that such individual is the owner of a beneficial interest in such Note and (iv) if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement.

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For Notes represented by a Global Note, the Depository or its nominee shall be the holder of such Note and therefore shall be the only entity that can exercise the Repayment Option for such Note. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Repayment Option with respect to such Note, the beneficial owner of such Note must provide to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in such Note is held by such beneficial owner (i) the documents described in clauses (i) and (iii) of the preceding paragraph and (ii) instructions to such broker or other entity to notify the Depository of such beneficial owner's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Repayment Option.

In addition, the beneficial owner shall provide the Trustee with such additional information and documentation as the Trustee shall reasonably request.

ARTICLE FOUR.
PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENTS

SECTION 4.01. Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest. The Company will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on each of the Notes at the place, at the respective times and in the manner provided in the terms of the Notes and in this Indenture.

Each Note will bear interest from and including its Issue Date at the rate per annum set forth in such Note and until the principal amount thereof is paid, or made available for payment, in full. Interest on each Note will be payable either periodically on each Interest Payment Date as set forth in such Note or at Maturity (or on the date of redemption or repayment if a Note is repurchased by the Company prior to Maturity pursuant to mandatory or optional redemption provisions or the Survivor's Option). Interest will be payable to the person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date next preceding each Interest Payment Date; provided, however, interest payable at Maturity, on a date of redemption or repayment or in connection with the exercise of the Survivor's Option will be payable to the person to whom principal shall be payable.

Any payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest required to be made on a Note on a day which is not a Business Day need not be made on such day, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such day, and no additional interest shall accrue as a result of such delayed payment. Unless otherwise specified in a Note, any interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Unless otherwise specified in a Board Resolution or in the Note:

(a) the Interest Payment Dates for a Note that provides for monthly interest payments shall be the fifteenth day of each calendar month commencing in the first calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued;

(b) In the case of a Note that provides for quarterly interest payments, the Interest Payment Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each of the months specified in the

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Pricing Supplement, commencing in the third succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued;

(c) In the case of a Note that provides for semi-annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each of the months specified in the Pricing Supplement, commencing in the sixth succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued; and

(d) In the case of a Note that provides for annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Date shall be the fifteenth day of the month specified in the Pricing Supplement, commencing in the twelfth succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued.

The Regular Record Date with respect to any Interest Payment Date shall be the first day of the calendar month in which such Interest Payment Date occurs, except that the Regular Record Date with respect to the final Interest Payment Date shall be the final Interest Payment Date.

Each payment of interest on a Note shall include accrued interest from and including the Issue Date or from and including the last day in respect of which interest has been paid (or duly provided for), as the case may be, to, but excluding, the Interest Payment Date or Maturity Date, as the case may be.

Promptly after each Regular Record Date, the Trustee will deliver to the Company and the Depository a written notice specifying by CUSIP number the amount of interest to be paid on each Note (other than an Interest Payment Date coinciding with the Maturity Date) and the total of such amounts. On such Interest Payment Date, the Company will pay to the Trustee, and the Trustee in turn will pay to the Depository in accordance with procedures agreed to by the Depository, such total amount of interest due.

All interest payments on Book-Entry Notes will be paid by the Trustee to the Depository in accordance with existing arrangements between the Trustee and the Depository. Thereafter, on each Interest Payment Date, the Depository will pay, in accordance with its operating procedures then in effect, such amounts in funds available for immediate use to the respective participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in principal amount of beneficial interest in such Global Note as are recorded in the book-entry system maintained by the Depository. Neither the Company nor the Trustee shall have any direct responsibility or liability for the payment by the Depository of the principal or interest on, the Book-Entry Notes to such participants. If any Interest Payment Date for any Note is not a Business Day, the payment due on such day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date.

On or about the first Business Day of each month, the Trustee will deliver to the Company and the Depository a written list of principal and interest to be paid on each Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes maturing in the following month. The Trustee, the

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Company and the Depository will confirm the amounts of such principal and interest payments with respect to each Global Note on or about the fifth Business Day preceding the Maturity Date of such Global Note. On the Maturity Date, the Company will pay to the Trustee, and the Trustee in turn will pay to the Depository, the principal amount of such Global Note, together with interest due on such Maturity Date.

If any Maturity Date of a Note is not a Business Day, the payment due on such day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after such Maturity Date. Promptly after payment to the Depository of the principal and interest due on the Maturity Date of such Global Note and all Book-Entry Notes represented by such Global Note, the Trustee will cancel and destroy such Global Note in accordance with the Indenture and deliver a certificate of destruction to the Company.

The amount of any taxes required under applicable law to be withheld from any interest payment on a Book-Entry Note will be determined and withheld by the participant, indirect participant in the Depository or other person responsible for forwarding payments and materials directly to the beneficial owner of such Note.

Any interest payments on a certificated Note (other than interest on the Maturity Date) will be made by check and mailed by the Company to the person entitled thereto as listed on the Note Register.

SECTION 4.02. Paying Agents. The Company shall maintain one or more Paying Agents for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and

interest, if any, on the Notes of each series as provided in the terms of the Notes of such series. The Company agrees to keep the Trustee advised of the name and location of each Paying Agent if such Paying Agent is not the Trustee. The Paying Agents shall arrange for the payment, from funds furnished by the Company pursuant to this Indenture, of the principal and interest with respect to the Notes.

The Company hereby initially appoints The Bank of New York as the Company's Paying Agent for the Book-Entry Notes (the "Paying Agent," which term shall include any successor as Paying Agent for the Book-Entry Notes). The Company reserves the right, subject to the terms of the Notes of any series, to terminate any such appointment at any time as to such series and to appoint any other Paying Agents in respect of the Notes of such series in such places as it may deem appropriate.

SECTION 4.03. Provisions As To Paying Agents. (a) Whenever the Company shall appoint a paying agent other than the Trustee with respect to the Notes of any series, it will cause such paying agent to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section:

(1) that it will hold sums held by it as such agent for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on the Notes of such series (whether such sums have been paid to it by the Company or by any other obligor on the Notes of such series) in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto

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until such sums shall be paid to such persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided and will notify the Trustee of the receipt of sums to be so held;

(2) that it will give the Trustee notice of any failure by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Notes of such series) to make any payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or any interest on the Notes of such series when the same shall be due and payable; and

(3) that at any time when any such failure has occurred and is continuing, it will, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such paying agent.

(b) If the Company shall act as its own paying agent, it will, on or before each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on the Notes of any series, set aside, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay such principal (and premium, if any) or any interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee of any failure to take such action.

(c) Whenever the Company shall have one or more paying agents with respect to a series of Notes it will, on or prior to each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on, any Notes, deposit with a paying agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or any interest, so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such principal, premium or interest, and (unless such paying agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

(d) Anything in this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may, at any time for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to one or more or all series of Notes hereunder, or for any other reason, pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee all sums held in trust for such series by it or any paying agent hereunder as required by this Section, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the trusts herein contained, 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.

(e) Anything in this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the agreement to hold sums in trust as provided in this Section is subject to the provisions of Sections 12.03 and 12.04.

SECTION 4.04. Offices for Notices, Etc. As long as any of the Notes remain outstanding, the Company will designate and maintain an office or agency where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment, registration of transfer and for exchange as provided in this Indenture and where notices and

demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes or of this Indenture may be served, other than demands for payment. The Company will give to the

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Trustee notice of the location of each such office or agency and of any change in the location thereof. In case the Company shall fail to maintain any such office or agency, or shall fail to give such notice of the location or of any change in the location thereof, such notices and demands may be served at the corporate trust office of the Trustee specified in Section 14.03 hereof.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes 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 accordance with the requirements set forth above for Notes of any series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee and the holders of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Company hereby initially designates the principal corporate trust office of The Bank of New York, 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286 as the office of the Company where Notes may be presented for payment, for registration or transfer and for exchange as in this Indenture provided and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes or of this Indenture may be served.

SECTION 4.05. Determination of Additional Amounts. If Notes provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, the Company will pay to the holder of any Note, Additional Amounts as provided therein. Whenever in this Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on, or in respect of, any Note or net proceeds received on the sale or exchange of any Note, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts provided for in this Section to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to the provisions of this Section and express mention of the payment of Additional Amounts (if applicable) in any provisions hereof shall not be construed as excluding Additional Amounts in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made.

If Notes provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, at least 10 days prior to the first interest payment date with respect to those Notes (or, if the Notes of that series will not bear interest prior to maturity (including any maturity occurring by reason of call of redemption or otherwise), the first day on which a payment of principal and any premium is made), and at least 10 days prior to each date of payment of principal and any premium or interest if there has been any change with respect to the matters set forth in the below-mentioned Officers' Certificate, the Company will furnish the Trustee and the Company's principal paying agent or paying agents, if other than the Trustee, with an Officers' Certificate instructing the Trustee and such paying agent or paying agents whether such payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on those Notes shall be made to holders those Notes who are United States Aliens without withholding for or on account of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge described in the Notes. If any such withholding shall be required, then such Officers' Certificate shall specify by country the amount, if any, required to be withheld on such payments to such holders of those Notes and the Company will pay to the Trustee or such paying agent the Additional Amounts

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required by this Section. The Company covenants to indemnify the Trustee and any paying agent for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or expense reasonably incurred without negligence or bad faith on their part arising out of or in connection with actions taken or omitted by any of them in reliance on any Officers' Certificate furnished pursuant to this Section.

SECTION 4.06. Limitation on Sale or Issuance of Capital Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank. Subject to the provisions of Article Eleven, the Company will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or permit the issuance of, or permit a subsidiary to sell, assign, transfer or dispose of, any shares of Capital Stock of, or any securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of, Capital Stock of, any Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of Capital Stock of, or any securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of Capital Stock of, any Principal Subsidiary Bank, except:

(a) any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition or issuance made, in the minimum amount required by law, to any person for the purpose of

the qualification of such person to serve as a director; or

(b) any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition or issuance for not less than fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors, such determination being evidenced by a Board Resolution, which determination shall be conclusive), if, after giving effect to such disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into Capital Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, the Company would own directly or indirectly not less than 80% of each class of the Capital Stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto); or

(c) any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition or issuance made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction; or

(d) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional shares of its Capital Stock to its stockholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Company owns, directly or indirectly, shares of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Company of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Company owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of Capital Stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional shares; or

(e) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional securities convertible into shares of its Capital Stock to its stockholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Company owns, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale the Company owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of such securities convertible into shares of Capital Stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional securities; or

(f) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its Capital Stock to its stockholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Company owns, directly or

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indirectly, options, warrants or rights, as the case may be, of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Company owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of such options, warrants or rights, as the case may be, to subscribe for or purchase shares of Capital Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional options, warrants or rights; or

(g) any issuance of shares of Capital Stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of Capital Stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of Capital Stock, or securities convertible into, or options, warrants or rights to acquire Capital Stock of any Principal Subsidiary Bank to the Company or another wholly owned subsidiary.

The Trustee shall have no duty or responsibility to monitor compliance with this Section 4.06.

ARTICLE FIVE.

NOTEHOLDER LISTS AND REPORTS BY THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE.

SECTION 5.01. Noteholder Lists. The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee, semiannually, not later than January 15 and July 15 in each year and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after receipt by the Company of any such request, a list in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require containing all the information in the possession or control of the Company or any of its Paying Agents (other than the Trustee in its capacity as a Paying Agent), as to the names and addresses of the holders of Notes of particular series specified by the Trustee as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such information is furnished, provided, however, that if and so long as the Trustee shall be the Note Registrar, such list shall not be required to be furnished. At the Trustee's direction, this Company will furnish copies of the same reports to the Depository.

SECTION 5.02. Preservation and Disclosure of Lists.

(a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of the holders of each series of Notes (i) contained in the most recent list furnished to it as provided in Section 5.01, (ii) received by the Trustee in its capacity as Note Registrar or a Paying Agent or (iii) filed with it within the preceding two years pursuant to Section 5.04(d). The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 5.01 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

(b) In case three or more holders of Notes (hereinafter referred to as "applicants") apply in writing to the Trustee and furnish to the Trustee reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Note of such series for a period of at least six months preceding the date of such application, and such application states that the applicants desire to communicate with other holders of Notes of a particular series (in which case the applicants must hold Notes of such series) or with holders of all Notes

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with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under such Notes and it is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then the Trustee shall, within five business days after the receipt of such application, at its election, either:

(1) afford to such applicants access to the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, or

(2) inform such applicants as to the approximate number of holders of Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be, whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, and as to the approximate cost of mailing to such noteholders the form of proxy or other communication, if any, specified in such application.

If the Trustee shall elect not to afford to such applicants access to such information, the Trustee shall, upon the written request of such applicants, mail to each holder of Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be, whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to the Trustee of the material to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of mailing, unless within five days after such tender, the Trustee shall mail to such applicants and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), together with a copy of the material to be mailed, a written statement to the effect that, in the opinion of the Trustee, such mailing would be contrary to the best interests of the holders of Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be, or would be in violation of applicable law. Such written statement shall specify the basis of such opinion. If the Commission after opportunity for a hearing upon the objections specified in the written statement so filed, shall enter an order refusing to sustain any of such objections or if, after the entry of an order sustaining one or more of such objections, the Commission shall find, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that all the objections so sustained have been met, and shall enter an order so declaring, the Trustee shall mail copies of such material to all such holders with reasonable promptness after the entry of such order and the renewal of such tender; otherwise the Trustee shall be relieved of any obligation or duty to such applicants respecting their application.

(c) Each and every holder of Notes, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, or any agent of the Company or of the Trustee shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the holders of Notes in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request made under said subsection (b).

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SECTION 5.03. Reports by the Company. The Company shall, so long as the Notes are Outstanding:

(a) file with the Trustee, within 15 days after the Company is required to file the same with the Commission, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or

Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or, if the Company is not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of such sections, then to file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by said Commission, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations;

(b) file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents, and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants provided for in this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(c) transmit by mail to all the holders of Notes of each series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 5.04(d) with respect to reports pursuant to Section 5.04(a), within thirty days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company with respect to each such series of Notes pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

SECTION 5.04. Reports By The Trustee.

(a) On or about July 15, 2001 and on or before July 15 of each year thereafter, so long as any Notes are outstanding hereunder, the Trustee shall transmit to the holders of Notes, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, a brief report dated as of the preceding May 15, with respect to any of the following events which may have occurred within the previous 12 months (but if no such event has occurred within such period no report needs to be transmitted):

(1) any change in its eligibility under Section 7.09, and its qualifications under Section 7.08;

(2) the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) which remain unpaid on the date of such report, and for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of

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the Notes, on any property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, except that the Trustee shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances so remaining unpaid aggregate not more than one-half of one percent of the principal amount of the Notes for any series outstanding on the date of such report;

(3) any change to the amount, interest rate, and maturity date of all other indebtedness owing by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Notes) to the Trustee in its individual capacity, on the date of such report, with a brief description of any property held as collateral security therefor, except an indebtedness based upon a creditor relationship arising in any manner described in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), or (6) of subsection (b) of Section 7.13;

(4) any change to the property and funds, if any, physically in the possession of the Trustee as such on the date of such report;

(5) the creation of or any material change to a relationship specified in paragraph (1) through (10) of Section 7.08(c);

(6) any additional issue of Notes which it has not previously reported; and

(7) any action taken by the Trustee in the performance of its duties under this Indenture which it has not previously reported and which in its opinion materially affects the Notes, except action in respect of a default, notice of which has been or is to be withheld by it in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.04.

(b) The Trustee shall transmit to the holders of Notes of any series, as provided in subsection (c) of this Section, a brief report with respect to the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) since the date of the last report transmitted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section (or if no such report has yet been so transmitted, since the date of execution of this Indenture), for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge prior to that of the Notes of any series on property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, and which it has not previously reported pursuant to this subsection (b), except that the Trustee for each series shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances remaining unpaid at any time aggregate ten percent or less of the principal amount of Notes for such series Outstanding at such time, such report to be transmitted within 90 days after such time.

(c) Reports pursuant to this Section shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all holders of Notes, as the names and addresses of such holders appear in the Note Register;

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(2) except in the case of reports pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section, to all holders of Notes whose names and addresses are at that time preserved by the Trustee, as provided in 5.02(a).

(d) A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to holders of Notes, be filed by the Trustee with each stock exchange upon which the Notes are listed and also with the Commission and the Company. The Company agrees to promptly notify the Trustee when and as the Notes become listed on any stock exchange.

(e) So long as the Notes are issued in Book-Entry form, all reports shall be delivered to the Depository, as holder of the Notes.

ARTICLE SIX.
REMEDIES.

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default; Acceleration of Maturity. In case one or more of the following Events of Default with respect to a particular series of Notes shall have occurred and be continuing, that is to say:

(a) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) any of the Notes of such series as and when the same shall become due and payable either at maturity, upon redemption, by declaration or otherwise; or

(b) default in the payment of any installment of interest upon any of the Notes of such series as and when the same shall become due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(c) failure on the part of the Company duly to observe or perform any other of the covenants or agreements on the part of the Company in the Notes or in this Indenture contained for a period of 90 days after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring the Company to remedy the same, shall have been given to the Company by the Trustee, or to the Company and the Trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes affected thereby at the time outstanding; or

(d) a court having jurisdiction in the premises shall enter a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or similar official) of the Company or for any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of its affairs and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(e) the Company shall commence a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, or shall consent

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to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, sequestrator (or similar official) of the Company or for any substantial part of its property, or shall make any general assignment for the benefit of creditors;

then, if an Event of Default described in clause (a), (b) or (c) shall have occurred and be continuing, and in each and every such case, unless the principal amount of all the Notes of such series shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of all series affected thereby then outstanding hereunder, by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by noteholders) may declare the principal amount of all the Notes (or, with respect to Original Issue Discount Notes, such lesser amount as may be specified in the terms of such Notes) affected thereby to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become and shall be immediately due and payable, anything in this Indenture or in the Notes of such series contained to the contrary notwithstanding, or, if an Event of Default described in clause (d) or (e) shall have occurred and be continuing, and in each and every such case, unless the principal of all the Notes of such series shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of all the Notes then Outstanding hereunder (voting as one class), by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by noteholders), may declare the principal of all the Notes to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become and shall be immediately due and payable, anything in this Indenture or in the Notes contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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SECTION 6.02. Rescission and Annulment. The provisions in Section 6.01 are subject to the condition that if, at any time after the principal of the Notes of any one or more of all series, as the case may be, shall have been so declared due and payable, and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the moneys due shall have been obtained or entered as hereinafter provided, the Company shall pay or shall deposit with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon all the Notes of such series or of all the Notes, as the case may be, and the principal of (and premium, if any) all Notes of such series or of all the Notes, as the case may be (or, with respect to Original Issue Discount Notes, such lesser amount as may be specified in the terms of such Notes), which shall have become due otherwise than by acceleration (with interest upon such principal (and premium, if any)) and, to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law, on overdue installments of interest, at the same rate as the rate of interest specified in the Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be (or, with respect to Original Issue Discount Notes, at the rate specified in the terms of such Notes for interest on overdue principal thereof upon maturity, redemption or acceleration of such series, as the case may be), to the date of such payment or deposit, and such amount as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Trustee, its agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee except as a result of its negligence or bad faith, and any and all defaults under the Indenture, other than the non-payment of the principal of Notes, which shall have become due by acceleration, shall have been remedied; then and in every such case the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of such series (or of all the Notes, as the case may be) then Outstanding, by written notice to the Company and to the Trustee, may waive all defaults with respect to that series or with respect to all Notes, as the case may be in such case, treated as a single class and rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences; but no such waiver or rescission and annulment shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default or shall impair any right consequent thereon.

In case the Trustee shall have proceeded to enforce any right under this Indenture and such proceedings shall have been discontinued or abandoned because of such rescission and annulment or for any other reason or shall have been determined adversely to the Trustee, then and in every such case the Company, the Trustee and the noteholders, as the case may be, shall be restored respectively to their former positions and rights hereunder, and all rights, remedies and powers of the Company, the Trustee and the noteholders, as the case may be, shall continue as though no such proceedings had been taken.

SECTION 6.03. Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee. The Company covenants that if

(1) default is made in the payment of any installment of interest on any Note 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 (or premium, if any) of any Note at the maturity thereof, including any maturity occurring by reason of a call for redemption or otherwise,

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of such Notes, the whole amount that shall have become due and payable on such Notes for principal (or premium, if any) and interest, with interest upon the overdue principal and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, upon overdue installments of interest, at the rate borne by such Notes; 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 the Company fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such proceedings to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes and collect the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes, wherever situated.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the noteholders 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 6.04. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim. In the case of the pendency of a receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes or the property of the Company or such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (and premium, if any) and any interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the holders of Notes allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(ii) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator or sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each holder of Notes 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 of Notes, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to 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 7.06. To the extent that such payment of reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements, advances and other amounts out of the estate in any such proceedings shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, moneys, Notes and other property which the holders of the Notes may be entitled to receive in such proceedings, whether in liquidation or under any plan or reorganization or arrangements or otherwise.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any holder of a Note any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or compensation affecting the Notes or the rights of any holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any holder of a Note in any such proceeding.

SECTION 6.05. Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Notes. All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Notes may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes 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 Notes in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

SECTION 6.06. 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 (and premium, if any) or any interest, upon presentation of the Notes, 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 7.06;

SECOND: To the payment of the amounts due and unpaid upon the Notes for principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the Notes, 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 Notes, for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, respectively; and

THIRD: To the Company or its successors or assigns, or to whomsoever may be lawfully entitled to receive the same.

SECTION 6.07. Limitation on Suits. No holder of any Note of any series 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;

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(2) the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes 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;

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

it being understood and intended that no one or more such holders of Notes 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 of Notes 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 such holders of Notes.

SECTION 6.08. Unconditional Right of Noteholders to Receive Principal, Premium and Interest. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Sections 3.02 and 4.01) any interest on such Note on the Maturity Date expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

SECTION 6.09. Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any holder of a Note 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 the Company, the Trustee and the holders of Notes shall, subject to any determination in such proceeding, 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 has been instituted.

SECTION 6.10. Rights and Remedies Cumulative. Except as provided in Section 2.08, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the holders of Notes 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

SECTION 6.11. Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any holder of any Note to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the holders of Notes may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the holders of Notes, as the case may be.

SECTION 6.12. Control by Noteholders. The holders of a majority in principal amount of Outstanding Notes of each 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 such series, provided that

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

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

(3) the Trustee need not take any action which it in good faith determines might involve it in personal liability or be unjustly prejudicial to the noteholders not consenting.

Upon receipt by the Trustee of any such direction with respect to Notes of a series all or part of which is represented by a Note, the Trustee shall establish a record date for determining holders of Outstanding Notes of such series entitled to join in such direction, which record date shall be at the close of business on the day the Trustee receives such direction. The holders on such record date, or their duly designated proxies, 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 majority in principal amount shall have been obtained prior to the day which is 90 days after such record date, such direction shall automatically and without further action by any holder be cancelled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a holder, or a proxy of a holder, from giving, after expiration of such 90-day period, a new direction identical to a direction which has been cancelled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this Section 6.12.

SECTION 6.13. Waiver of Past Defaults. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of each series may, on behalf of the holders of all the Notes, waive any past default hereunder and its consequences, except a default

(1) in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or any interest on any Note; or

(2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof that pursuant to Article Ten cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each Outstanding Note affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Default or 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 6.14. Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each holder of any Note by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, 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, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any holder, or group of holders, holding in the aggregate more than ten percent in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, or to any suit instituted by any holder of any Notes for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or any interest on any Note on or after the respective stated maturities expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date, except, in the case of a partial redemption, with respect to the portion not so

redeemed).

SECTION 6.15. Waiver of 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 stay or extension laws 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 benefits 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 SEVEN.
CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE.

SECTION 7.01. Duties And Responsibilities of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee, prior to the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Notes and after the curing of all Defaults or Events or Default with respect to such series which may have occurred, undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties with respect to such series as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee and in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Trustee, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to

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the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(b) In case a Default or an Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Notes has occurred (which has not been cured), the Trustee shall exercise with respect to such series such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

(c) No provisions of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) this Section 7.01 (c) shall not be construed to limit the effect of Section 7.01 (a);

(ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer or Officers, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the holders of Notes Outstanding pursuant to Section 6.12 relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture.

(d) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed as requiring the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any personal 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.

SECTION 7.02. Reliance on Documents, Opinions, Etc. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01:

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

(b) any request, direction, order or demand of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Order; and any Board Resolution may be evidenced to the Trustee by a copy thereof certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company; and whenever in the administration of this Indenture the

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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;

(c) the Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the written advice of 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 accordance with such written advice or Opinion of Counsel;

(d) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the noteholders, pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture, unless such noteholders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred therein or thereby;

(e) 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 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 pertaining to the Notes, personally or by agent or attorney;

(f) 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; and

(g) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

SECTION 7.03. No Responsibility for Recitals, Etc. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Notes provided that the Trustee shall not be relieved of its duty to authenticate Notes only as authorized by this Indenture. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of Notes or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 7.04. Ownership of Notes. The Trustee, or any agent of the Company or of the Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes with the same rights, subject to Section 7.08 and Section 7.13, it would have if it were not Trustee or an agent of the Company or of the Trustee.

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SECTION 7.05. Moneys To Be Held in Trust. Subject to the provisions of Section 12.04 hereof, all moneys received by the Trustee or any Paying Agent shall, until used or applied as herein provided, be held in trust for the purposes for which they were received, but need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. Neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be under any liability for interest on any moneys received by it hereunder except such as it may agree with the Company to pay thereon.

SECTION 7.06. Compensation and Expenses of Trustee. The Company covenants and agrees to pay to the Trustee from time to time, and the Trustee shall be entitled to, reasonable compensation, and, except as otherwise expressly provided, the Company will pay or reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made

by the Trustee in accordance with any of the provisions of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its counsel and of all other persons not regularly in its employ) except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may arise from its negligence or bad faith. If any property other than cash shall at any time be subject to the lien of this Indenture, the Trustee, if and to the extent authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction or by the supplemental instrument subjecting such property to such lien, shall be entitled to make advances for the purpose of preserving such property or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon. The Company also covenants to indemnify the Trustee, its officers, directors and employees for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or reasonable expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on the part of the Trustee or such officer, director and employee arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust or the performance of their duties hereunder, including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending themselves against any claim of liability in the premises. The obligations of the Company under this Section to compensate the Trustee and to pay or reimburse the Trustee for reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances shall constitute additional indebtedness hereunder. Such additional indebtedness shall be secured by a lien prior to that of the Notes upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the benefit of the holders of particular Notes.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any bankruptcy law.

The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

SECTION 7.07. Officers' Certificate as Evidence. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, whenever in the administration of the provisions of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking or suffering any action to be taken hereunder, such matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of negligence or bad faith on the part of the Trustee, be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee, and such certificate, in the absence of negligence or bad faith on the part of the Trustee, shall be full warrant to the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it under the provisions of this Indenture upon the faith thereof.

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SECTION 7.08. Conflicting Interest of Trustee.

(a) If the Trustee has or shall acquire any conflicting interest, as defined in this Section, it shall, within 90 days after ascertaining that it has such conflicting interest, and if an Event of Default as defined in subsection (c) of this Section to which such conflicting interest relates has not been cured or duly waived or otherwise eliminated before the end of such 90-day period, either eliminate such conflicting interest or resign in the manner and with the effect specified in Section 7.10.

(b) (1) In the event that the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, the Trustee shall, within 10 days after the expiration of such 90-day period, transmit notice of such failure in the manner and to the extent set forth in Section 5.04(c), to all noteholders of the series affected by the conflicting interest.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Section 6.14, unless the Trustee's duty to resign is stayed as provided below in this Section, any noteholder who has been a bona fide holder of Notes of any series affected by the conflicting interest 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 such Trustee, and the appointment of a successor, if such Trustee fails, after written request thereof by such holder to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) For the purposes of this Section the Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to Notes of a particular series if a default (under the terms of this Indenture, but exclusive of any period of grace or requirement of notice) has occurred with respect to such Notes, and:

(1) the Trustee is trustee under this Indenture with respect to the Outstanding Notes of any other series or is trustee under another indenture under which any other

securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the Company are outstanding, unless such other indenture is a collateral trust indenture under which the only collateral consists of Notes issued under this Indenture; provided, however, that there shall be excluded from the operation of this paragraph, (A) this Indenture with respect to Notes of any other series, and (B) any other indenture or indentures under which other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in other securities, of the Company are outstanding if:

(i) this Indenture is, and, if applicable, such other indenture or indentures are, wholly unsecured and rank equally, and such other indenture or indentures are hereafter qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, as in effect at the time of such qualification, unless the Commission shall have found and declared by order pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 305 or subsection (c) of Section 307 of the Trust Indenture Act

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that differences exist between the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such particular series and (A) one or more other series in this Indenture or (B) the provisions of such other indenture or indentures which are so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to such particular series and such other series or such other indenture or indentures, or

(ii) the Company shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that trusteeship under this Indenture with respect to such particular series and such other series or under this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures is not so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to such particular series and such other series or under this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures;

(2) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is an underwriter for the Company;

(3) the Trustee directly or indirectly controls or is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under direct or indirect common control with an underwriter for the Company;

(4) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is a director, officer, partner, employee, appointee, or representative of the Company, or of an underwriter (other than the Trustee itself) for the Company who is currently engaged in the business of underwriting, except that (A) one individual may be a director or an executive officer or both of the Trustee and a director or an executive officer or both of the Company, but may not be at the same time an executive officer of both the Trustee and the Company; (B) if and so long as the number of directors of the Trustee in office is more than nine, one additional individual may be a director or an executive officer or both of the Trustee and a director of the Company; and (C) the Trustee may be designated by the Company or by any underwriter for the Company to act in the capacity of transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent, escrow agent, or depository, or in any other similar capacity, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection (c), to act as trustee, whether under an indenture or otherwise;

(5) 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by the Company or by any director, partner, or executive officer thereof, or 20% or more of such voting securities is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more of such persons, or ten percent or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by an underwriter for

the Company or by any director, partner, or executive officer thereof, or is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more such persons;

(6) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default as hereinafter described in this subsection, (A) 5% or more of the voting securities, or 10% or more of any other class of security, of the Company, not including the Notes issued under this Indenture and securities issued under any other indenture under which the Trustee is also trustee, or (B) 10% or more of any class of security of an underwriter for the Company;

(7) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default as hereinafter described in this subsection, 5% or more of the voting securities of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 10% or more of the voting securities of, or controls directly or indirectly or is under direct or indirect common control with, the Company;

(8) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default as hereinafter described in this subsection, 10% or more of any class of security of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company; or

(9) the Trustee owns on the date of default of the Notes as defined in subsection (c) of this Section or any anniversary of such default while such default remains outstanding, in the capacity of executor, administrator, testamentary or inter vivos trustee, guardian, committee or conservator, or in any other similar capacity, an aggregate of 25% or more of the voting securities, or of any class of security, of any person, the beneficial ownership of a specified percentage of which would have constituted a conflicting interest under paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of this subsection (c). As to any such securities of which the Trustee acquired ownership through becoming executor, administrator, or testamentary trustee of an estate which included them, the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply, for a period of not more than two years from the date of such acquisition, to the extent that such securities included in such estate do not exceed 25% of such voting securities or 25% of any such class of security. Promptly after the dates of any such default and annually in each succeeding year that the Notes of any series hereunder remain in default, the Trustee shall make a check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of such dates. If the Company fails to make payment in full of principal of or interest on any of the Notes when and as the same become due and payable, and such failure continues for thirty days thereafter, the Trustee shall make a prompt check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of the date of the expiration of such thirty day period, and after such date, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of

this paragraph (9), all such securities so held by the Trustee, with sole or joint control over such securities vested in it, shall, but only so long as such failure shall continue, be considered as though beneficially owned by the Trustee for the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection (c); or

(10) except under the circumstances described in subsections (1), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of Section 7.13(b), the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor of the Company.

The specification of percentages in paragraphs (5) to (9), inclusive, of this subsection (c) shall not be construed as indicating that the ownership of such percentages of the securities of a person is or is not necessary or sufficient to constitute direct or indirect control for the purposes of paragraph (3) or (7) or this subsection (c).

For the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) of this subsection (c) only, (A) the terms "security" and "securities" shall include only such securities as are generally known as corporate securities, but shall not include any note or other evidence of indebtedness issued to evidence an obligation to repay moneys lent to a person by one or more banks, trust companies or banking firms, or any certificate of interest or participation in any such note or evidence of indebtedness; (B) an obligation shall be deemed to be in default when a default in payment of principal shall have continued for thirty days or more and shall not have been cured; and (C) the Trustee shall not be deemed to be the owner or holder of (i) any security which it holds as collateral security (as trustee or otherwise) for any obligation which is not in default as defined in clause (B) above, or (ii) any security which it holds as collateral security under this Indenture, irrespective of any default hereunder, or (iii) any security which it holds as agent for collection, or as custodian, escrow agent, or depository, or in any similar representative capacity.

(d) For the purposes of this Section:

(1) The term "underwriter" when used with reference to the Company shall mean every person who, within one year prior to the time as of which the determination is made, has purchased from the Company with a view to, or has offered or has sold for the Company in connection with, the distribution of any security of the Company outstanding at such time, or has participated or has had a direct or indirect participation in any such undertaking, or has participated or has had a participation in the direct or indirect underwriting of any such undertaking, but such term shall not include a person whose interest was limited to a commission from an underwriter or dealer not in excess of the usual and customary distributors' or sellers' commission.

(2) The term "director" shall mean any director of a corporation or any individual performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated.

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(3) The term "person" shall mean an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint-stock company, a trust, an unincorporated organization, or a government or political subdivision thereof. As used in this paragraph, the term "trust" shall include only a trust where the interest or interests of the beneficiary or beneficiaries are evidenced by a security.

(4) The term "voting security" shall mean any security presently entitling the owner or holder thereof to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person, or any security issued under or pursuant to any trust, agreement or arrangement whereby a trustee or trustees or agent or agents for the owner or holder of such security currently are entitled to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person.

(5) The term "Company" shall mean any obligor upon the Notes.

(6) The term "executive officer" shall mean the president, every vice president, every trust officer, the cashier, the secretary, and the treasurer of a corporation, and any individual customarily performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated but shall not include the chairman of the board of directors.

(7) The percentages of voting securities and other securities specified in this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) A specified percentage of the voting securities of the Trustee, the Company or any other person referred to in this Section (each of whom is referred to as a "person" in this paragraph) means such amount of the outstanding voting securities of such person as entitles the holder or holders thereof to cast such specified percentage of the aggregate

votes which the holders of all the outstanding voting securities of such person are entitled to cast in the direction or management of the affairs of such person.

(ii) A specified percentage of a class of securities of a person means such percentage of the aggregate amount of securities of the class outstanding.

(iii) The term "amount", when used in regard to securities, means the principal amount if relating to evidences of indebtedness, the number of shares if relating to capital shares, and the number of units if relating to any other kind of security.

(iv) The term "outstanding" means issued and not held by or for the account of the issuer. The following securities shall not be deemed outstanding within the meaning of this definition:

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(A) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to securities of the issuer of the same class;

(B) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to another class of securities of the issuer, if the obligation evidenced by such other class of securities is not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise;

(C) securities pledged by the issuer thereof as security for an obligation of the issuer not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise; and

(D) securities held in escrow if placed in escrow by the issuer thereof;

provided, however, that any voting securities of an issuer shall be deemed outstanding if any person other than the issuer is entitled to exercise the voting rights thereof.

(v) A security shall be deemed to be of the same class as another security if both securities confer upon the holder or holders thereof substantially the same rights and privileges, provided, however, that in the case of secured evidences of indebtedness, all of which are issued under a single indenture, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates of various series thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute such series different classes and provided, further, that, in the case of unsecured evidences of indebtedness, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute them securities of different classes, whether or not they are issued under a single indenture.

(e) Except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Notes of any series, or in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment, the Trustee shall not be required to resign as provided by subsection (c) of this Section if the Trustee shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that (i) such default may be cured or waived during a reasonable period and under the procedures described in such application, and (ii) a stay of the Trustee's duty to resign will not be inconsistent with the interests of the holders of the Notes of any series issued hereunder. The filing of such an application shall automatically stay the performance of the duty to resign until such Commission orders otherwise. Any resignation of the Trustee shall become effective only upon the appointment of a successor trustee and such successor's acceptance of such appointment as provided in Section 7.11.

(f) If Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act is amended at any time after the date of this Indenture to change the circumstances under which a Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to the Notes of any series or to change

any of the definitions in connection therewith, this Section 7.08 shall be automatically amended to incorporate such changes, unless such changes would cause any Trustee then acting as Trustee hereunder with respect to any Outstanding Notes to be deemed to have a conflicting interest, in which case such changes shall be incorporated herein only to the extent that such changes (i) would not cause the Trustee to be deemed to have a conflicting interest, or (ii) are required by law.

SECTION 7.09. Eligibility of Trustee. There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, which (a) is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and (b) is subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority and (c) shall have at all times a combined capital and surplus of not less than five million dollars. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law, or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such corporation at any time shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. In case at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in Section 7.10.

SECTION 7.10. Resignation or Removal of Trustee. (a) The Trustee, or any trustee or trustees hereafter appointed, may at any time resign with respect to one or more or all series of Notes by giving written notice of resignation to the Company. Upon receiving such notice of resignation the Company shall promptly appoint a successor trustee with respect to the applicable series of Notes by written instrument, in duplicate, executed by order of the Board of Directors of the Company, one copy of which instrument shall be delivered to the resigning Trustee and one copy to the successor trustee. If no successor trustee shall have been so appointed and have accepted appointment within thirty days after the receipt of such notice of resignation by the Company, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee, or any holder of Notes who has been a bona fide holder of a Note or Notes of the applicable series for at least six months may subject to the provisions of Section 6.04, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any such court for the appointment of a successor trustee. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a successor trustee.

(b) In case at any time any of the following shall occur:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 7.08 with respect to any series of Notes after written request therefor by the Company or by any noteholder who has been a bona fide holder of a Note or Notes of such series for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.09 with respect to any series of Notes and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such noteholder, or

(3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting with respect to any series of Notes, 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, the Company may remove the Trustee with respect to the applicable series of Notes and appoint a successor trustee with respect to such series by written instrument, in duplicate, executed by order of the Board of Directors of the Company, one copy of which instrument shall be delivered to the Trustee so removed and one copy to the successor trustee, or, subject to the provisions of Section 6.04, any noteholder of such series who has been a bona fide holder of a Note or Notes of the applicable series 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 and the appointment of a successor trustee with respect to such series. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee.

(c) The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of all series (voting as one class) at the time outstanding may at any time remove the Trustee with respect to Notes of all series and appoint a successor trustee with respect to the Notes of all series.

(d) Any resignation or removal of the Trustee and any appointment of a successor trustee pursuant to any of the provisions of this Section shall become effective upon the appointment of a successor trustee and the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee as provided in Section 7.11.

(e) The Trustee shall be paid all amounts owed to it upon its removal or resignation.

SECTION 7.11. Acceptance by Successor Trustee. Any successor trustee appointed as provided in Section 7.10 shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to its predecessor trustee an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the predecessor trustee with respect to all or any applicable series shall become effective and such successor trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations with respect to such series of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as trustee herein; but, nevertheless, on the written request of the Company or of the successor trustee, the trustee ceasing to act shall, upon payment of any amounts then due it pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.06, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor trustee all the rights and powers of the trustee so ceasing to act. Upon request of any such successor trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments in writing in order more fully and certainly to vest in and confirm to such successor trustee all such rights and powers. Any trustee ceasing to act shall, nevertheless, retain a lien upon all property or funds held or collected by such trustee to secure any amounts then due it pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.06.

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In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor trustee with respect to the Notes of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the predecessor Trustee and each successor trustee with respect to the Notes of any applicable series shall execute and deliver a Supplemental Indenture which shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the predecessor Trustee with respect to the Notes of any series as to which the predecessor Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the predecessor Trustee, and 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. The Trustee shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of any successor trustee.

No successor trustee shall accept appointment as provided in this Section unless at the time of such acceptance such successor trustee shall be qualified under the provisions of Section 7.08 and eligible under the provisions of Section 7.09.

Upon acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee as provided in this Section, the Company shall give notice of the succession of such trustee hereunder to all holders of Notes of any applicable series in the manner provided in Section 1.02. If the Company fails to give such notice in the prescribed manner within 10 days after the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee, the successor trustee shall cause such notice to be so given at the expense of the Company.

SECTION 7.12. Successor By Merger, Etc. 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 the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be qualified under the provisions of Section 7.08 and eligible under the provisions of Section 7.09, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding. In case any Notes 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 Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor trustee had itself authenticated the Notes.

SECTION 7.13. Limitations on Rights of Trustee as Creditor.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, if the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor, directly or indirectly, secured or unsecured, of the Company or of any other obligor on the Notes within three months prior to a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, or subsequent to such a default, then, unless and until such default shall be cured, the Trustee shall set apart and hold in a special account for the benefit of the Trustee individually, the holders of the Notes:

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(1) an amount equal to any and all reductions in the amount due and owing upon any claim as such creditor in respect of principal or interest, effected after the beginning of such three months' period and valid as against the Company and its other creditors, except any such reduction resulting from the receipt or disposition of any property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection or from the exercise of any right of set-off which the Trustee could have exercised if a petition in bankruptcy had been filed by or against the Company upon the date of such default; and

(2) all property received by the Trustee in respect of any claim as such creditor, either as security therefor, or in satisfaction or composition thereof, or otherwise, after the beginning of such three months' period, or an amount equal to the proceeds of any such property, if disposed of, subject, however, to the rights, if any, of the Company and its other creditors in such property or such proceeds.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall affect the right of the Trustee:

(3) to retain for its own account (i) payments made on account of any such claim by any person (other than the Company) who is liable thereon, and (ii) the proceeds of the bona fide sale of any such claim by the Trustee to a third person, and (iii) distributions made in cash, securities, or other property in respect of claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law;

(4) to realize, for its own account, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such property was so held prior to the beginning of such three months' period;

(5) to realize, for its own account, but only to the extent of the claim hereinafter mentioned, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such claim was created after the beginning of such three months' period and such property was received as security therefor simultaneously with the creation thereof, and if the Trustee shall sustain the burden of proving that at the time such property was so received the Trustee had no reasonable cause to believe that a default as defined in subsection (c) of this Section would occur within three months; or

(6) to receive payment on any claims referred to in paragraph (4) or (5), against the release of any property held as security for such claim as provided in such paragraph (4) or (5), as the case may be, to the extent of the fair value of such property.

For the purposes of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) above, property substituted after the beginning of such three months' period for property held as security at the time of

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such substitution shall, to the extent of the fair value of the property released, have the same status as the property released, and, to the extent that any claim referred to in any of such paragraphs is created in renewal of or in substitution for or for the purpose of repaying or refunding any pre-existing claim of the Trustee as such creditor, such claim shall have the same status as such preexisting claim.

If the Trustee shall be required to account, the funds and

property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof shall be apportioned between the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities in such manner that the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities realize, as a result of payments from such special account and payments of dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law, the same percentage of their respective claims, figured before crediting to the claim of the Trustee anything on account of the receipt by it from the Company of the funds and property in such special account and before crediting to the respective claims of the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities, dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law, but after crediting thereon receipts on account of the indebtedness represented by their respective claims from all sources other than from such dividends and from the funds and property so held in such special account. As used in this paragraph, with respect to any claim, the term "dividends" shall include any distribution with respect to such claim, in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law, whether such distribution is made in cash, securities, or other property, but shall not include any such distribution with respect to the secured portion, if any, of such claim. The court in which such bankruptcy, receivership, or proceeding for reorganization is pending shall have jurisdiction (i) to apportion between the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the funds and property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof, or (ii) in lieu of such apportionment, in whole or in part, to give to the provisions of this paragraph due consideration in determining the fairness of the distributions to be made to the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities with respect to their respective claims, in which event it shall not be necessary to liquidate or to appraise the value of any securities or other property held in such special account or as security for any such claim, or to make a specific allocation of such distributions as between the secured and unsecured portions of such claims or otherwise to apply the provisions of this paragraph as a mathematical formula.

Any Trustee who has resigned or been removed after the beginning of such three months' period shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection (a) as though such resignation or removal had not occurred. If any Trustee has resigned or been removed prior to the beginning of such three months' period it shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection (a) if and only if the following conditions exist:

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(i) the receipt of property or reduction of claim which would have given rise to the obligation to account, if such Trustee had continued as trustee, occurred after the beginning of such three months' period; and

(ii) such receipt of property or reduction of claim occurred within three months after such resignation or removal.

(b) There shall be excluded from the operation of subsection (a) of this Section a creditor relationship arising from:

(1) the ownership or acquisition of securities issued under any indenture, or any security or securities having a maturity of one year or more at the time of acquisition by the Trustee;

(2) advances authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction, or by this Indenture, for the purpose of preserving any property which shall at any time be subject to the lien of this Indenture or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon, if notice of such advance and of the circumstances surrounding the making thereof is given to the noteholders at the time and in the manner provided in this Indenture;

(3) disbursements made in the ordinary course of business in the capacity of trustee under an indenture, transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent or depository, or other similar capacity;

(4) an indebtedness created as a result of services

rendered or premises rented; or an indebtedness created as a result of goods or securities sold in a cash transaction as defined in subsection (c) of this Section;

(5) the ownership of stock or of other securities of a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, which is directly or indirectly a creditor of the Company; or

(6) the acquisition, ownership, acceptance or negotiation of any drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances; or obligations which fall within the classification of self-liquidating paper as defined in subsection (c) of this Section.

(c) As used in this Section:

(1) The term "default" shall mean any failure to make payment in full of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest upon any of the Notes when and as such principal (or premium, if any) or interest becomes due and payable.

(2) The term "other indenture securities" shall mean securities upon which the Company is an obligor (as defined in the Trust Indenture Act) outstanding under any other indenture, (A) under which the Trustee is also trustee,

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(B) which contains provisions substantially similar to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, and (C) under which a default exists at the time of the apportionment of the funds and property held in the special account referred to in such subsection (a).

(3) The term "cash transaction" shall mean any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks or bankers and payable upon demand.

(4) The term "self-liquidating paper" shall mean any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purposes of financing the purchase, processing, manufacture, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

(5) The term "Company" shall mean any obligor upon the Notes.

SECTION 7.14. Notice of Default. Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to Notes of any series, the Trustee shall transmit to all noteholders of such series, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.02, notice of such default hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or any interest of any Notes of such series, or on the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the noteholders of such series; and provided, further, that in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 6.01(c) no such notice to noteholders shall be given until at least 30 days after the occurrence thereof. 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, a Default or an Event of Default with respect to Notes of such series.

ARTICLE EIGHT.
CONCERNING THE NOTEHOLDERS.

SECTION 8.01. Action by Noteholders. Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any or all series may take any action (including the

making of any demand or request, the giving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced (a) by

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any instrument or any number of instruments of similar tenor executed by noteholders in person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing, or (b) by the record of the holders of Notes voting in favor thereof at any meeting of noteholders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article Nine, or (c) by a combination of such instrument or instruments and any such record of such a meeting of noteholders.

In determining whether the holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes have taken any action (including the making of any demand or request, the waiving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the principal amount of a Note denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit shall be the U.S. Dollar equivalent, determined as of the date of original issuance of such Note, of the principal amount of such Note.

SECTION 8.02. Proof of Execution By Noteholders. Subject to the provisions of Sections 7.01, 7.02 and 9.05, proof of the execution of any instrument by a noteholder or its agent or proxy shall be sufficient if made in accordance with this Section 8.02. The fact and date of the execution by any such person of any instrument may be proved by the certificate of any notary public, or other officer of any jurisdiction authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds or administer oaths, that the person executing such instrument acknowledged to him the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution sworn to before any such notary or other such officer or by a certificate of any officer of any trust company, bank, banker or recognized securities dealer, satisfactory to the Trustee, who witnessed such execution. If such execution is by an officer of a corporation, association or trust, a trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership on behalf of such corporation, association, trust or partnership, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

The ownership of the Notes shall be proved by the Note Register or by a certificate of the Note Registrar.

The record of any noteholders' meeting shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 9.06.

SECTION 8.03. Who Are Deemed Absolute Owners. The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or of the Trustee may deem the holder of any Note to be, and may treat him as, the absolute owner of such Note (whether or not such Note shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon), for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on such Note and for all other purposes; and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or of the Trustee shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments so made to any holder for the time being, or upon his order, shall be valid and, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon any such Note.

SECTION 8.04. Company-Owned Notes Disregarded. In determining whether the holders of the required aggregate principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, consent or waiver under this Indenture, Notes which are owned by the Company or any other obligor on the Notes, or by any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company or any other obligor on the Notes, shall be

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disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for the purpose of any such determination, except that for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, consent or waiver only Notes which a responsible officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding for the purposes of this Section if the pledgee shall establish to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to vote such Notes and that the pledgee is not a person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company or any such other obligor. In the case of a dispute as to such right, any decision by the Trustee taken upon the advice of counsel shall be full protection to the Trustee.

SECTION 8.05. Revocation of Consents; Future Noteholders Bound. At any time prior to the taking of any action by the holders of the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes specified in this Indenture in

connection with such action, any holder of a Note the identifying number of which is shown by the evidence to be included in the Notes the holders of which have consented to such action may, by filing written notice with the Trustee at its office and upon proof of holding as provided in Section 8.02, revoke such action so far as concerns such Note. Except as aforesaid any such action taken by the holder of any Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of such Note and of any Note issued in exchange or substitution therefor irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Note. Any action taken by the holders of the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes specified in this Indenture in connection with such action shall be conclusively binding upon the Company, the Trustee and the holders of all the Notes of each series affected thereby.

SECTION 8.06. Record Date. The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of noteholders of any series entitled to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent or to otherwise take any action under this Indenture authorized or permitted under this Indenture. Such record date shall be the later of the date twenty days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or vote or other action or the date of the most recent list of holders of such Notes delivered to the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee pursuant to Section 5.01 prior to such solicitation. If such a record date is fixed, those persons who were noteholders at the close of business on such record date shall be entitled to vote or consent or take such other action, or to revoke any such action, whether or not such persons continue to be holders after such record date, and for that purpose the outstanding Notes shall be computed as of such record date.

ARTICLE NINE.
NOTEHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

SECTION 9.01. Purposes of Meetings. A meeting of noteholders of any or all series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Article for any of the following purposes:

(1) to give any notice to the Company or to the Trustee, or to give any directions to the Trustee, or to waive any default or Event of Default hereunder and its

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consequences, or to take any other action authorized to be taken by noteholders pursuant to any of the provisions of Article Six;

(2) to remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee pursuant to the provisions of Article Seven;

(3) to consent to the execution of an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.02; or

(4) to take any other action authorized to be taken by or on behalf of the holders of any specified aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any or all series, as the case may be, under any other provision of this Indenture or under applicable law.

SECTION 9.02. Call of Meetings By Trustee. The Trustee may at any time call a meeting of noteholders of any or all series to take any action specified in Section 9.01, to be held at such time and at such place in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, [or in London, England,] as the Trustee shall determine. Notice of every meeting of the noteholders of any or all series, setting forth the time and 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 1.02, not less than 20 nor more than 180 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

SECTION 9.03. Call of Meetings by Company or Noteholders. In case at any time the Company, pursuant to a Board Resolution, or the holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any or all series, as the case may be, then outstanding, shall have requested the Trustee to call a meeting of noteholders of any or all series to take any action authorized in Section 9.01, 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 30 days after receipt of such request, then the Company or the holders of such Notes in the amount above specified may determine the time and the place in said Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, for such meeting and may call such meeting for such purposes by giving notice thereof as provided in Section 9.02.

SECTION 9.04. Qualification For Voting. To be entitled to vote at any meeting of noteholders a person shall be a holder of one or more Notes of a series with respect to which a meeting is being held or a person appointed by an instrument in writing as proxy by such a holder. The only persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of the noteholders shall be

the persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel and any representatives of the Trustee and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

SECTION 9.05. Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of noteholders, in regard to proof of the holding of Notes 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 meeting as it shall think fit.

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The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by noteholders as provided in Section 9.03, in which case the Company or the noteholders 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 holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes represented at the meeting and entitled to vote.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 8.01 and 8.04, at any meeting each noteholder or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 (or the U.S. Dollar equivalent thereof in connection with Notes issued in a foreign currency or currency unit) Outstanding principal amount of Notes held or represented by him, provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Note 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 noteholder or proxy. Any meeting of noteholders duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.02 or 9.03 may be adjourned from time to time, and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

SECTION 9.06. Voting. The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of noteholders shall be by written ballot on which shall be subscribed the signatures of the noteholders or proxies and on which shall be inscribed the identifying number or numbers or to which shall be attached a list of identifying numbers of the Notes 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 duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record in duplicate of the proceedings of each meeting of noteholders 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 9.02. The record shall be signed and verified by the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one of the duplicates shall be delivered to the Company and the other 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.

ARTICLE TEN.
SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 10.01. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Noteholders. The Company, and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or Supplemental Indenture (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939) for one or more of the following purposes:

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(a) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the Company, or successive successions, and the assumption by the successor corporation of the covenants, agreements and obligations of the Company pursuant to Article Eleven hereof;

(b) to add to the covenants of the Company such further covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions as its Board of Directors and the Trustee shall consider to be for the protection of the holders of all, or any series of, Notes, and to make the occurrence, or the occurrence and continuance, of a Default in any of such additional covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions a Default or an Event of Default with respect to Notes of any or all series permitting the enforcement of all or any of the several remedies provided in this Indenture as herein set forth, with such period of grace, if any, and subject to such conditions as such Supplemental

Indenture may provide;

(c) to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to provide for the issuance under this Indenture of Notes, whether or not then outstanding, in bearer form, to add, modify or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of principal of Notes in registered form, and to provide for exchangeability of such Notes with Notes issued hereunder and to make all appropriate changes for such purpose to permit or facilitate the issuance of Notes in uncertificated form, provided any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of Notes of any series in any material respect;

(d) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provision contained herein or in any Supplemental Indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision contained herein or in any Supplemental Indenture; or to make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under this Indenture as shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Notes including provisions necessary or desirable to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder;

(e) to evidence and provide for the acceptance and appointment hereunder by a successor trustee with respect to the Notes of one or more series and to add or change any 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 Section 7.11;

(f) to change or eliminate any provision of this Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination (i) shall become effective only when there is no Note outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of such Supplemental Indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision or (ii) shall not adversely apply to any Note outstanding;

(g) to modify, eliminate or add to the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to effect the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, or under any similar Federal statute hereafter enacted, and to add to this Indenture such other provisions as may be expressly permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, excluding however, the provisions referred to in Section 316(a)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act or any corresponding provision in any similar Federal statute hereafter enacted;

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(h) to add to, delete from, or revise the terms of Notes of any series as permitted by Section 2.01, including, without limitation, any terms relating to the issuance, exchange, registration or transfer of Notes issued in whole or in part in the form of one of more Global Notes and the payment of any principal thereof, or interest (or premium, if any) thereon;

(i) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;

(j) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of the Notes of any series, to establish the form of any certifications required to be furnished pursuant to the terms of this Indenture or any series of Notes, to increase the authorized amount of a series, or to add to the rights of the holders of any series of Notes.

The Trustee is hereby authorized to join with the Company in the execution of any such Supplemental Indenture, to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations which may be therein contained and to accept the conveyance, transfer, assignment, mortgage or pledge of any property thereunder, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any such Supplemental Indenture which adversely affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. No Supplemental Indenture shall be effective as against the Trustee unless and until the Trustee has duly executed and delivered the same.

Any Supplemental Indenture authorized by the provisions of this Section may be executed by the Company and the Trustee without the consent of the holders of any of the Notes at the time outstanding, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 10.02.

SECTION 10.02. Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Noteholders. With the consent (evidenced as provided in Section 8.01) of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of all series at the time outstanding affected by a Supplemental Indenture (voting as one class), the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may from

time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or Supplemental Indenture (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in force at the date of the execution thereof) for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any Supplemental Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Notes of each such series; provided, however, that no such Supplemental Indenture shall (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Notes, or reduce the principal amount thereof (and premium, if any) or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest thereon, without the consent of the holder of each Note so affected, or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Notes, the consent of the holders of which is required for any such Supplemental Indenture, or the percentage required for the consent of the holders pursuant to Section 6.13 to waive defaults, without the consent of the holders of each Note so affected.

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Upon the request of the Company, accompanied by a copy of a Board Resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company authorizing the execution of any such Supplemental Indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence of the consent of noteholders as aforesaid, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of such Supplemental Indenture unless such Supplemental Indenture affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such Supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the noteholders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed Supplemental Indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such consent shall approve the substance thereof.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the Trustee of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Company shall give notice thereof in the manner provided in Section 1.02, setting forth in general terms the substance of such Supplemental Indenture to all noteholders of each series so affected. Any failure of the Company so to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 10.03. Compliance With Trust Indenture Act; Effect of Supplemental Indentures. Any Supplemental Indenture executed pursuant to the provisions of this Article Ten shall comply with the Trust Indenture Act. Upon the execution of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article Ten, this Indenture shall be and be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities under this Indenture of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such Supplemental Indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Sections 7.01 and 7.02, shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel or a Company Order and Opinion of Counsel as conclusive evidence that any such Supplemental Indenture complies with the provisions of this Article Ten.

SECTION 10.04. Notation on Notes. Notes of any series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article Ten may bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such Supplemental Indenture. New Notes of any series so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Board of Directors of the Company, to any modification of this Indenture contained in any such Supplemental Indenture may be prepared by the Company, authenticated by the Trustee and delivered, without charge to the noteholders, in exchange for the Notes of such series then Outstanding.

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ARTICLE ELEVEN.

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, SALE OR CONVEYANCE

SECTION 11.01. Company May Consolidate, Etc., on Certain Terms. The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other corporation or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any person unless (i) either the Company shall be the continuing corporation, or the successor corporation (if other than the Company) shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof and such corporation shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all the Notes, according to their tenor, and

the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Company by Supplemental Indenture satisfactory to the Trustee, executed and delivered to the Trustee by such corporation and (ii) the Company or such successor corporation, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition.

SECTION 11.02. Successor Corporation to be Substituted for Company. In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon any such assumption by the successor corporation, such successor corporation shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as the party of the first part. Such successor corporation thereupon may cause to be signed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of the Company, any or all of the Notes issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee; and, upon the order of such successor corporation, instead of the Company, and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this Indenture prescribed, the Trustee shall authenticate and shall deliver any Notes which previously shall have been signed and delivered by the officers of the Company to the Trustee for authentication, and any Notes which such successor corporation thereafter shall cause to be signed and delivered to the Trustee for that purpose. All of the Notes, so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Notes, if any, theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Notes had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance such changes in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Notes thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

SECTION 11.03. Opinion of Counsel to be Given Trustee. The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Sections 7.01 and 7.02, shall receive an Opinion of Counsel as conclusive evidence that any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, and any such assumption, complies with the provisions of this Article Eleven and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

ARTICLE TWELVE.

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE; UNCLAIMED MONEYS.

SECTION 12.01. Discharge of Indenture. If at any time (a) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee for cancellation all Notes of any series theretofore authenticated (other than any Notes of such series appertaining thereto which shall have been destroyed, lost or stolen

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and which shall have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.08) or (b) all such Notes of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation shall have become due and payable, or are by their terms to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and the Company shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds the entire amount (other than moneys repaid by the Trustee or any paying agent to the Company in accordance with Section 12.04) sufficient to pay at maturity or upon redemption all Notes of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, including principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, due or to become due to such date of maturity or date fixed for redemption, as the case may be, and if in either case the Company shall also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company with respect to such series, then this Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes of such series, and the Trustee, on demand of and at the cost and expense of the Company and subject to Section 1.02, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction of and discharging this Indenture with respect to the Notes of such series. The Company agrees to reimburse the Trustee for any costs or expenses thereafter reasonably and properly incurred by the Trustee in connection with this Indenture or the Notes of such series. Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes of any series or of all series, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 7.06 shall survive.

The Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel which together shall state that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

SECTION 12.02. Deposited Moneys To Be Held In Trust By Trustee. All moneys deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 12.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company if acting as its own Paying Agent), to the holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such moneys have been deposited with the Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for

principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any.

SECTION 12.03. Paying Agent to Repay Moneys Held. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to Notes of any series, all moneys with respect to such Notes then held by any Paying Agent under the provisions of this Indenture shall, upon demand of the Company, be repaid to it or paid to the Trustee and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such moneys.

SECTION 12.04. Return of Unclaimed Moneys. Any moneys deposited with or paid to the Trustee or any Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any Note and not applied but remaining unclaimed for two years after the date upon which such principal (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, shall have become due and payable, shall, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable escheat or abandoned or unclaimed property law, be repaid to the Company by the Trustee or such Paying Agent on demand, and the holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Company for any payment which such holder may be entitled to collect and all liability of the Trustee or any Paying Agent with respect to such moneys shall thereupon cease.

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SECTION 12.05. Satisfaction, Discharge and Defeasance of Notes of Any Series. Unless, as specified pursuant to Section 2.01, provision is made that defeasance of the Notes of a series under this section shall not apply to the Notes of such series, this Section 12.05 shall be applicable to the Outstanding Notes of all series upon compliance with the conditions set forth below.

At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness on all the outstanding Notes of any such series and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of such indebtedness or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision, condition or covenant specified as contemplated by Section 2.01, when

(1) either

(A) with respect to all outstanding Notes of such series, (i) the Company has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount (in such currency in which such outstanding Notes are then specified as payable at stated maturity) sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness of all outstanding Notes of such series for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, to the stated maturity or any Redemption Date as contemplated by the last paragraph of this Section 12.05, as the case may be; or (ii) the Company has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as obligations in trust for the purpose such amount of direct noncallable obligations of, or noncallable obligations the payment of principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, or to the payment of which obligations or guarantees the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged, maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will, together with the income to accrue thereon (but without reinvesting any proceeds thereof), be sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all outstanding Notes of such series for principal (and premium, if any) interest, if any, to the stated maturity or any Redemption Date as contemplated by the last paragraph of this Section 12.05, as the case may be; or

(B) the Company has properly fulfilled such other terms and conditions to the satisfaction and discharge as is specified, as contemplated by Section 2.01, as applicable to the Notes of such series, and

(2) The Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable with respect to the outstanding Notes of such series, and

(3) The Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (i) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (ii) since the date of execution of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the holders of the outstanding Notes of such series will

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not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to Federal income

tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times, as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred, and

(4) The Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the entire indebtedness on all outstanding Notes of any such series have been complied with.

Any deposits with the Trustee referred to in Section 12.05(1) (A) above shall be irrevocable and shall be made under the terms of an escrow trust agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee. If any outstanding Notes of such series are to be redeemed prior to their stated maturity, whether pursuant to any optional redemption provisions or in accordance with any mandatory sinking fund requirement or otherwise, the applicable escrow trust agreement shall provide therefore and the Company shall make such arrangements as are satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN.

IMMUNITY OF INCORPORATORS, STOCKHOLDERS, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

SECTION 13.01. Indenture and Notes Solely Corporate Obligations. No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Indenture, or in any Note, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any past, present or future stockholder, officer or director, as such, of the Company or of any successor corporation, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Notes by the holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issue of the Notes.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

SECTION 14.01. Benefits of Indenture Restricted to Parties and Holders. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, expressed or implied, shall give or be construed to give to any person, other than the parties hereto and their successors and the holders of the Notes, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture or under any covenant or provision herein contained, all such covenants and provisions being for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and of the holders of the Notes.

SECTION 14.02. Provisions Binding on Company's Successors. All the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Indenture contained by or in behalf of the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

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SECTION 14.03. Addresses for Notices, Etc. Subject to the provisions of Section 4.01 with respect to demands for payment, any notice or demand which by any provision of this Indenture is required or permitted to be given or served by the Trustee or by the holders of Notes to or on the Company may be given or served by being deposited postage prepaid first class mail in a post office letter box addressed (until another address is filed by the Company with the Trustee), as follows: Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, Corporate Treasury Division, NC1-007-23-01, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065, Fax: (704) 386-0270. Any notice, direction, request or demand by any noteholder to or upon the Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, if given or made in writing at the corporate trust office of the Trustee as set forth in Section 4.04.

SECTION 14.04. Evidence of Compliance With Conditions Precedent. Upon any application or demand by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any of the provisions of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or demand as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or demand, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Each certificate or opinion provided for in this Indenture and delivered to the Trustee with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include (1) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition; (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 such person, 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 or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

SECTION 14.05. Legal Holidays. In any case where the date of maturity of any interest or premium on or principal of any Note or the date fixed for redemption of any Note shall not be a Business Day in the Place of Payment, then payment of any interest or premium on or principal of such Notes, need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date of maturity or the date fixed for redemption, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

SECTION 14.06. Trust Indenture Act to Control. If and to the extent that any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with another provision included in this Indenture by operation of Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (an "incorporated provision"), such incorporated provision shall control.

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SECTION 14.07. Execution in Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 14.08. New York Contract. This Indenture and each Note shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of said State.

SECTION 14.09. Severability of Provisions. Any prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Indenture in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the remaining provisions hereto in such jurisdiction and shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction.

The Trustee, by its execution of a counterpart of this Indenture, acknowledges and accepts its appointment as Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE BANK OF NEW YORK and BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION have each caused this Indenture to be signed by a duly authorized officer, as of the day and year first above written.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ Derek C. Kettel

Title Agent

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ John E. Mack

Senior Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION,

as Issuer

AND

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,

as Trustee

RESTATED INDENTURE

DATED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2001

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THIS RESTATED INDENTURE dated as of January 1, 2001, between BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware (the "Company"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee hereunder (the "Trustee," which term shall include any successor trustee appointed pursuant to Article Seven).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company deems it necessary to issue from time to time for its lawful purposes its subordinated unsecured debt securities, including notes and other evidence of indebtedness (the "Notes"), and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Notes in one or more series in an unlimited principal amount, to bear such rates of interest, to mature at such time or times and to have such other provisions as shall be fixed as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Notes, the Company and the Trustee entered into that certain Indenture dated as of October 2, 2000 (the "Original Indenture"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10.01 of the Original Indenture, the Company and the Trustee are entitled to make certain changes and additions thereto from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee now desire to make certain changes and additions to the Original Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the execution of this Indenture and the issuance and sale of its Notes; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things necessary to constitute this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company according to its terms, have been done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE:

In order to declare the terms and conditions upon which the Notes are authenticated, issued and received, and in consideration of the premises, of the purchase and acceptance of the Notes by the holders thereof, the Company covenants and agrees with the Trustee, for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective holders from time to time of the Notes, as follows:

ARTICLE ONE.
DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1.01. Definitions. The terms defined in this Section 1.01 (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) for all purposes of this Indenture and of any indenture supplemental hereto shall have the respective meanings specified in this Section. All other terms used in this Indenture which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (the "Trust Indenture Act") or which are by reference therein defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), shall have the meanings

(except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise clearly requires) assigned to such terms in the Trust Indenture Act and in the Securities Act as in force at the date of this Indenture as originally executed. All accounting terms used herein and not expressly defined shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the term "generally accepted accounting principles" means such accounting principles as are generally accepted at the time of any computation. 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.

Additional Amounts:

The term "Additional Amounts" shall mean any additional amounts to be paid by the Company in respect of Notes of a series, as may be specified pursuant to Section 4.05 and in such Notes and under the circumstances specified therein, in respect of certain specified taxes, assessments or other governmental charges imposed on certain holders who are United States Aliens, which may be owing to such holders as set forth in Section 4.05.

Authorized Officer:

The term "Authorized Officer" shall mean the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, General Counsel, Deputy or Associate General Counsel or Treasurer of the Company.

Board of Directors:

The term "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee of such Board.

Board Resolution:

The term "Board Resolution" shall mean a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors or by a committee acting under the authority of, or appointment by, the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

Book-Entry Note:

The term "Book-Entry Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.03.

Business Day:

The term "Business Day" shall mean, with respect to any Note, unless such Note shall say otherwise, any weekday that is (1) not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and (2) not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

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Company:

The term "Company" shall mean Bank of America Corporation until a successor corporation shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Company" shall mean such successor corporation.

Company Order:

The term "Company Order" shall mean a written request, order or consent signed in the name of the Company by any Authorized Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

Corporate Trust Office:

The term "Corporate Trust Office" shall mean the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee at which, at any particular time, its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date of original execution of this Indenture is located at The Bank of New York 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

CUSIP number:

The term "CUSIP number" shall mean the identification numbers obtained by the Company from the CUSIP Service Bureau of Standard & Poor's Corporation for assignment to the Notes.

Depositary:

The term "Depositary" shall mean, with respect to the Notes of any series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes, the entity designated as Depositary by the Company pursuant to Section 2.01 until a successor Depositary shall have become such, and thereafter "Depositary" shall mean or include each entity who is then a Depositary hereunder.

Event of Default:

The term "Event of Default" shall mean any event specified as such in Section 6.01.

Global Note:

The term "Global Note" shall mean those Notes executed by the Company, authenticated and delivered to the Depositary, or a custodian at the Depositary's instruction, to be held and administered by or on behalf of, the Depositary for the benefit of purchasers of Notes. The Global Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee.

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Indenture:

The term "Indenture" shall mean 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.

Interest Payment Date:

The term "Interest Payment Date," when used with respect to any Note, shall mean the stated maturity of an installment of interest on such Note.

Issue Date:

The term "Issue Date" shall mean, with respect to Notes of any Tranche the date such Notes are authenticated pursuant to Section 2.06.

Maturity Date:

The term "Maturity Date," when used with respect to any Note, shall mean the stated maturity of such Note.

Notes:

The term "Note" or "Notes" shall mean the Bank of America Subordinated InterNotes(SM), as well as any other debt securities of the Company which may be issued, authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

Note Register and Note Registrar:

The terms "Note Register" and "Note Registrar" shall have the meanings set forth in Section 2.07 hereof.

Officers' Certificate:

The term "Officers' Certificate" shall mean a certificate signed by any Authorized Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

Opinion of Counsel:

The term "Opinion of Counsel" shall mean an opinion in writing signed by legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

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Outstanding:

The term "Outstanding," when used with reference to Notes, shall, subject to the provisions of Section 7.08 and Section 8.04, mean, as of any particular time, all Notes authenticated and delivered by the Trustee under this Indenture, except

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(b) Notes, or portions thereof, for the payment or redemption of which moneys in the necessary amount shall have been deposited in

trust with the Trustee or with any Paying Agent (other than the Company) or shall have been set aside and segregated in trust by the Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent), provided, that if such Notes are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption shall have been given as in Article Three provided, or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for giving such notice;

(c) Notes that have been defeased pursuant to Section 12.05 hereof; and

(d) Notes paid or in lieu of and in substitution for which other Notes shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to the terms of Article Two, unless proof satisfactory to the Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by bona fide holders in due course.

Paying Agent:

The term "Paying Agent" shall mean, initially, The Bank of New York for the Notes as set forth in Section 4.02, and subsequently, any other paying agent appointed by the Company from time to time in respect of the Notes.

Person:

The term "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Place of Payment:

The term "Place of Payment," when used with respect to Notes of any series, shall mean the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Notes are payable.

Redemption Date:

The term "Redemption Date" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.02.

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Regular Record Date:

The term "Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date on the Notes of any series shall mean the date specified for that purpose as contemplated by Sections 2.01, 2.03 and 4.01.

Responsible Officer:

The term "Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Trustee shall mean any officer within the Corporate Trust Office including any Vice President, Managing Director, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge and familiarity with the particular subject.

Senior Indebtedness:

The term "Senior Indebtedness" shall mean any indebtedness for money borrowed outstanding on the date of execution of this Indenture as originally executed, or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, for the payment of which the Company is at the time of determination responsible or liable as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, and all deferrals, renewals, extensions and refundings of any such indebtedness or obligations, other than the Notes or any other indebtedness as to which, in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding, it is provided that such indebtedness is subordinate in right of payment to any other indebtedness of the Company, it being understood that the description of Senior Indebtedness set forth herein shall be deemed to include all indebtedness of the Company for borrowed and purchased money of the Company, all obligations of the Company arising from off-balance sheet guarantees by the Company and direct credit substitutes and obligations of the Company associated with derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts and commodity contracts.

Settlement Date:

The term "Settlement Date" shall mean the date of delivery of a Note against receipt of immediately available funds by the Company in payment for such Note.

Survivor's Option:

The term "Survivor's Option" shall mean, where applicable, the right of the personal representative of a beneficial owner of a Note to require the Company to repay that Note prior to its Maturity Date upon the death of the beneficial owner of the Note.

Tranche:

The term "Tranche" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.06.

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United States Alien:

The term "United States Alien" shall mean any person who, for United States Federal income tax purposes, is a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual, a non-resident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust, or a foreign partnership to the extent that one or more of its members is, for United States Federal income tax purposes, a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual or a non-resident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust.

Vice President:

The term "Vice President" when used with respect to the Company or the Trustee shall mean any vice president, whether or not designated by a number or word or words added before or after the title "Vice President," including any Executive or Senior Vice President

SECTION 1.02. Notice to Noteholders. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, where this Indenture provides for notice to holders of Notes of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given if in writing and mailed, first class, postage prepaid, to each holder at such holder's address as it appears in the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date prescribed for such notice.

Neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular holder of a Note shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other holders of Notes.

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.

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 Notes 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.

ARTICLE TWO.
EXECUTION, ISSUE AND EXCHANGE OF NOTES

SECTION 2.01. Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series; Designation of Series. Upon the execution of this Indenture, or from time to time thereafter, Notes up to the aggregate principal amount and containing terms and conditions from time to time authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, or in an indenture supplemental hereto (a "Supplemental Indenture"), may be executed and delivered by the Company. Notes will be delivered to the Trustee for authentication, after execution by the Company, and the Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver said Notes to or upon a Company Order without any further action by the Company. The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authorize and deliver any Notes

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under this Section if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not lawfully be taken or if the Trustee in good faith by a committee of Responsible Officers determines that such action would expose the Trustee to personal liability to existing holders of Notes.

The Notes may be issued in one or more series. The aggregate principal amount of Notes of all series which may be authenticated and delivered and outstanding under this Indenture is not limited. The Notes of a particular series may be issued up to the aggregate principal amount of Notes for such series from time to time authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture. Any limitations on the amount of Notes of a series may be periodically increased by Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture.

There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture, and set forth in an Officers' Certificate, prior to the initial issuance of Notes of any series:

(1) the designation of the Note of the series (which shall distinguish the Notes of the series from all other series of Notes);

(2) the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of the series which may be then authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes of the series pursuant to Section 2.07, 2.08, 3.01 or 10.04) which amount may be "reopened" and increased;

(3) the date or dates on which the principal of the Notes of the series is payable;

(4) the rates at which Notes of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates and the Regular Record Date;

(5) the place or places (in addition to such place or places specified in this Indenture) where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on Notes of the series shall be payable;

(6) the right, if any, of the Company to redeem Notes, in whole or in part, at its option and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Notes of the series may be redeemed pursuant to any sinking fund or otherwise;

(7) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, purchase or repay Notes of the series pursuant to any mandatory redemption sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder thereof (including the Survivor's Option) and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Notes of the series shall be redeemed, purchased or repaid, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(8) the denominations in which Notes of the series shall be issuable, if other than \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000;

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(9) any portion of the principal amount of Notes of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or which the Trustee shall be entitled to claim pursuant to Section 6.02;

(10) whether any Notes of the series shall be issued in any form other than book-entry only and the details of such issuance and the provisions relating to the transfer of such Notes;

(11) if any Notes of such series are to be issuable in definitive form (whether upon original issue or upon exchange of a temporary Note of such series) only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or satisfaction of other conditions, the form and terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(12) the provisions, if any, for the defeasance of any Notes of the series;

(13) the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on any Notes of the series shall be payable if other than the currency of the United States of America;

(14) if the Company has agreed to pay Additional Amounts, the circumstances under which those Additional Amounts will be paid and whether the Company has the option to redeem such Notes rather than pay such Additional Amounts;

(15) any trustees, depositories, authenticating or paying agents, registrars or any other agents with respect to the Notes of such series; and

(16) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture).

All Notes of any one series shall be substantially identical except (i) as to denomination, interest rate, maturity and other similar terms, and (ii) as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture and set forth in an Officers' Certificate.

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

SECTION 2.02. Form of Notes. The Notes of each series shall be substantially in the forms approved from time to time by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or an Officers' Certificate. Such forms may have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements printed, lithographed or engraved thereon as the Company may deem

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appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which the Notes may be listed, or to conform to usage.

Notes of any one series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate, and the authorized principal amount of any series may be increased to provide for issuances of additional Notes of such series. If so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate, the terms of such Notes to be issued from time to time may be determined as set forth in such Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate, as the case may be. All Notes of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, interest rate, maturity and other similar terms and except as may otherwise be provided by or pursuant to the related Board Resolution, Supplemental Indenture or Officers' Certificate.

The Notes may be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved on steel engraved borders or produced or reproduced in any other manner (including copies of manually signed originals), all as determined by the officers of the Company executing such Notes as evidenced by their execution of such Notes by manual or facsimile signature.

SECTION 2.03. Denominations; Record Date. Unless otherwise determined or pursuant to a Board Resolution or Supplemental Incentive, the Notes of each series shall be issuable in book-entry-only form ("Book-Entry Notes") without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 or more (and any amount in excess thereof that is an integral multiple of \$1,000).

The person in whose name any Note is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date shall be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the cancellation of such Note upon any transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Regular Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date; provided, however, that if and to the extent the Company shall default in the payment of the interest due on such Interest Payment Date, such defaulted interest shall be paid to the persons in whose names outstanding Notes are registered on a subsequent record date established by notice given by mail by or on behalf of the Company to the holders of Notes of the series in default not less than 15 days preceding such subsequent record date, such record date to be not less than five days preceding the date of payment of such defaulted interest.

SECTION 2.04. Execution and Delivery of Notes. The Notes shall be signed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer or any Vice President. Such signatures may be the manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such officers.

Only such Notes as shall bear thereon a certificate of authentication substantially in the form described in Section 2.05, executed by the Trustee by manual signature of one of its responsible officers if a Global Note, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose. Such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence that

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the Note so authenticated has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and that the holder is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

In case any officer of the Company who shall have signed any of the Notes shall cease to be such officer before the Note so signed shall be authenticated and delivered by the Trustee or the Company or disposed of by the Company, such Note nevertheless may be authenticated and delivered or disposed of as though the person who signed such Note had not ceased to be such officer of the Company; and any Note may be signed on behalf of the Company by such persons as, at the actual date of the execution of such Note, shall be the proper officers of the Company, although at the date of the execution of this Indenture any such person was not such officer.

Within five days after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate as to the incumbency and specimen signatures of officers authorized to execute Notes and to give Company Orders under this Indenture and, as long as Notes are outstanding under this Indenture, shall deliver a similar Officers' Certificate each year on the anniversary of the date of the first such Officers' Certificate. The Trustee may conclusively rely on such certificate and the documents delivered with authorized signatures (unless revoked by superseding comparable documents) as to the authorization of the Board of Directors of any Notes delivered hereunder, and the form, terms and conditions thereof, and as to the authority of the instructing officers referred to in this Section so to act.

SECTION 2.05. Appointment of Authenticating Agent; Form of Certificate of Authentication. The certificate of authentication as to Notes shall be in the following form:

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

This is one of the Notes described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

The Bank of New York, as Trustee

By:

Authorized Signatory

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent or agents (which may be an affiliate or affiliates the Company) with respect to one or more series of Notes which shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Notes of such series issued upon original issue or upon exchange, registration of transfer or partial redemption thereof or pursuant to Section 2.08, and Notes 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 Notes 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 or of any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, which (a) is authorized under such laws to exercise

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corporate trust powers or to otherwise act as authenticating agent, (b) is subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority, and (c) shall have at all times a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$5,000,000. 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 such 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 such 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 promptly give notice of such appointment to all holders of Notes in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.02. 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 7.06.

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

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[ALTERNATIVE FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

This is one of the Notes described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: _____
as Authenticating Agent

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

If all of the Notes of a series are not originally issued at one time, and the Trustee does not have an office capable of authenticating Notes upon original issuance located in a Place of Payment where the Company wishes to have Notes of such series authenticated upon original issuance, the Trustee, if so requested by the Company in writing, shall appoint in accordance with this Section an authenticating agent (which, if so requested by the Company, shall be such affiliate of the Company) having an office in a Place of Payment designated by the Company with respect to such series of Notes, provided that the terms and conditions of such appointment are acceptable to the Trustee.

SECTION 2.06. Authentication and Delivery of Notes. At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Notes executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication by the Trustee together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Notes, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver such Notes in accordance with such Company Order. A Company Order may specify that instructions to the Trustee as to the authentication and delivery of Notes may be given on behalf of the Company by any person designated in such Company Order, and the Trustee may conclusively rely on any such instructions as if given by the Company until such Company Order is expressly revoked by a subsequent Company Order.

Notes of the same series which have the same terms, including the same Settlement Date, Maturity Date, Interest Rate, Interest Payment Dates and Redemption Date, if any (all such Notes being collectively referred to herein as a "Tranche"), may be represented by a single global note, without interest coupons.

SECTION 2.07. Exchange and Registration of Transfer of Notes.

(a) The Company shall keep, at an office or agency to be designated and maintained by the Company in accordance with Section 4.04 (as such, a "Note Registrar"), registry books (the "Note Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall register Notes and shall register the transfer of Notes of each such series as provided in this Article Two. Such Note Register

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shall be in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time. At all reasonable times such Note Register shall be open for inspection by the Trustee. Upon due presentment for registration of transfer of any Notes of a particular series at such office or agency maintained pursuant to Section 4.04 for such purpose in a Place of Payment, the Company shall execute and register and the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of such series of any authorized denominations and

for an equal aggregate principal amount and tenor.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual certificated Notes represented thereby, in definitive form, a Global Note may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such series to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor Depositary.

If at any time the Depositary for Notes of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Book-Entry Notes of such series or if at any time the Depositary for the Book-Entry Notes of such series shall no longer be eligible under Section 2.06, the Company shall appoint a successor Depositary with respect to the Notes of such series. If a successor Depositary for the Notes is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Company will execute, authenticate and deliver, Notes of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount and like terms and tenor equal to the principal amount of the Book-Entry Note or Notes in global form representing such series in exchange for such Book-Entry Note or Notes in global form.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that individual Book-Entry Notes of any series shall no longer be represented by a Global Note. In such event the Company will execute, authenticate and deliver individual certificated Notes of such series in definitive form in authorized denominations and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note representing such series in exchange for such Global Note.

If directed by the Company with respect to a series of Book-Entry Notes, the Depositary for such series of Notes may surrender the Global Note for such series of Notes in exchange in whole or in part for individual Notes of such series in definitive form and of like terms and tenor on such terms as are acceptable to the Company, the Trustee and such Depositary. Thereupon, the Company shall execute, authenticate and deliver, without service charge:

(1) to the Depositary or to each person specified by such Depositary a new individual Note or Notes of the same series and of the same tenor, of authorized denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and

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(2) to such Depositary a new Global Note in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate principal amount of the individual Notes delivered to holders thereof.

Upon the exchange of a Global Note for Notes in definitive form, such Global Note shall be cancelled by the Trustee. Certificated Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this Section shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee in writing. The Company shall deliver such certificated Notes to the persons in whose names such Notes are so registered or to the Depositary.

Whenever any certificated Notes are surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, authenticate and deliver the Notes which the holder making the exchange is entitled to receive. All Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Notes of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the selection for redemption of Notes of that series under Section 3.02 and ending at the close of business on the day of such selection or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except in the case of any Note to be redeemed in part, the portion thereof not to be redeemed.

The ownership interest of a beneficial owner in a Book-Entry

Note will be recorded through the records of such participants in the Depository or through the separate records of such participants and the records of indirect participants in the Depository.

Transfers of a Book-Entry Note will be accomplished by book entries made by the Depository and, in turn, by participants (and in certain cases, one or more indirect participants in the Depository) acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such Book-Entry Note.

No service charge shall be made for any exchange of Notes, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith.

SECTION 2.08. Mutilated, Defaced, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes. In case any Note shall at any time become mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen, and such Note or satisfactory evidence of the destruction, loss, or theft thereof (together with the security and indemnity hereinafter referred to and such other documents or proof required by the Company),

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shall be delivered to the Company, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of such Note, a new Note bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding of the same form, Settlement Date, Interest Rate, denomination, Maturity Date and Interest Payment Dates. In the case of any mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a surety bond or other indemnity satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee may be required of the holder of such Note before a replacement Note will be issued. All expenses (including taxes and governmental charges) associated with obtaining such indemnity and in issuing the new Note shall be borne by the holder of the Note so mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen.

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

Every substituted Note issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section by virtue of the fact that any Note is destroyed, lost or stolen shall, with respect to such Note, constitute an additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be found at any time, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

All Notes shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and shall, to the extent permitted by law, preclude any and all other rights or remedies, notwithstanding any law or statute existing or hereafter enacted to the contrary with respect to the replacement or payment of negotiable instruments or other securities without their surrender.

SECTION 2.09. Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer, or exchange, as the case may be, shall, if surrendered to the Trustee, be cancelled and destroyed by it in accordance with its customary procedures and a certificate of destruction delivered to the Company, or shall, if surrendered to any Paying Agent, be delivered to the Trustee and promptly cancelled and destroyed by the Trustee and a certificate of destruction delivered to the Company, and no Notes shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly permitted by any of the provisions of this Indenture. The Trustee shall destroy cancelled Notes and deliver a certificate of destruction to the Company.

SECTION 2.10. Book-Entry Only System. If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 2.01 with respect to Notes represented by a Note in global form, a series of Notes may be issued initially in book-entry only form and, if issued in such form, shall be represented by one or more Notes in global form registered in the name of the Depository or other depository designated with respect thereto. So long as such system of registration is in effect, (a) Notes of a series so issued in book-entry only form will not be issuable in the form of or exchangeable for Notes in certificate or definitive registered form, (b) the records of the Depository or such other depository will be determinative for all purposes and (c) neither the Company, the Trustee nor any paying agent, Note Registrar or transfer agent for such Notes will have any responsibility or liability for (i) any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of owners of

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beneficial interests in the Notes of such series, (ii) maintaining, supervising

or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests, (iii) receipt of notices, voting and requesting or directing the Trustee to take, or not to take, or consenting to, certain actions hereunder, or (iv) the records and procedures of the Depositary or such other depositary, as the case may be.

ARTICLE THREE.
REDEMPTION OF NOTES; SURVIVOR'S OPTION

SECTION 3.01. Redemption of Notes; Applicability of Section. The Company shall have the right to permit any Note issued hereunder to be redeemed. The terms of any such redemption shall be contained in the particular Note. Redemption of Notes of any series permitted or required by the terms of the Notes shall be made in accordance with such terms and this Section; provided, however, that if any provision of a series of Notes conflicts with any provision of this Section, the provision of such series of Notes shall govern.

SECTION 3.02. Notice of Redemption; Selection of Notes. In case the Company elects to exercise the rights to redeem all or, as the case may be, any part of a series of Notes, it shall fix a date for redemption (the "Redemption Date"). Notice of redemption of Notes 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. The Company or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall give notice of such redemption, at least 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for a redemption to the holders of such Notes so to be redeemed. Notice given in such manner shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice or any defect in the notice to the holder of any such Note designated for redemption shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other such Note. If the Company requests the Trustee to give any notice of redemption, it shall make such request at least 5 days prior to the designated date for delivering such notice, unless a shorter period is satisfactory to the Trustee.

Each such notice of redemption shall specify the date fixed for redemption, the redemption price at which such Notes are to be redeemed, the CUSIP numbers of such Notes, the Place of Payment where such Notes will be paid upon presentation and surrender of such Notes, that interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption will be paid as specified in said notice, and that on and after said date interest thereon or on the portions thereof to be redeemed will cease to accrue. If less than all of the series is to be redeemed, the notice of redemption shall specify the numbers of the Notes to be redeemed. In case any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and shall state that, upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes of the same series in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued.

On or before the Redemption Date, the Company will deposit in trust with the Trustee or with one or more paying agents an amount of money sufficient to redeem on the Redemption Date all the Notes or portions of Notes so called for redemption at the appropriate redemption price, together with accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption. If less than all of a series of Notes is to be redeemed, the Company will give the Trustee adequate written notice at

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least 45 days in advance (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee) as to the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be redeemed.

If less than all the Notes of a series is to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select, pro rata or by lot or in such other manner as it shall deem appropriate and fair, not more than 60 days prior to the date of redemption, the numbers of such Notes Outstanding not previously called for redemption, to be redeemed in whole or in part. The portion of principal of Notes so selected for partial redemption shall be equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Notes of that series or any integral multiple thereof. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of the Notes to be redeemed. If, however, less than all the Notes of a series having differing issue dates, interest rates and stated maturities are to be redeemed, the Company in its sole discretion shall select the particular Notes of such series to be redeemed and shall notify the Trustee in writing at least 45 days prior to the relevant Redemption Date.

SECTION 3.03. Payment of Notes Called For Redemption. If notice of redemption has been given as provided above, the Notes or portions of Notes with respect to which such notice has been given shall become due and payable on the date and at the place stated in such notice at the applicable redemption price, together with any interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, and on and after said date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of such Notes at the redemption price, together with interest accrued to said date) interest on such Notes or portions of Notes so called for redemption shall cease to accrue. On presentation and surrender of such Notes subject to redemption at the Place of Payment and in the manner specified in such notice, such Notes or the specified portions thereof shall be paid and redeemed by the Company at the

applicable redemption price, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Any Note that 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 such holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and upon such presentation, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery to the holder thereof, at the expense of the Company, a new Note or Notes of the same series, of authorized denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Note so presented. If a Global Note is so surrendered, such new Note so issued shall be a new Global Note.

SECTION 3.04. Redemption Suspended During Event of Default. The Trustee shall not redeem any Notes (unless all Notes then outstanding are to be redeemed) or commence the giving of any notice or redemption of Notes during the continuance of any Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge or notice, except that where the giving of notice of redemption of any Notes shall theretofore have been made, the Trustee shall redeem such Notes, provided funds are deposited with it for such purpose. Except as aforesaid, any moneys theretofore or thereafter received by the Trustee shall, during the continuance of such Event of Default, be held in trust for the benefit of the noteholders and applied in the manner set forth in Section 6.06; provided, however, that in case such Event of Default shall

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have been waived as provided herein or otherwise cured, such moneys shall thereafter be held and applied in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 3.05. Survivor's Option. If so specified in any Note, the representative of a beneficial owner of such Note shall have the option to elect repayment of such Note following the death of the beneficial owner of such Note (a "Survivor's Option"). Unless otherwise specified in the Note, no Survivor's Option may be exercised if the deceased beneficial owner of the Note held such Note for less than six months prior to the beneficial owner's death.

Pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option, the Company shall repay any Note (or portion thereof) properly tendered for repayment by or on behalf of the person (the "Representative") that has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner of a Note under the laws of the appropriate jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the personal representative, executor, surviving joint tenant or surviving tenant by the entirety of such deceased beneficial owner) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the beneficial interest of the deceased owner in such Note plus accrued interest to the date of such repayment (or at a price equal to the Amortized Face Amount for Original Issue Discount Notes and Zero-Coupon Notes on the date of such repayment), subject to the following limitations:

(a) The Company may, in its sole discretion, limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any calendar year (the "Annual Put Limitation") to 1% of the Outstanding principal amount of the Notes as of the end of the most recent fiscal year, but not less than \$1,000,000 in any such calendar year, or such greater amount as the Company in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, and may limit to \$200,000, or such greater amount as the Company in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof) as to which exercise of the Survivor's Option will be accepted in such calendar year with respect to any individual deceased owner or beneficial interests in such Notes (the "Individual Put Limitation").

(b) The Company shall not make principal repayments pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option in amounts that are less than \$1,000, and, in the event that the limitations described in the preceding sentence would result in the partial repayment of any Note, the principal amount of such Note remaining outstanding after repayment must be at least \$1,000 (the minimum authorized denomination of the Notes).

(c) Any Note (or portion thereof) tendered pursuant to a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option may not be withdrawn.

Each Note (or portion thereof) that is tendered pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted promptly in the order all such Notes are tendered, except for any Note (or portion thereof) the acceptance of which would contravene (i) the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or (ii) the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, with respect to the relevant individual deceased owner of beneficial interests therein. If, as of the end of any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof)

that have been accepted pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option during such year has exceeded either the Annual Put

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Limitation, if applied, or the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, for such year, any exercise(s) of the Survivor's Option with respect to Notes (or portions thereof) not accepted during such calendar year because such acceptance would have contravened either such limitation, if applied, shall be deemed to be tendered in the following calendar year in the order all such Notes (or portions thereof) were tendered. Normally, any Note (or portion thereof) accepted for repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be repaid on the first Interest Payment Date that occurs 20 or more calendar days after the date of such acceptance. In the event that a Note (or any portion thereof) tendered for repayment pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is not accepted, the Trustee shall deliver a notice by first-class mail to the registered holder thereof at its last known address as indicated in the Note Register, that states the reason such Note (or portion thereof) has not been accepted for payment.

In order for a Survivor's Option to be validly exercised with respect to any Note (or portion thereof), the Trustee must receive from the Representative of the deceased owner (i) a written request for repayment signed by the Representative, and such signature must be guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, (ii) tender of a Note (or portion thereof) to be repaid, (iii) appropriate evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that (A) the deceased was the owner of a beneficial interest in such Note at the time of death and for at least six months prior to such Owner's death, (B) the death of such beneficial owner has occurred and (C) the Representative has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner, (iv) if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement, and (v) if the beneficial interest in such Note is held by a nominee of the deceased beneficial owner, a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such nominee attesting to the deceased's ownership of a beneficial interest in such Note, and (vi) tax waivers and such other instruments or documents that the Trustee reasonably requires in order to establish the validity of ownership of the Notes and the Claimants entitled to payment. Subject to the Company's right hereunder to limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any one calendar year, all questions as to the eligibility or validity of any exercise of the Survivor's Option will be determined by the Trustee, in its sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding on all parties.

The death of a person owning a Note in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety with another or others shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment, together with interest accrued thereon to the repayment date. The death of a person owning a Note by tenancy in common shall be deemed the death of a holder of a Note only with respect to the deceased holder's interest in the Note so held by tenancy in common; except that in the event a Note is held by husband and wife as tenants in common, the death of either shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment. The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial interests of ownership of a Note, shall be deemed the death of the holder thereof for purposes of this provision, regardless of the registered holder, if such beneficial interest can be established to the satisfaction of the Trustee. Such beneficial interest shall be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership, ownership under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife and trust arrangements where

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one person has substantially all of the beneficial ownership interest in the Note during his or her lifetime.

For Notes represented by a Global Note, the Depository or its nominee shall be the holder of such Note and therefore shall be the only entity that can exercise the Survivor's Option for such Note. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option with respect to such Note, the Representative must provide to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in such Note is held by the deceased owner (i) the documents described in clauses (i), (iii) and (vi) of the second preceding paragraph and (ii) instructions to such broker or other entity to notify the Depository of such Representative's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option. Such broker or other entity shall provide to the Trustee (i) the documents received from the Representative referred to in clause (i) of the preceding sentence and (ii) a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such

broker or other entity stating that it represents the deceased beneficial owner. Such broker or other entity shall be responsible for disbursing any payments it receives pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option to the appropriate Representative.

SECTION 3.06. Repayment Option. If so specified in any Note, the beneficial owner of that Note shall have the option to elect repayment of such Note (the "Repayment Option") upon delivery of an irrevocable notice of exercise of such option to the Company and the Trustee. Such notice shall be delivered at least 30, but no more than 60 days prior to the next Interest Payment Date proposed as the date for repayment. Repurchases of Notes upon exercise of the Repayment Option shall occur only on an Interest Payment Date. Unless otherwise specified in the Note, such repayment shall be paid at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the beneficial interest subject to such repayment, plus accrued interest to the date of such repayment. The Note may prescribe an alternate purchase price formula.

In order for a Repayment Option to be validly exercised with respect to any Note (or portion thereof), the Trustee must receive from the beneficial owner of such Note (i) a written request for repayment signed by the beneficial owner of such Note, with signature guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the NASD or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, (ii) tender of the Note (or portion thereof) to be repaid, (iii) appropriate evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that such individual is the owner of a beneficial interest in such Note and (iv) if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement.

For Notes represented by a Global Note, the Depository or its nominee shall be the holder of such Note and therefore shall be the only entity that can exercise the Repayment Option for such Note. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Repayment Option with respect to such Note, the beneficial owner of such Note must provide to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in such Note is held by such beneficial owner (i) the documents described in clauses (i) and (iii) of the preceding paragraph and (ii) instructions to such broker or other entity to notify the Depository of such beneficial owner's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Repayment Option.

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In addition, the beneficial owner shall provide the Trustee with such additional information and documentation as the Trustee shall reasonably request.

ARTICLE FOUR.
PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENTS

SECTION 4.01. Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest. The Company will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on each of the Notes at the place, at the respective times and in the manner provided in the terms of the Notes and in this Indenture.

Each Note will bear interest from and including its Issue Date at the rate per annum set forth in such Note and until the principal amount thereof is paid, or made available for payment, in full. Interest on each Note will be payable either periodically on each Interest Payment Date as set forth in such Note or at Maturity (or on the date of redemption or repayment if a Note is repurchased by the Company prior to Maturity pursuant to mandatory or optional redemption provisions or the Survivor's Option). Interest will be payable to the person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date next preceding each Interest Payment Date; provided, however, interest payable at Maturity, on a date of redemption or repayment or in connection with the exercise of the Survivor's Option will be payable to the person to whom principal shall be payable.

Any payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest required to be made on a Note on a day which is not a Business Day need not be made on such day, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such day, and no additional interest shall accrue as a result of such delayed payment. Unless otherwise specified in a Note, any interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Unless otherwise specified in a Board Resolution or in the Note:

(a) the Interest Payment Dates for a Note that provides for monthly interest payments shall be the fifteenth day of each calendar month commencing in the first calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued;

(b) In the case of a Note that provides for quarterly interest

payments, the Interest Payment Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each of the months specified in the Pricing Supplement, commencing in the third succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued;

(c) In the case of a Note that provides for semi-annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each of the months specified in the Pricing Supplement, commencing in the sixth succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued; and

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(d) In the case of a Note that provides for annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Date shall be the fifteenth day of the month specified in the Pricing Supplement, commencing in the twelfth succeeding calendar month following the month in which the Note is issued.

The Regular Record Date with respect to any Interest Payment Date shall be the first day of the calendar month in which such Interest Payment Date occurs, except that the Regular Record Date with respect to the final Interest Payment Date shall be the final Interest Payment Date.

Each payment of interest on a Note shall include accrued interest from and including the Issue Date or from and including the last day in respect of which interest has been paid (or duly provided for), as the case may be, to, but excluding, the Interest Payment Date or Maturity Date, as the case may be.

Promptly after each Regular Record Date, the Trustee will deliver to the Company and the Depositary a written notice specifying by CUSIP number the amount of interest to be paid on each Note (other than an Interest Payment Date coinciding with the Maturity Date) and the total of such amounts. On such Interest Payment Date, the Company will pay to the Trustee, and the Trustee in turn will pay to the Depositary in accordance with procedures agreed to by the Depositary, such total amount of interest due.

All interest payments on Book-Entry Notes will be paid by the Trustee to the Depositary in accordance with existing arrangements between the Trustee and the Depositary. Thereafter, on each Interest Payment Date, the Depositary will pay, in accordance with its operating procedures then in effect, such amounts in funds available for immediate use to the respective participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in principal amount of beneficial interest in such Global Note as are recorded in the book-entry system maintained by the Depositary. Neither the Company nor the Trustee shall have any direct responsibility or liability for the payment by the Depositary of the principal of or interest on, the Book-Entry Notes to such participants. If any Interest Payment Date for any Note is not a Business Day, the payment due on such day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date.

On or about the first Business Day of each month, the Trustee will deliver to the Company and the Depositary a written list of principal and interest to be paid on each Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes maturing in the following month. The Trustee, the Company and the Depositary will confirm the amounts of such principal and interest payments with respect to each Global Note on or about the fifth Business Day preceding the Maturity Date of such Global Note. On the Maturity Date, the Company will pay to the Trustee, and the Trustee in turn will pay to the Depositary, the principal amount of such Global Note, together with interest due on such Maturity Date.

If any Maturity Date of a Note is not a Business Day, the payment due on such day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue on such payment for

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the period from and after such Maturity Date. Promptly after payment to the Depositary of the principal and interest due on the Maturity Date of such Global Note and all Book-Entry Notes represented by such Global Note, the Trustee will cancel and destroy such Global Note in accordance with the Indenture and deliver a certificate of destruction to the Company.

The amount of any taxes required under applicable law to be withheld from any interest payment on a Book-Entry Note will be determined and withheld by the participant, indirect participant in the Depositary or other person responsible for forwarding payments and materials directly to the beneficial owner of such Note.

Any interest payments on a certificated Note (other than interest on

the Maturity Date) will be made by check and mailed by the Company to the person entitled thereto as listed on the Note Register.

SECTION 4.02. Paying Agents. The Company shall maintain one or more Paying Agents for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (interest, if any) on the Notes of each series as provided in the terms of the Notes of such series. The Company agrees to keep the Trustee advised of the name and location of each Paying Agent if such Paying Agent is not the Trustee. The Paying Agents shall arrange for the payment, from funds furnished by the Company pursuant to this Indenture, of the principal and interest with respect to the Notes.

The Company hereby initially appoints The Bank of New York as the Company's Paying Agent for the Book-Entry Notes (the "Paying Agent," which term shall include any successor as Paying Agent for the Book-Entry Notes). The Company reserves the right, subject to the terms of the Notes of any series, to terminate any such appointment at any time as to such series and to appoint any other Paying Agents in respect of the Notes of such series in such places as it may deem appropriate.

SECTION 4.03. Provisions As To Paying Agents. (a) Whenever the Company shall appoint a paying agent other than the Trustee with respect to the Notes of any series, it will cause such paying agent to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section:

(1) that it will hold sums held by it as such agent for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on the Notes of such series (whether such sums have been paid to it by the Company or by any other obligor on the Notes of such series) in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided and will notify the Trustee of the receipt of sums to be so held;

(2) that it will give the Trustee notice of any failure by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Notes of such series) to make any payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or any interest on the Notes of such series when the same shall be due and payable; and

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(3) that at any time when any such failure has occurred and is continuing, it will, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such paying agent.

(b) If the Company shall act as its own paying agent, it will, on or before each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on the Notes of any series, set aside, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay such principal (and premium, if any) or any interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee of any failure to take such action.

(c) Whenever the Company shall have one or more paying agents with respect to a series of Notes it will, on or prior to each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on, any Notes, deposit with a paying agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or any interest, so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such principal, premium or interest, and (unless such paying agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

(d) Anything in this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may, at any time for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to one or more or all series of Notes hereunder, or for any other reason, pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee all sums held in trust for such series by it or any paying agent hereunder as required by this Section, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the trusts herein contained, 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.

(e) Anything in this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the agreement to hold sums in trust as provided in this Section is subject to the provisions of Sections 12.03 and 12.04.

SECTION 4.04. Offices for Notices, Etc. As long as any of the Notes

remain outstanding, the Company will designate and maintain an office or agency where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment, registration of transfer and for exchange as provided in this Indenture and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes or of this Indenture may be served, other than demands for payment. The Company will give to the Trustee notice of the location of each such office or agency and of any change in the location thereof. In case the Company shall fail to maintain any such office or agency, or shall fail to give such notice of the location or of any change in the location thereof, such notices and demands may be served at the corporate trust office of the Trustee specified in Section 14.03 hereof.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes of one or more series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such

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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 accordance with the requirements set forth above for Notes of any series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee and the holders of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Company hereby initially designates the principal corporate trust office of The Bank of New York, 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286 as the office of the Company where Notes may be presented for payment, for registration or transfer and for exchange as in this Indenture provided and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes or of this Indenture may be served.

SECTION 4.05. Determination of Additional Amounts. If Notes provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, the Company will pay to the holder of any Note, Additional Amounts as provided therein. Whenever in this Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on, or in respect of, any Note or net proceeds received on the sale or exchange of any Note, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts provided for in this Section to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to the provisions of this Section and express mention of the payment of Additional Amounts (if applicable) in any provisions hereof shall not be construed as excluding Additional Amounts in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made.

If Notes provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, at least 10 days prior to the first interest payment date with respect to those Notes (or, if the Notes of that series will not bear interest prior to maturity (including any maturity occurring by reason of call of redemption or otherwise), the first day on which a payment of principal and any premium is made), and at least 10 days prior to each date of payment of principal and any premium or interest if there has been any change with respect to the matters set forth in the below-mentioned Officers' Certificate, the Company will furnish the Trustee and the Company's principal paying agent or paying agents, if other than the Trustee, with an Officers' Certificate instructing the Trustee and such paying agent or paying agents whether such payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on those Notes shall be made to holders those Notes who are United States Aliens without withholding for or on account of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge described in the Notes. If any such withholding shall be required, then such Officers' Certificate shall specify by country the amount, if any, required to be withheld on such payments to such holders of those Notes and the Company will pay to the Trustee or such paying agent the Additional Amounts required by this Section. The Company covenants to indemnify the Trustee and any paying agent for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or expense reasonably incurred without negligence or bad faith on their part arising out of or in connection with actions taken or omitted by any of them in reliance on any Officers' Certificate furnished pursuant to this Section.

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ARTICLE FIVE.
NOTEHOLDER LISTS AND REPORTS BY THE
COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE.

SECTION 5.01. Noteholder Lists. The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee, semiannually, not later than January 15 and July 15 in each year and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after receipt by the Company of any such request, a list in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require containing all the information in the possession or control of the Company or any of its Paying Agents (other than the

Trustee in its capacity as a Paying Agent), as to the names and addresses of the holders of Notes of particular series specified by the Trustee as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such information is furnished, provided, however, that if and so long as the Trustee shall be the Note Registrar, such list shall not be required to be furnished. At the Trustee's direction, the Company will furnish copies of the same reports to the Depository.

SECTION 5.02. Preservation and Disclosure of Lists.

(a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of the holders of each series of Notes (i) contained in the most recent list furnished to it as provided in Section 5.01, (ii) received by the Trustee in its capacity as Note Registrar or a Paying Agent or (iii) filed with it within the preceding two years pursuant to Section 5.04(d). The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 5.01 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

(b) In case three or more holders of Notes (hereinafter referred to as "applicants") apply in writing to the Trustee and furnish to the Trustee reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Note of such series for a period of at least six months preceding the date of such application, and such application states that the applicants desire to communicate with other holders of Notes of a particular series (in which case the applicants must hold Notes of such series) or with holders of all Notes with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under such Notes and it is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then the Trustee shall, within five business days after the receipt of such application, at its election, either:

(1) afford to such applicants access to the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, or

(2) inform such applicants as to the approximate number of holders of Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be, whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, and as to the approximate cost of mailing to such noteholders the form of proxy or other communication, if any, specified in such application.

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If the Trustee shall elect not to afford to such applicants access to such information, the Trustee shall, upon the written request of such applicants, mail to each holder of Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be, whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to the Trustee of the material to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of mailing, unless within five days after such tender, the Trustee shall mail to such applicants and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), together with a copy of the material to be mailed, a written statement to the effect that, in the opinion of the Trustee, such mailing would be contrary to the best interests of the holders of Notes of such series or all Notes, as the case may be, or would be in violation of applicable law. Such written statement shall specify the basis of such opinion. If the Commission after opportunity for a hearing upon the objections specified in the written statement so filed, shall enter an order refusing to sustain any of such objections or if, after the entry of an order sustaining one or more of such objections, the Commission shall find, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that all the objections so sustained have been met, and shall enter an order so declaring, the Trustee shall mail copies of such material to all such holders with reasonable promptness after the entry of such order and the renewal of such tender; otherwise the Trustee shall be relieved of any obligation or duty to such applicants respecting their application.

(c) Each and every holder of Notes, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, or any agent of the Company or of the Trustee shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the holders of Notes in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request

made under said subsection (b).

SECTION 5.03. Reports by the Company. The Company shall, so long as the Notes are Outstanding:

(a) file with the Trustee, within 15 days after the Company is required to file the same with the Commission, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or, if the Company is not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of such sections, then to file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by said Commission, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities

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Exchange Act of 1934 in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations;

(b) file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents, and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants provided for in this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(c) transmit by mail to all the holders of Notes of each series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 5.04(d) with respect to reports pursuant to Section 5.04(a), within thirty days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company with respect to each such series of Notes pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

SECTION 5.04. Reports By The Trustee.

(a) On or about July 15, 2001 and on or before July 15 of each year thereafter, so long as any Notes are outstanding hereunder, the Trustee shall transmit to the holders of Notes, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, a brief report dated as of the preceding May 15, with respect to any of the following events which may have occurred within the previous 12 months (but if no such event has occurred within such period no report needs to be transmitted):

(1) any change in its eligibility under Section 7.09, and its qualifications under Section 7.08;

(2) the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) which remain unpaid on the date of such report, and for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Notes, on any property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, except that the Trustee shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances so remaining unpaid aggregate not more than one-half of 1% of the principal amount of the Notes for any series outstanding on the date of such report;

(3) any change to the amount, interest rate, and maturity date of all other indebtedness owing by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Notes) to the Trustee in its individual capacity, on the date of such report, with a brief description of any property held as collateral security therefor, except an indebtedness based upon a creditor relationship arising in any manner described in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), or (6) of subsection (b) of Section 7.13;

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(4) any change to the property and funds, if any, physically in the possession of the Trustee as such on the date of such report;

(5) the creation of or any material change to a relationship specified in paragraph (1) through (10) of Section 7.08(c);

(6) any additional issue of Notes which it has not previously reported; and

(7) any action taken by the Trustee in the performance of its duties under this Indenture which it has not previously reported and which in its opinion materially affects the Notes, except action in respect of a default, notice of which has been or is to be withheld by it in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.04.

(b) The Trustee shall transmit to the holders of Notes of any series, as provided in subsection (c) of this Section, a brief report with respect to the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) since the date of the last report transmitted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section (or if no such report has yet been so transmitted, since the date of execution of this Indenture), for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge prior to that of the Notes of any series on property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, and which it has not previously reported pursuant to this subsection (b), except that the Trustee for each series shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances remaining unpaid at any time aggregate 10% or less of the principal amount of Notes for such series Outstanding at such time, such report to be transmitted within 90 days after such time.

(c) Reports pursuant to this Section shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all holders of Notes, as the names and addresses of such holders appear in the Note Register;

(2) except in the case of reports pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section, to all holders of Notes whose names and addresses are at that time preserved by the Trustee, as provided in 5.02(a).

(d) A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to holders of Notes, be filed by the Trustee with each stock exchange upon which the Notes are listed and also with the Commission and the Company. The Company agrees to promptly notify the Trustee when and as the Notes become listed on any stock exchange.

(e) So long as the Notes are issued in Book-Entry form, all reports described in this Article Five shall be delivered to the Depository, as holder of the Notes.

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ARTICLE SIX.
REMEDIES.

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default. The term "Event of Default," whenever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(a) the entry of a decree or order by a court having jurisdiction in the premises for relief in respect of the Company under the Federal Bankruptcy laws, as now constituted or as hereafter amended, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(b) the filing by the Company of a petition or answer or consent seeking relief under the Federal Bankruptcy laws, as now constituted or hereafter amended, or the consent by it to the institution of proceedings thereunder or to the filing of any such petition.

SECTION 6.02. Acceleration of Maturity, Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Notes Outstanding may declare the principal (or, if any of the Notes of that series are Original Issue Discount Notes, such portion of the principal amount of such Notes as may be specified in the terms thereof) of all the Notes to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by the noteholders), and upon any such declaration such principal (or

specified amount) shall become immediately due and payable.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration 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 Notes Outstanding, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if

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

(i) all overdue installments of interest on all Notes,

(ii) the principal of any Notes which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate borne by such Notes,

(iii) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by such Notes, and

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(iv) 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

(b) all Events of Default have been cured or waived as provided in Section 6.13.

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

Upon receipt by the Trustee of any such a declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment thereof, with respect to Notes of a series all or part of which is represented by a global Note, the Trustee shall establish a record date for determining holders of Notes of such series Outstanding entitled to join in such declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, which record date shall be at the close of business on the day the Trustee receives such declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be. The holders on such record date, or their duly designated proxies, and only such persons, shall be entitled to join in such declaration of acceleration, 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 of acceleration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, shall have become effective by virtue of the requisite percentage having been obtained prior to the day which is 90 days after such record date, such declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, shall automatically and without further action by any holder be cancelled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a holder, or a proxy of a holder, from giving, after expiration of such 90-day period, a new declaration of acceleration, or rescission or annulment thereof, as the case may be, that is identical to a declaration of acceleration, or rescission or annulment thereof, which has been cancelled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this Section 6.02.

SECTION 6.03. Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee. The Company covenants that if:

(a) default is made in the payment of any installment of interest on any Notes when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days, or

(b) default is made in the payment of the principal of any Note at the maturity thereof, including any maturity occurring by reason of a call for redemption or otherwise, or

(c) the Company defaults in the performance, or breach, of any of its other covenants or agreements in the Note or in this Indenture and such default or breach continues for a period of 90 days after the date on which written notice of such Company to remedy the same and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder, shall have been given by registered mail to the Company by the Trustee, or to the Company

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and the Trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal

amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding,

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of such Notes appertaining thereto, the whole amount that shall have become due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest upon the overdue principal, if any, and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, upon overdue installments of interest, at the rate borne by such Notes; 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 the Company fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such proceedings to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes and collect the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes, wherever situated.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the noteholders 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.

Notwithstanding any provision in this Section 6.03 to the contrary, neither the Trustee nor the noteholders shall have the right to accelerate payment of any Notes of any series Outstanding or otherwise to declare such Notes immediately due and payable, except as set forth in Section 6.02 above.

SECTION 6.04. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In the case of the pendency of a receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes or the property of the Company or such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (and premium, if any) and any interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the holders of Notes allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

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(b) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator or sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each holder of Notes 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 of Notes, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to 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 7.06. To the extent that such payment of reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements, advances and other amounts out of the estate in any such proceedings shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, moneys, securities and other property which the holders of the Notes may be entitled to receive in such proceedings, whether in liquidation or under any plan or reorganization or arrangements or otherwise.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any holder of a Note any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or compensation affecting the Notes or the rights of any holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any holder of a Note in any such proceeding.

SECTION 6.05. Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Notes. All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Notes may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes 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 Notes in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

SECTION 6.06. 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 (and premium, if any) or any interest, upon presentation of the Notes, 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 7.06;

SECOND: Subject to Article Fifteen, to the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the Notes, 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 Notes, for principal (and premium, if any) and any interest, respectively; and

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THIRD: To the Company or its successors or assigns, or to whomsoever may be lawfully entitled to receive the same.

SECTION 6.07. Limitation on Suits. No holder of any Note of any series 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:

(a) such holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Default;

(b) the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, 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;

(c) 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;

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

(e) 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 Notes;

it being understood and intended that no one or more such holders of Notes 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 of Notes 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 such holders of Notes.

SECTION 6.08. Unconditional Right of Noteholders to Receive Principal, Premium and Interest. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture but subject to the provisions of Article Fifteen, the holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.02 and 4.01) any interest on such Notes on the respective stated maturities expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

SECTION 6.09. Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any holder of a Note 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 the Company, the Trustee and the holders of Notes shall, subject to any determination in such proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and

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remedies of the Trustee and the holders shall continue as though no such proceeding has been instituted.

SECTION 6.10. Rights and Remedies Cumulative. Except as provided in Section 2.08, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the holders of Notes 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 6.11. Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any holder of any Note to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the holders of Notes may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the holders of Notes, as the case may be.

SECTION 6.12. Control by Noteholders. The holders of a majority in principal amount of Outstanding Notes of each 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 Notes of such series, provided that

(a) such direction shall not be in conflict with any statute, rule of law or with this Indenture;

(b) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction; and

(c) subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, the Trustee need not take any action which it in good faith determines might involve it in personal liability or be unjustly prejudicial to the holders not consenting.

Upon receipt by the Trustee of any such direction with respect to Notes of a series all or part of which is represented by a Global Note, the Trustee shall establish a record date for determining holders of Outstanding Notes of such series entitled to join in such direction, which record date shall be at the close of business on the day the Trustee receives such direction. The holders on such record date, or their duly designated proxies, 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 majority in principal amount shall have been obtained prior to the day which is 90 days after such record date, such direction shall automatically and without further action by any holder be cancelled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a holder, or a proxy of a holder, from giving, after expiration of such 90-day period, a new direction identical to a direction which has been cancelled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this Section 6.12.

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SECTION 6.13. Waiver of Past Defaults. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of each series may, on behalf of the holders of all the Notes, waive any past default hereunder and its consequences, except a default

(a) in the payment of the principal of (premium, if any) or any interest on any Note, or

(b) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof that pursuant to Article Ten cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each Outstanding Note affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Default or 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 6.14. Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each holder of any Note by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, 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, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit,

having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any holder, or group of holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, or to any suit instituted by any holder of any Notes for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of (premium, if any) or any interest on any Note on or after the respective stated maturities expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date except, in the case of a partial redemption, with respect to the portion not so redeemed).

SECTION 6.15. Waiver of 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 stay or extension laws 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 benefits 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.

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ARTICLE SEVEN.
CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE.

SECTION 7.01. Duties And Responsibilities of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee, prior to the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Notes and after the curing of all Defaults or Events or Default with respect to such series which may have occurred, undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties with respect to such series as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee and in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Trustee, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(b) In case a Default or an Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Notes has occurred (which has not been cured), the Trustee shall exercise with respect to such series such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

(c) No provisions of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) this Section 7.01 (c) shall not be construed to limit the effect of Section 7.01 (a);

(ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer or Officers, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the holders of Notes Outstanding pursuant to Section 6.12 relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture.

(d) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed as requiring the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or

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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.

SECTION 7.02. Reliance on Documents, Opinions, Etc. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01:

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

(b) any request, direction, order or demand of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Order; and any Board Resolution may be evidenced to the Trustee by a copy thereof certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company; and 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;

(c) the Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the written advice of 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 accordance with such written advice or Opinion of Counsel;

(d) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the noteholders, pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture, unless such noteholders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred therein or thereby;

(e) 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 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 pertaining to the Notes, personally or by agent or attorney;

(f) 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; and

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(g) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

SECTION 7.03. No Responsibility for Recitals, Etc. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Notes provided that the Trustee shall not be relieved of its duty to authenticate Notes only as authorized by this Indenture. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of Notes or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 7.04. Ownership of Notes. The Trustee, or any agent of the Company or of the Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes with the same rights, subject to Section 7.08 and Section 7.13, it would have if it were not Trustee or an agent of the Company or of the Trustee.

SECTION 7.05. Moneys To Be Held in Trust. Subject to the provisions of Section 12.04 hereof, all moneys received by the Trustee or any Paying Agent shall, until used or applied as herein provided, be held in trust for the purposes for which they were received, but need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. Neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be under any liability for interest on any moneys received by it

hereunder except such as it may agree with the Company to pay thereon.

SECTION 7.06. Compensation and Expenses of Trustee. The Company covenants and agrees to pay to the Trustee from time to time, and the Trustee shall be entitled to, reasonable compensation, and, except as otherwise expressly provided, the Company will pay or reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any of the provisions of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its counsel and of all other persons not regularly in its employ) except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may arise from its negligence or bad faith. If any property other than cash shall at any time be subject to the lien of this Indenture, the Trustee, if and to the extent authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction or by the supplemental instrument subjecting such property to such lien, shall be entitled to make advances for the purpose of preserving such property or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon. The Company also covenants to indemnify the Trustee, its officers, directors and employees for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or reasonable expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on the part of the Trustee or such officer, director and employee arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust or the performance of their duties hereunder, including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending themselves against any claim of liability in the premises. The obligations of the Company under this Section to compensate the Trustee and to pay or reimburse the Trustee for reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances shall constitute additional indebtedness hereunder. Such additional indebtedness shall be secured by a lien prior to that of the Notes upon all property and funds held

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or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the benefit of the holders of particular Notes.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any bankruptcy law.

The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

SECTION 7.07. Officers' Certificate as Evidence. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, whenever in the administration of the provisions of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking or suffering any action to be taken hereunder, such matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of negligence or bad faith on the part of the Trustee, be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee, and such certificate, in the absence of negligence or bad faith on the part of the Trustee, shall be full warrant to the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it under the provisions of this Indenture upon the faith thereof.

SECTION 7.08. Conflicting Interest of Trustee.

(a) If the Trustee has or shall acquire any conflicting interest, as defined in this Section, it shall, within 90 days after ascertaining that it has such conflicting interest, and if an Event of Default as defined in subsection (c) of this Section to which such conflicting interest relates has not been cured or duly waived or otherwise eliminated before the end of such 90-day period, either eliminate such conflicting interest or resign in the manner and with the effect specified in Section 7.10.

(b) (1) In the event that the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, the Trustee shall, within 10 days after the expiration of such 90-day period, transmit notice of such failure in the manner and to the extent set forth in Section 5.04(c), to all noteholders of the series affected by the conflicting interest.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Section 6.14, unless the Trustee's duty to resign is stayed as provided below in this Section, any noteholder who has been a bona fide holder of Notes of any series affected by the conflicting interest 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 such Trustee, and the appointment of a successor, if such Trustee fails, after written request thereof by such holder to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) For the purposes of this Section the Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to Notes of a particular series if a default (under the terms of this Indenture, but exclusive of any period of grace or requirement of notice) has occurred with respect to such Notes, and:

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(1) the Trustee is trustee under this Indenture with respect to the Outstanding Notes of any other series or is trustee under another indenture under which any other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the Company are outstanding, unless such other indenture is a collateral trust indenture under which the only collateral consists of Notes issued under this Indenture; provided, however, that there shall be excluded from the operation of this paragraph, (A) this Indenture with respect to Notes of any other series, and (B) any other indenture or indentures under which other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in other securities, of the Company are outstanding if:

(i) this Indenture is, and, if applicable, such other indenture or indentures are, wholly unsecured and rank equally, and such other indenture or indentures are hereafter qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, as in effect at the time of such qualification, unless the Commission shall have found and declared by order pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 305 or subsection (c) of Section 307 of the Trust Indenture Act that differences exist between the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such particular series and (A) one or more other series in this Indenture or (B) the provisions of such other indenture or indentures which are so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to such particular series and such other series or such other indenture or indentures, or

(ii) the Company shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that trusteeship under this Indenture with respect to such particular series and such other series or under this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures is not so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to such particular series and such other series or under this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures;

(2) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is an underwriter for the Company;

(3) the Trustee directly or indirectly controls or is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under direct or indirect common control with an underwriter for the Company;

(4) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is a director, officer, partner, employee, appointee, or representative of the Company, or of an

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underwriter (other than the Trustee itself) for the Company who is currently engaged in the business of underwriting, except that (A) one individual may be a director or an executive officer or both of the Trustee and a director or an executive officer or both of the Company, but may not be at the same time an executive officer of both the Trustee and the Company; (B) if and so long as the number of directors of the Trustee in office is more than nine, one additional individual may be a director or an executive officer or both of the Trustee and a director of the Company; and (C) the Trustee may be designated by the Company or by any underwriter for the Company to act in the capacity of transfer agent, registrar,

custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent, escrow agent, or depository, or in any other similar capacity, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection (c), to act as trustee, whether under an indenture or otherwise;

(5) 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by the Company or by any director, partner, or executive officer thereof, or 20% or more of such voting securities is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more of such persons, or 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by an underwriter for the Company or by any director, partner, or executive officer thereof, or is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more such persons;

(6) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default as hereinafter described in this subsection, (A) 5% or more of the voting securities, or 10% or more of any other class of security, of the Company, not including the Notes issued under this Indenture and securities issued under any other indenture under which the Trustee is also trustee, or (B) 10% or more of any class of security of an underwriter for the Company;

(7) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default as hereinafter described in this subsection, 5% or more of the voting securities of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 10% or more of the voting securities of, or controls directly or indirectly or is under direct or indirect common control with, the Company;

(8) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default as hereinafter described in this subsection, 10% or more of any class of security of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company; or

(9) the Trustee owns on the date of default of the Notes as defined in subsection (c) of this Section or any anniversary of such default while such default remains outstanding, in the capacity of executor, administrator, testamentary or inter vivos trustee, guardian, committee or conservator, or in any

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other similar capacity, an aggregate of 25% or more of the voting securities, or of any class of security, of any person, the beneficial ownership of a specified percentage of which would have constituted a conflicting interest under paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of this subsection (c). As to any such securities of which the Trustee acquired ownership through becoming executor, administrator, or testamentary trustee of an estate which included them, the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply, for a period of not more than two years from the date of such acquisition, to the extent that such securities included in such estate do not exceed 25% of such voting securities or 25% of any such class of security. Promptly after the dates of any such default and annually in each succeeding year that the Notes of any series hereunder remain in default, the Trustee shall make a check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of such dates. If the Company fails to make payment in full of principal of or interest on any of the Notes when and as the same become due and payable, and such failure continues for thirty days thereafter, the Trustee shall make a prompt check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of the date of the expiration of such thirty day period, and after such date, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (9), all such securities so held by the Trustee, with sole or joint control over such securities vested in it, shall, but only so long as such failure shall continue, be considered as though beneficially owned by the Trustee for the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection (c); or

(10) except under the circumstances described in subsections (1), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of Section 7.13(b), the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor of the Company.

The specification of percentages in paragraphs (5) to (9), inclusive, of this subsection (c) shall not be construed as indicating that the ownership of such percentages of the securities of a person is or is not necessary or sufficient to constitute direct or indirect control for the purposes of paragraph (3) or (7) or this subsection (c).

For the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) of this subsection (c) only, (A) the terms "security" and "securities" shall include only such securities as are generally known as corporate securities, but shall not include any note or other evidence of indebtedness issued to evidence an obligation to repay moneys lent to a person by one or more banks, trust companies or banking firms, or any certificate of interest or participation in any such note or evidence of indebtedness; (B) an obligation shall be deemed to be in default when a default in payment of principal shall have continued for thirty days or more and shall not have been cured; and (C) the Trustee shall not be deemed to be the owner or holder of (i) any security which it holds as collateral security (as trustee or otherwise) for any obligation which is not in default as defined in clause (B) above, or (ii) any security which it holds as collateral security under this Indenture, irrespective of any default hereunder, or (iii) any security which it holds as agent for collection, or as custodian, escrow agent, or depositary, or in any similar representative capacity.

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(d) For the purposes of this Section:

(1) The term "underwriter" when used with reference to the Company shall mean every person who, within one year prior to the time as of which the determination is made, has purchased from the Company with a view to, or has offered or has sold for the Company in connection with, the distribution of any security of the Company outstanding at such time, or has participated or has had a direct or indirect participation in any such undertaking, or has participated or has had a participation in the direct or indirect underwriting of any such undertaking, but such term shall not include a person whose interest was limited to a commission from an underwriter or dealer not in excess of the usual and customary distributors' or sellers' commission.

(2) The term "director" shall mean any director of a corporation or any individual performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated.

(3) The term "person" shall mean an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint-stock company, a trust, an unincorporated organization, or a government or political subdivision thereof. As used in this paragraph, the term "trust" shall include only a trust where the interest or interests of the beneficiary or beneficiaries are evidenced by a security.

(4) The term "voting security" shall mean any security presently entitling the owner or holder thereof to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person, or any security issued under or pursuant to any trust, agreement or arrangement whereby a trustee or trustees or agent or agents for the owner or holder of such security currently are entitled to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person.

(5) The term "Company" shall mean any obligor upon the Notes.

(6) The term "executive officer" shall mean the president, every vice president, every trust officer, the cashier, the secretary, and the treasurer of a corporation, and any individual customarily performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated but shall not include the chairman of the board of directors.

(7) The percentages of voting securities and other securities specified in this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) A specified percentage of the voting securities of the Trustee, the Company or any other

person referred to in this Section (each of whom is referred to as a "person" in this paragraph) means such amount of the outstanding voting securities of such person as entitles the holder or

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holders thereof to cast such specified percentage of the aggregate votes which the holders of all the outstanding voting securities of such person are entitled to cast in the direction or management of the affairs of such person.

(ii) A specified percentage of a class of securities of a person means such percentage of the aggregate amount of securities of the class outstanding.

(iii) The term "amount", when used in regard to securities, means the principal amount if relating to evidences of indebtedness, the number of shares if relating to capital shares, and the number of units if relating to any other kind of security.

(iv) The term "outstanding" means issued and not held by or for the account of the issuer. The following securities shall not be deemed outstanding within the meaning of this definition:

(A) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to securities of the issuer of the same class;

(B) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to another class of securities of the issuer, if the obligation evidenced by such other class of securities is not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise;

(C) securities pledged by the issuer thereof as security for an obligation of the issuer not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise; and

(D) securities held in escrow if placed in escrow by the issuer thereof;

provided, however, that any voting securities of an issuer shall be deemed outstanding if any person other than the issuer is entitled to exercise the voting rights thereof.

(v) A security shall be deemed to be of the same class as another security if both securities confer upon the holder or holders thereof substantially the same rights and privileges, provided, however, that in the case of secured evidences of indebtedness, all of which are issued under a single indenture, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates of various series thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute such series different classes and provided, further, that, in the case of unsecured evidences of indebtedness, differences in the interest rates or maturity

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dates thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute them securities of different classes, whether or not they are issued under a single indenture.

(e) Except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Notes of any series, or in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment, the Trustee shall not be required to resign as provided by subsection (c) of this Section if the Trustee shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that (i) such default may be cured or waived during a reasonable period and under the procedures described in such application, and (ii) a stay of the

Trustee's duty to resign will not be inconsistent with the interests of the holders of the Notes of any series issued hereunder. The filing of such an application shall automatically stay the performance of the duty to resign until such Commission orders otherwise. Any resignation of the Trustee shall become effective only upon the appointment of a successor trustee and such successor's acceptance of such appointment as provided in Section 7.11.

(f) If Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act is amended at any time after the date of this Indenture to change the circumstances under which a Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to the Notes of any series or to change any of the definitions in connection therewith, this Section 7.08 shall be automatically amended to incorporate such changes, unless such changes would cause any Trustee then acting as Trustee hereunder with respect to any Outstanding Notes to be deemed to have a conflicting interest, in which case such changes shall be incorporated herein only to the extent that such changes (i) would not cause the Trustee to be deemed to have a conflicting interest, or (ii) are required by law.

SECTION 7.09. Eligibility of Trustee. There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, which (a) is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and (b) is subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority and (c) shall have at all times a combined capital and surplus of not less than five million dollars. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law, or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such corporation at any time shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. In case at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in Section 7.10.

SECTION 7.10. Resignation or Removal of Trustee. (a) The Trustee, or any trustee or trustees hereafter appointed, may at any time resign with respect to one or more or all series of Notes by giving written notice of resignation to the Company. Upon receiving such notice of resignation the Company shall promptly appoint a successor trustee with respect to the applicable series of Notes by written instrument, in duplicate, executed by order of the Board of Directors of the Company, one copy of which instrument shall be delivered to the resigning Trustee and one copy to the successor trustee. If no successor trustee shall have been so

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appointed and have accepted appointment within thirty days after the receipt of such notice of resignation by the Company, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee, or any holder of Notes who has been a bona fide holder of a Note or Notes of the applicable series for at least six months may subject to the provisions of Section 6.04, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any such court for the appointment of a successor trustee. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a successor trustee.

(b) In case at any time any of the following shall occur:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 7.08 with respect to any series of Notes after written request therefor by the Company or by any noteholder who has been a bona fide holder of a Note or Notes of such series for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.09 with respect to any series of Notes and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such noteholder, or

(3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting with respect to any series of Notes, 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, the Company may remove the Trustee with respect to the applicable series of Notes and appoint a successor trustee with respect to such series by written instrument, in duplicate, executed by order of the Board of Directors of the Company, one copy of which

instrument shall be delivered to the Trustee so removed and one copy to the successor trustee, or, subject to the provisions of Section 6.04, any noteholder of such series who has been a bona fide holder of a Note or Notes of the applicable series 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 and the appointment of a successor trustee with respect to such series. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee.

(c) The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of all series (voting as one class) at the time outstanding may at any time remove the Trustee with respect to Notes of all series and appoint a successor trustee with respect to the Notes of all series.

(d) Any resignation or removal of the Trustee and any appointment of a successor trustee pursuant to any of the provisions of this Section shall become effective upon the appointment of a successor trustee and the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee as provided in Section 7.11.

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(e) The Trustee shall be paid all amounts owed to it upon its removal or resignation.

SECTION 7.11. Acceptance by Successor Trustee. Any successor trustee appointed as provided in Section 7.10 shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to its predecessor trustee an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the predecessor trustee with respect to all or any applicable series shall become effective and such successor trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations with respect to such series of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as trustee herein; but, nevertheless, on the written request of the Company or of the successor trustee, the trustee ceasing to act shall, upon payment of any amounts then due it pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.06, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor trustee all the rights and powers of the trustee so ceasing to act. Upon request of any such successor trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments in writing in order more fully and certainly to vest in and confirm to such successor trustee all such rights and powers. Any trustee ceasing to act shall, nevertheless, retain a lien upon all property or funds held or collected by such trustee to secure any amounts then due it pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.06.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor trustee with respect to the Notes of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the predecessor Trustee and each successor trustee with respect to the Notes of any applicable series shall execute and deliver a Supplemental Indenture which shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the predecessor Trustee with respect to the Notes of any series as to which the predecessor Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the predecessor Trustee, and 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. The Trustee shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of any successor trustee.

No successor trustee shall accept appointment as provided in this Section unless at the time of such acceptance such successor trustee shall be qualified under the provisions of Section 7.08 and eligible under the provisions of Section 7.09.

Upon acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee as provided in this Section, the Company shall give notice of the succession of such trustee hereunder to all holders of Notes of any applicable series in the manner provided in Section 1.02. If the Company fails to give such notice in the prescribed manner within 10 days after the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee, the successor trustee shall cause such notice to be so given at the expense of the Company.

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SECTION 7.12. Successor By Merger, Etc. 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 the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be qualified under the provisions of Section 7.08 and eligible under the provisions of Section 7.09, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding. In case any Notes 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 Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor trustee had itself authenticated the Notes.

SECTION 7.13. Limitations on Rights of Trustee as Creditor.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, if the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor, directly or indirectly, secured or unsecured, of the Company or of any other obligor on the Notes within three months prior to a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, or subsequent to such a default, then, unless and until such default shall be cured, the Trustee shall set apart and hold in a special account for the benefit of the Trustee individually, the holders of the Notes:

(1) an amount equal to any and all reductions in the amount due and owing upon any claim as such creditor in respect of principal or interest, effected after the beginning of such three months' period and valid as against the Company and its other creditors, except any such reduction resulting from the receipt or disposition of any property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection or from the exercise of any right of set-off which the Trustee could have exercised if a petition in bankruptcy had been filed by or against the Company upon the date of such default; and

(2) all property received by the Trustee in respect of any claim as such creditor, either as security therefor, or in satisfaction or composition thereof, or otherwise, after the beginning of such three months' period, or an amount equal to the proceeds of any such property, if disposed of, subject, however, to the rights, if any, of the Company and its other creditors in such property or such proceeds.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall affect the right of the Trustee:

(3) to retain for its own account (i) payments made on account of any such claim by any person (other than the Company) who is liable thereon, and (ii) the proceeds of the bona fide sale of any such claim by the Trustee to a third person, and (iii) distributions made in cash, securities, or other property in respect of claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law;

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(4) to realize, for its own account, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such property was so held prior to the beginning of such three months' period;

(5) to realize, for its own account, but only to the extent of the claim hereinafter mentioned, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such claim was created after the beginning of such three months' period and such property was received as security therefor simultaneously with the creation thereof, and if the Trustee shall sustain the burden of proving that at the time such property was so received the Trustee had no reasonable cause to believe that a default as defined in subsection (c) of this Section would occur within three months; or

(6) to receive payment on any claims referred to in paragraph (4) or (5), against the release of any property held as security for such claim as provided in such paragraph (4) or (5), as the case may be, to the extent of the fair value of such property.

For the purposes of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) above, property substituted after the beginning of such three months' period for property held as security at the time of such substitution shall, to the extent of the fair value of the property released, have the same

status as the property released, and, to the extent that any claim referred to in any of such paragraphs is created in renewal of or in substitution for or for the purpose of repaying or refunding any pre-existing claim of the Trustee as such creditor, such claim shall have the same status as such preexisting claim.

If the Trustee shall be required to account, the funds and property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof shall be apportioned between the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities in such manner that the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities realize, as a result of payments from such special account and payments of dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law, the same percentage of their respective claims, figured before crediting to the claim of the Trustee anything on account of the receipt by it from the Company of the funds and property in such special account and before crediting to the respective claims of the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities, dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law, but after crediting thereon receipts on account of the indebtedness represented by their respective claims from all sources other than from such dividends and from the funds and property so held in such special account. As used in this paragraph, with respect to any claim, the term "dividends" shall include any distribution with respect to such claim, in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to Title 11 of the United States Code or applicable State law, whether such distribution is made in cash, securities, or other property, but shall not include any such distribution with respect to the secured portion, if

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any, of such claim. The court in which such bankruptcy, receivership, or proceeding for reorganization is pending shall have jurisdiction (i) to apportion between the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the funds and property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof, or (ii) in lieu of such apportionment, in whole or in part, to give to the provisions of this paragraph due consideration in determining the fairness of the distributions to be made to the Trustee, the noteholders and the holders of other indenture securities with respect to their respective claims, in which event it shall not be necessary to liquidate or to appraise the value of any securities or other property held in such special account or as security for any such claim, or to make a specific allocation of such distributions as between the secured and unsecured portions of such claims or otherwise to apply the provisions of this paragraph as a mathematical formula.

Any Trustee who has resigned or been removed after the beginning of such three months' period shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection (a) as though such resignation or removal had not occurred. If any Trustee has resigned or been removed prior to the beginning of such three months' period it shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection (a) if and only if the following conditions exist:

(i) the receipt of property or reduction of claim which would have given rise to the obligation to account, if such Trustee had continued as trustee, occurred after the beginning of such three months' period; and

(ii) such receipt of property or reduction of claim occurred within three months after such resignation or removal.

(b) There shall be excluded from the operation of subsection (a) of this Section a creditor relationship arising from:

(1) the ownership or acquisition of securities issued under any indenture, or any security or securities having a maturity of one year or more at the time of acquisition by the Trustee;

(2) advances authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction, or by this Indenture, for the purpose of preserving any property which shall at any time be subject to the lien of this Indenture or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon, if notice of such advance and of the circumstances surrounding the making thereof is given to the noteholders at

the time and in the manner provided in this Indenture;

(3) disbursements made in the ordinary course of business in the capacity of trustee under an indenture, transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent or depositary, or other similar capacity;

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(4) an indebtedness created as a result of services rendered or premises rented; or an indebtedness created as a result of goods or securities sold in a cash transaction as defined in subsection (c) of this Section;

(5) the ownership of stock or of other securities of a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, which is directly or indirectly a creditor of the Company; or

(6) the acquisition, ownership, acceptance or negotiation of any drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances; or obligations which fall within the classification of self-liquidating paper as defined in subsection (c) of this Section.

(c) As used in this Section:

(1) The term "default" shall mean any failure to make payment in full of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest upon any of the Notes when and as such principal (or premium, if any) or interest becomes due and payable.

(2) The term "other indenture securities" shall mean securities upon which the Company is an obligor (as defined in the Trust Indenture Act of 1939) outstanding under any other indenture, (A) under which the Trustee is also trustee, (B) which contains provisions substantially similar to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, and (C) under which a default exists at the time of the apportionment of the funds and property held in the special account referred to in such subsection (a).

(3) The term "cash transaction" shall mean any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks or bankers and payable upon demand.

(4) The term "self-liquidating paper" shall mean any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purposes of financing the purchase, processing, manufacture, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

(5) The term "Company" shall mean any obligor upon the Notes.

SECTION 7.14. Notice of Default. Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to Notes of any series, the Trustee shall transmit to all noteholders

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of such series, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.02, notice of such default hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or any interest of any Notes of such series, or on the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the noteholders of

such series; and provided, further, that in the case of any default of the character specified in clause (c) of Section 6.03 no such notice to noteholders shall be given until at least 30 days after the occurrence thereof. 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, a Default or an Event of Default with respect to Notes of such series.

ARTICLE EIGHT.
CONCERNING THE NOTEHOLDERS.

SECTION 8.01. Action by Noteholders. Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any or all series may take any action (including the making of any demand or request, the giving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced (a) by any instrument or any number of instruments of similar tenor executed by noteholders in person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing, or (b) by the record of the holders of Notes voting in favor thereof at any meeting of noteholders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article Nine, or (c) by a combination of such instrument or instruments and any such record of such a meeting of noteholders.

In determining whether the holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes have taken any action (including the making of any demand or request, the waiving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the principal amount of a Note denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit shall be the U.S. Dollar equivalent, determined as of the date of original issuance of such Note, of the principal amount of such Note.

SECTION 8.02. Proof of Execution By Noteholders. Subject to the provisions of Sections 7.01, 7.02 and 9.05, proof of the execution of any instrument by a noteholder or its agent or proxy shall be sufficient if made in accordance with this Section 8.02. The fact and date of the execution by any such person of any instrument may be proved by the certificate of any notary public, or other officer of any jurisdiction authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds or administer oaths, that the person executing such instrument acknowledged to him the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution sworn to before any such notary or other such officer or by a certificate of any officer of any trust company, bank, banker or recognized securities dealer, satisfactory to the Trustee, who witnessed such execution. If such execution is by an officer of a corporation, association or trust, a trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership on behalf of such corporation, association, trust or partnership, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

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The ownership of the Notes shall be proved by the Note Register or by a certificate of the Note Registrar.

The record of any noteholders' meeting shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 9.06.

SECTION 8.03. Who Are Deemed Absolute Owners. The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or of the Trustee may deem the holder of any Note to be, and may treat him as, the absolute owner of such Note (whether or not such Note shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon), for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on such Note and for all other purposes; and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or of the Trustee shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments so made to any holder for the time being, or upon his order, shall be valid and, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon any such Note.

SECTION 8.04. Company-Owned Notes Disregarded. In determining whether the holders of the required aggregate principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, consent or waiver under this Indenture, Notes which are owned by the Company or any other obligor on the Notes, or by any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company or any other obligor on the Notes, shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for the purpose of any such determination, except that for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, consent or waiver only Notes which a responsible officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding for the purposes of this Section if the pledgee shall establish to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to vote such Notes and that the pledgee is not a person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company or any such other obligor. In the case of a dispute as to such right, any decision by the Trustee

taken upon the advice of counsel shall be full protection to the Trustee.

SECTION 8.05. Revocation of Consents; Future Noteholders Bound. At any time prior to the taking of any action by the holders of the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes specified in this Indenture in connection with such action, any holder of a Note the identifying number of which is shown by the evidence to be included in the Notes the holders of which have consented to such action may, by filing written notice with the Trustee at its office and upon proof of holding as provided in Section 8.02, revoke such action so far as concerns such Note. Except as aforesaid any such action taken by the holder of any Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of such Note and of any Note issued in exchange or substitution therefor irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Note. Any action taken by the holders of the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Notes specified in this Indenture in connection with such action shall be conclusively binding upon the Company, the Trustee and the holders of all the Notes of each series affected thereby.

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SECTION 8.06. Record Date. The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of noteholders of any series entitled to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent or to otherwise take any action under this Indenture authorized or permitted under this Indenture. Such record date shall be the later of the date twenty days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or vote or other action or the date of the most recent list of holders of such Notes delivered to the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee pursuant to Section 5.01 prior to such solicitation. If such a record date is fixed, those persons who were noteholders at the close of business on such record date shall be entitled to vote or consent or take such other action, or to revoke any such action, whether or not such persons continue to be holders after such record date, and for that purpose the outstanding Notes shall be computed as of such record date.

ARTICLE NINE.

NOTEHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

SECTION 9.01. Purposes of Meetings. A meeting of noteholders of any or all series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Article for any of the following purposes:

(1) to give any notice to the Company or to the Trustee, or to give any directions to the Trustee, or to waive any default or Event of Default hereunder and its consequences, or to take any other action authorized to be taken by noteholders pursuant to any of the provisions of Article Six;

(2) to remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee pursuant to the provisions of Article Seven;

(3) to consent to the execution of an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.02; or

(4) to take any other action authorized to be taken by or on behalf of the holders of any specified aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any or all series, as the case may be, under any other provision of this Indenture or under applicable law.

SECTION 9.02. Call of Meetings By Trustee. The Trustee may at any time call a meeting of noteholders of any or all series to take any action specified in Section 9.01, to be held at such time and at such place in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, [or in London, England,] as the Trustee shall determine. Notice of every meeting of the noteholders of any or all series, setting forth the time and 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 1.02, not less than 20 nor more than 180 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

SECTION 9.03. Call of Meetings by Company or Noteholders. In case at any time the Company, pursuant to a Board Resolution, or the holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any or all series, as the case may be, then outstanding, shall have requested the Trustee to call a meeting of noteholders of any or all series to take any action

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authorized in Section 9.01, 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 30 days

after receipt of such request, then the Company or the holders of such Notes in the amount above specified may determine the time and the place in said Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, for such meeting and may call such meeting for such purposes by giving notice thereof as provided in Section 9.02.

SECTION 9.04. Qualification For Voting. To be entitled to vote at any meeting of noteholders a person shall be a holder of one or more Notes of a series with respect to which a meeting is being held or a person appointed by an instrument in writing as proxy by such a holder. The only persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of the noteholders shall be the persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel and any representatives of the Trustee and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

SECTION 9.05. Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of noteholders, in regard to proof of the holding of Notes 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 meeting as it shall think fit.

The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by noteholders as provided in Section 9.03, in which case the Company or the noteholders 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 holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes represented at the meeting and entitled to vote.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 8.01 and 8.04, at any meeting each noteholder or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 (or the U.S. Dollar equivalent thereof in connection with Notes issued in a foreign currency or currency unit) Outstanding principal amount of Notes held or represented by him, provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Note 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 noteholder or proxy. Any meeting of noteholders duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.02 or 9.03 may be adjourned from time to time, and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

SECTION 9.06. Voting. The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of noteholders shall be by written ballot on which shall be subscribed the signatures of the noteholders or proxies and on which shall be inscribed the identifying number or numbers or to which shall be attached a list of identifying numbers of the Notes 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 duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting.

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A record in duplicate of the proceedings of each meeting of noteholders 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 9.02. The record shall be signed and verified by the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one of the duplicates shall be delivered to the Company and the other 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.

ARTICLE TEN.
SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 10.01. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Noteholders. The Company, and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or Supplemental Indenture (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939) for one or more of the following purposes:

(a) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the Company, or successive successions, and the assumption by the successor corporation of the covenants, agreements and obligations of the Company pursuant to Article Eleven hereof;

(b) to add to the covenants of the Company such further covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions as its Board of

Directors and the Trustee shall consider to be for the protection of the holders of all, or any series of, Notes, and to make the occurrence, or the occurrence and continuance, of a Default in any of such additional covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions a Default or an Event of Default with respect to Notes of any or all series permitting the enforcement of all or any of the several remedies provided in this Indenture as herein set forth, with such period of grace, if any, and subject to such conditions as such Supplemental Indenture may provide;

(c) to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to provide for the issuance under this Indenture of Notes, whether or not then outstanding, in bearer form, to add, modify or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of principal of Notes in registered form, and to provide for exchangeability of such Notes with Notes issued hereunder and to make all appropriate changes for such purpose to permit or facilitate the issuance of Notes in uncertificated form, provided any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of Notes of any series in any material respect;

(d) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provision contained herein or in any Supplemental Indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision contained herein or in any Supplemental Indenture; or to make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under this Indenture as shall not

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adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Notes including provisions necessary or desirable to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder;

(e) to evidence and provide for the acceptance and appointment hereunder by a successor trustee with respect to the Notes of one or more series and to add or change any 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 Section 7.11;

(f) to change or eliminate any provision of this Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination (i) shall become effective only when there is no Note outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of such Supplemental Indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision or (ii) shall not adversely apply to any Note outstanding;

(g) to modify, eliminate or add to the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to effect the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, or under any similar Federal statute hereafter enacted, and to add to this Indenture such other provisions as may be expressly permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, excluding however, the provisions referred to in Section 316(a)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act or any corresponding provision in any similar Federal statute hereafter enacted;

(h) to add to, delete from, or revise the terms of Notes of any series as permitted by Section 2.01, including, without limitation, any terms relating to the issuance, exchange, registration or transfer of Notes issued in whole or in part in the form of one of more Global Notes and the payment of any principal thereof, or interest (or premium), if any, thereon;

(i) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;

(j) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of the Notes of any series, to establish the form of any certifications required to be furnished pursuant to the terms of this Indenture or any series of Notes, to increase the authorized amount of a series, or to add to the rights of the holders of any series of Notes.

The Trustee is hereby authorized to join with the Company in the execution of any such Supplemental Indenture, to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations which may be therein contained and to accept the conveyance, transfer, assignment, mortgage or pledge of any property thereunder, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any such Supplemental Indenture which adversely affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. No Supplemental Indenture shall be effective as against the Trustee unless and until the Trustee has duly executed and delivered the same.

Any Supplemental Indenture authorized by the provisions of this Section may be executed by the Company and the Trustee without the consent of the holders of any of the Notes at the time outstanding, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 10.02.

SECTION 10.02. Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Noteholders. With the consent (evidenced as provided in Section 8.01) of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of all series at the time outstanding affected by a Supplemental Indenture (voting as one class), the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or Supplemental Indenture (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in force at the date of the execution thereof) for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any Supplemental Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Notes of each such series; provided, however, that no such Supplemental Indenture shall (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Notes, or reduce the principal amount thereof (and premium, if any) or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest thereon, without the consent of the holder of each Note so affected, or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Notes, the consent of the holders of which is required for any such Supplemental Indenture, or the percentage required for the consent of the holders pursuant to Section 6.13 to waive defaults, without the consent of the holders of each Note so affected.

Upon the request of the Company, accompanied by a copy of a Board Resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company authorizing the execution of any such Supplemental Indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence of the consent of noteholders as aforesaid, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of such Supplemental Indenture unless such Supplemental Indenture affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such Supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the noteholders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed Supplemental Indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such consent shall approve the substance thereof.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the Trustee of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Company shall give notice thereof in the manner provided in Section 1.02, setting forth in general terms the substance of such Supplemental Indenture to all noteholders of each series so affected. Any failure of the Company so to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 10.03. Compliance With Trust Indenture Act; Effect of Supplemental Indentures. Any Supplemental Indenture executed pursuant to the provisions of this Article Ten shall comply with the Trust Indenture Act. Upon the execution of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article Ten, this Indenture shall be and be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities under this Indenture of the Trustee, the Company and the

holders of Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such Supplemental Indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Sections 7.01 and 7.02, shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel or a Company Order and Opinion of Counsel as conclusive evidence that any such Supplemental Indenture complies with the provisions of this Article Ten.

SECTION 10.04. Notation on Notes. Notes of any series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article Ten may bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such Supplemental Indenture. New Notes of any series so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Board of Directors of the Company, to any modification of this Indenture contained in any such Supplemental Indenture may be prepared by the Company, authenticated by the Trustee and delivered, without charge to the noteholders, in exchange for the Notes of such series then Outstanding.

ARTICLE ELEVEN.
CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, SALE OR CONVEYANCE

SECTION 11.01. Company May Consolidate, Etc., on Certain Terms. The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other corporation or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any person unless (i) either the Company shall be the continuing corporation, or the successor corporation (if other than the Company) shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof and such corporation shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all the Notes, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Company by Supplemental Indenture satisfactory to the Trustee, executed and delivered to the Trustee by such corporation and (ii) the Company or such successor corporation, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition.

SECTION 11.02. Successor Corporation to be Substituted for Company. In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon any such assumption by the successor corporation, such successor corporation shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as the party of the first part. Such successor corporation thereupon may cause to be signed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of the Company, any or all of the Notes issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee; and, upon the order of such successor corporation, instead of the Company, and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this Indenture prescribed, the Trustee shall authenticate and shall deliver any Notes which previously shall have been signed and delivered by the officers of the Company to the Trustee for authentication, and any Notes which such successor corporation thereafter shall cause

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to be signed and delivered to the Trustee for that purpose. All of the Notes, so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Notes, if any, theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Notes had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance such changes in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Notes thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

SECTION 11.03. Opinion of Counsel to be Given Trustee. The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Sections 7.01 and 7.02, shall receive an Opinion of Counsel as conclusive evidence that any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, and any such assumption, complies with the provisions of this Article Eleven and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

ARTICLE TWELVE.
SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE; UNCLAIMED MONEYS.

SECTION 12.01. Discharge of Indenture. If at any time (a) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee for cancellation all Notes of any series theretofore authenticated (other than any Notes of such series appertaining thereto which shall have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which shall have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.08) or (b) all such Notes of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation shall have become due and payable, or are by their terms to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and the Company shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds the entire amount (other than moneys repaid by the Trustee or any paying agent to the Company in accordance with Section 12.04) sufficient to pay at maturity or upon redemption all Notes of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, including principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, due or to become due to such date of maturity or date fixed for redemption, as the case may be, and if in either case the Company shall also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company with respect to such series, then this Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes of such series, and the Trustee, on demand of and at the cost and expense of the Company and subject to Section 1.02, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction of and discharging this Indenture with respect to the Notes of such series. The Company agrees to reimburse the Trustee for any costs or expenses thereafter reasonably and properly incurred by the Trustee in connection with this Indenture or the Notes of such series. Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes of any series or of all series, the obligations of the Company to the

Trustee under Section 7.06 shall survive.

The Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel which together shall state that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

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SECTION 12.02. Deposited Moneys To Be Held In Trust By Trustee. All moneys deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 12.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company if acting as its own Paying Agent), to the holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such moneys have been deposited with the Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any.

SECTION 12.03. Paying Agent to Repay Moneys Held. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to Notes of any series, all moneys with respect to such Notes then held by any Paying Agent under the provisions of this Indenture shall, upon demand of the Company, be repaid to it or paid to the Trustee and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such moneys.

SECTION 12.04. Return of Unclaimed Moneys. Any moneys deposited with or paid to the Trustee or any Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any Note and not applied but remaining unclaimed for two years after the date upon which such principal (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, shall have become due and payable, shall, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable escheat or abandoned or unclaimed property law, be repaid to the Company by the Trustee or such Paying Agent on demand, and the holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Company for any payment which such holder may be entitled to collect and all liability of the Trustee or any Paying Agent with respect to such moneys shall thereupon cease.

SECTION 12.05. Satisfaction, Discharge and Defeasance of Notes of Any Series. Unless, as specified pursuant to Section 2.01, provision is made that defeasance of the Notes of a series under this section shall not apply to the Notes of such series, this Section 12.05 shall be applicable to the Outstanding Notes of all series upon compliance with the conditions set forth below.

At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness on all the outstanding Notes of any such series and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of such indebtedness or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision, condition or covenant specified as contemplated by Section 2.01, when

(1) either

(A) with respect to all outstanding Notes of such series, (i) the Company has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount (in such currency in which such outstanding Notes are then specified as payable at stated maturity) sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness of all outstanding Notes of such series for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, to the stated maturity or any Redemption Date as contemplated by the last paragraph of this Section 12.05, as the case may be; or (ii) the Company has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as obligations in trust for the purpose such amount of direct

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noncallable obligations of, or noncallable obligations the payment of principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, or to the payment of which obligations or guarantees the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged, maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will, together with the income to accrue thereon (but without reinvesting any proceeds thereof), be sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all outstanding Notes of such series for principal (and premium, if any), interest, if any, to the stated maturity or any Redemption Date as contemplated by the last paragraph of this Section 12.05, as the case may be; or

(B) the Company has properly fulfilled such other terms and conditions to the satisfaction and discharge as is specified, as contemplated by Section 2.01, as applicable to the Notes of such series, and

(2) The Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable with respect to the outstanding Notes of such series, and

(3) The Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (i) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (ii) since the date of execution of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the holders of the outstanding Notes of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times, as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred, and

(4) The Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the entire indebtedness on all outstanding Notes of any such series have been complied with.

Any deposits with the Trustee referred to in Section 12.05(1) (A) above shall be irrevocable and shall be made under the terms of an escrow trust agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee. If any outstanding Notes of such series are to be redeemed prior to their stated maturity, whether pursuant to any optional redemption provisions or in accordance with any mandatory sinking fund requirement or otherwise, the applicable escrow trust agreement shall provide therefore and the Company shall make such arrangements as are satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company.

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ARTICLE THIRTEEN.

IMMUNITY OF INCORPORATORS, STOCKHOLDERS, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

SECTION 13.01. Indenture and Notes Solely Corporate Obligations. No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Indenture, or in any Note, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any past, present or future stockholder, officer or director, as such, of the Company or of any successor corporation, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Notes by the holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issue of the Notes.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

SECTION 14.01. Benefits of Indenture Restricted to Parties and Holders. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, expressed or implied, shall give or be construed to give to any person, other than the parties hereto and their successors and the holders of the Notes, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture or under any covenant or provision herein contained, all such covenants and provisions being for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and of the holders of the Notes.

SECTION 14.02. Provisions Binding on Company's Successors. All the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Indenture contained by or in behalf of the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 14.03. Addresses for Notices, Etc. Subject to the provisions of Section 4.01 with respect to demands for payment, any notice or demand which by any provision of this Indenture is required or permitted to be given or served by the Trustee or by the holders of Notes to or on the Company may be given or served by being deposited postage prepaid first class mail in a post office letter box addressed (until another address is filed by the Company with the Trustee), as follows: Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, Corporate Treasury Division, NC1-007-23-01, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065, Fax: (704) 386-0270. Any notice, direction, request or demand by any noteholder to or upon the Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, if given or made in writing at the corporate trust office of the Trustee as set forth in Section 4.04.

SECTION 14.04. Evidence of Compliance With Conditions Precedent. Upon any application or demand by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any of the provisions of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided

for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or demand as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by

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any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or demand, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Each certificate or opinion provided for in this Indenture and delivered to the Trustee with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include (1) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition; (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 such person, 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 or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

SECTION 14.05. Legal Holidays. In any case where the date of maturity of any interest or premium on or principal of any Note or the date fixed for redemption of any Note shall not be a Business Day in the Place of Payment, then payment of any interest or premium on or principal of such Notes, need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date of maturity or the date fixed for redemption, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

SECTION 14.06. Trust Indenture Act to Control. If and to the extent that any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with another provision included in this Indenture by operation of Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (an "incorporated provision"), such incorporated provision shall control.

SECTION 14.07. Execution in Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 14.08. New York Contract. This Indenture and each Note shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of said State.

SECTION 14.09. Severability of Provisions. Any prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Indenture in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the remaining provisions hereto in such jurisdiction and shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN. SUBORDINATION OF NOTES

SECTION 15.01. Notes Subordinate to Senior Indebtedness. The Company, for itself, its successors and assigns, covenants and agrees, and each holder of Notes of each series, by his acceptance thereof, likewise covenants and agrees, that anything in this Indenture or the Notes of any series notwithstanding, all Notes of every series issued hereunder shall be subordinated and subject, to the extent and in the manner herein set forth, in right of payment to

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the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness. The provisions of this Article are made for the benefit of all holders of Senior Indebtedness, and any such holder may proceed to enforce such provisions.

SECTION 15.02. Payment Over of Proceeds Upon Dissolution, Etc. No payment on account of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Notes shall be made, and no Notes shall be purchased, either directly or indirectly, by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, if any default or Event of Default with respect to any Senior Indebtedness, which permits or with the giving of notice or passage of time or both would permit the holders thereof (or a trustee on their behalf) to accelerate the maturity thereof, shall have occurred and be continuing and the Company and the Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of any kind or category of any Senior Indebtedness (or the representative or representatives of such holders) or the Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Company.

In the event that any Note is declared due and payable before the date specified therein as the fixed date on which the principal thereof is due and payable pursuant to Article Six, or upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, to creditors upon any dissolution or winding up or total or partial liquidation or reorganization of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary or in bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other proceedings, all principal of (and premium, if any) and interest due or to become due upon all Senior Indebtedness shall first be paid in full before the noteholders, or the Trustee, shall be entitled to retain any assets (other than shares of stock of the Company as reorganized or readjusted or securities of the Company or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinated, at least to the same extent as the Notes, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding, provided that the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not altered by such reorganization or readjustment) so paid or distributed in respect of the Notes (for principal or interest); and upon such dissolution or winding up or liquidation or reorganization any payment or distribution of assets of the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities (other than shares of stock of the Company as reorganized or readjusted or securities of the Company or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinated, at least to the same extent as the Notes, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding, provided that the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not altered by such reorganization or readjustment), to which the noteholders or the Trustee would be entitled, except for the provisions of this Section, shall be paid by the Company or by any receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, liquidating trustee, agent or other person making such payment or distribution, or by the noteholders or the Trustee if received by them or it, directly to the holders of Senior Indebtedness (pro rata to each such holder on the basis of the respective amounts of Senior Indebtedness held by such holder) or their representatives, to the extent necessary to pay all Senior Indebtedness in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to or for the holders of Senior Indebtedness, before any payment or distribution is made to the noteholders or to the Trustee.

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No holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be prejudiced in their right to enforce subordination of the Notes by any act or failure to act on the part of the Company.

Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, the holders of the Notes shall be subrogated (equally and ratably with the holders of all indebtedness of the Company which, by its express terms, ranks on a parity with the Notes and is entitled to like rights of subrogation) to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of assets of the Company applicable to the Senior Indebtedness until the Notes shall be paid in full. For purposes of such subrogation, no payments or distributions on the Senior Indebtedness pursuant to this Section shall, as between the Company, its creditors other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness, and the holders of the Notes, be deemed to be a payment by the Company to or on account of the Senior Indebtedness, and no payments or distributions to the Trustee or the holders of the Notes of assets by virtue of the subrogation herein provided for shall, as between the Company, its creditors other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness, and the holders of the Notes, be deemed to be a payment to or on account of the Notes. The provisions of this Article are and are intended solely for the purpose of defining the relative rights of the holders of the Notes, on the one hand, and the holders of Senior Indebtedness, on the other hand, and nothing contained in this Article elsewhere in this Indenture or in the Notes is intended to or shall impair the obligation of the Company, which is unconditional and absolute, to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Notes as and when the same shall become due and payable in accordance with their terms, or to affect the relative rights of the holders of the Notes and creditors of the Company other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness, nor shall anything herein or therein prevent the Trustee or the holder of any Note from exercising all remedies otherwise permitted by applicable law upon default under this Indenture, subject to the rights, if any, under this Article, of the holders of Senior Indebtedness in respect of cash, property, or securities of the Company otherwise payable or delivered to the Trustee or such noteholder upon the exercise of any such remedy.

Upon any payment or distribution pursuant to this Section, the Trustee and the noteholders shall be entitled to rely upon any order or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction in which any proceedings of the nature referred to in this Section are pending, and the Trustee, subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, and the noteholders shall be entitled to rely upon a certificate of the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making such payment or distribution delivered to the Trustee or to the noteholders for the purpose of ascertaining the persons entitled to participate in such payment or distribution, the holders of the Senior Indebtedness and other indebtedness of the Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Section.

In the event that the Trustee determines, in good faith, that further evidence is required with respect to the right of any person as a holder of Senior Indebtedness to participate in any payment or distribution pursuant to this Section, the Trustee may request such person to furnish evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee as to the amount of Senior Indebtedness held by such person, as to the extent to which such person is entitled to participate in such payment or distribution, and as to other facts pertinent to the rights of such person under this Section, and if such evidence is not furnished, the Trustee may defer any payment to such person pending judicial determination as to the right of such person to receive such payment.

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Nothing contained in this Article or elsewhere in this Indenture, or in any of the Notes, shall prevent (a) the application by the Trustee or any paying agent of any moneys deposited with it hereunder to the payment of or on account of the principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on Notes if, at the time of such deposit (provided that the time of such deposit was not more than 10 days prior to the time of such payment), such payment would not have been prohibited by the foregoing provisions of this Section, or (b) any payment by the Company or the Trustee to the noteholders of moneys in connection with a redemption of Notes if (1) notice of such redemption has been given to the holders of the Notes to be redeemed pursuant to Article Three hereof prior to the receipt by the Trustee of the written notice referred to in Section 15.04 and (2) such notice of redemption is given not earlier than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption.

SECTION 15.03. Trustee To Effectuate Subordination. The holder of each Note by his acceptance thereof authorizes and directs the Trustee in his behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to acknowledge or effectuate the subordination as provided in this Article and appoints the Trustee as attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes.

SECTION 15.04. Trustee Not Charged with Knowledge of Prohibition. The Company shall provide prompt written notice to the Trustee of any fact known to the Company which would prohibit the making of any payment to or by the Trustee in respect of any series of the Notes; provide, however, that failure to give such notice shall not affect the subordination of the Notes to any Senior Indebtedness. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article or any other provision of this Indenture, but subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, neither the Trustee nor any paying agent shall be charged with knowledge of the existence of any Senior Indebtedness, or of any default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Senior Indebtedness, or of any facts which would prohibit the making of any payment of moneys to or by the Trustee or any such paying agent, unless and until the Trustee or such paying agent shall have received written notice thereof from the Company or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of any kind or category of any Senior Indebtedness or the representative or representatives of such holders (certified by the Company or otherwise established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee or such paying agent to be such holders or representatives); nor shall the Trustee or any such paying agent be charged with knowledge of the curing or waiving of any such default or of the elimination of the act or condition preventing any such payment unless and until the Trustee or such paying agent shall have received an Officers' Certificate to such effect, and prior to the receipt of any such writing the Trustee shall be entitled to assume that no such facts exist and that no such cure or waiver has occurred; provided, however, that if not less than three business days prior to the date upon which by the terms hereof any such moneys may become payable for any purpose (including, without limitation, the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note), the Trustee or such paying agent shall not have received with respect to such moneys the notice provided for in this Section, then, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee or such paying agent shall have full power and authority to receive such moneys and to apply the same to the purpose for which they were received and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary which may be received by it on or after such date.

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SECTION 15.05. Rights of Trustee as Holder of Senior Indebtedness. The Trustee shall be entitled to all the rights set forth in this Article with respect to any Senior Indebtedness which may at any time be held by it, to the same extent as any other holder of Senior Indebtedness; and nothing in Section 7.13, or elsewhere in this Indenture, shall deprive the Trustee of any of its rights as such holder. Nothing in this Article shall apply to claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 7.06.

SECTION 15.06. Trustee Not Fiduciary for Holders of Senior Indebtedness. The Trustee shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Indebtedness and shall not be liable to any such holders if it shall mistakenly pay over or distribute to noteholders or the Company or any other person moneys or assets to which any holders of Senior Indebtedness shall

be entitled by virtue of this Article or otherwise. With respect to any holders of Senior Indebtedness, the Trustee undertakes to perform or to observe only such of its covenants or obligations as are specifically set forth in this Article Fifteen and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee.

SECTION 15.07. Article Applicable to Paying Agents. In case at any time any paying agent other than the Trustee shall have been appointed by the Company and be then acting hereunder, the term "Trustee" as used in this Article shall in such case (unless the context shall otherwise require) be construed as extending to and including such paying agent within its meaning as fully for all intents and purposes as if such paying agent were named in this Article in addition to or in place of the Trustee; provided, however, that Sections 15.04, 15.05 and 15.06 shall not apply to the Company if it acts as paying agent.

The Trustee, by its execution of a counterpart of this Indenture, acknowledges and accepts its appointment as Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE BANK OF NEW YORK and BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION have each caused this Indenture to be signed by a duly authorized officer, as of the day and year first above written.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ Derek C. Kettel

Title Agent

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ John E. Mack

 Senior Vice President

If the registered owner of this Note is The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof, this Note is a Global Security and the following legends are applicable. 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 SECURITY IS NOT EXCHANGEABLE FOR NOTES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITORY OR ITS NOMINEE EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE 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 THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or 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.

THIS NOTE IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
SENIOR INTERNOTE

REGISTERED NUMBER _____ CUSIP _____

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:
\$ _____

ISSUE DATE: _____ INTEREST RATE: _____% MATURITY DATE: _____

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<S> ISSUE PRICE (expressed as a percentage aggregate principal amount): _____% INTEREST PAYMENT FREQUENCY (check applicable):
[] Monthly [] Quarterly
[] Semi-annual [] Annual
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REDEMPTION RIGHT: [] Yes (If yes, the Corporation has the right to redeem this Note on any Interest Payment Date after _____)

REPAYMENT RIGHT: [] Yes (If yes, the holder of this Note has the right to the repayment of this Note on any Interest Payment Date after _____)

SURVIVOR'S OPTION: [] Yes (If yes, the attached Survivor's Option Rider is incorporated into this Note)

MINIMUM DENOMINATIONS: \$ _____ (if other than \$1,000)

Bank of America Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the "Corporation," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the Principal Amount on the Maturity Date, and to pay interest, until the Principal Amount is paid, thereon from and including the Issue Date or, in the case of a Note issued upon registration of transfer or exchange, from and including the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for as follows: the Interest Payment Dates for a Note that provides for monthly interest payments shall be the fifteenth day of each calendar month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the calendar month that next succeeds the month of the Issue Date; in the case of a Note that provides for quarterly interest payments, the Interest Payment

Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each third month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the third succeeding calendar month following the month of the Issue Date; in the case of a Note that provides for semi-annual interest payments, the Interest Payment dates shall be the fifteenth day of each sixth month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the sixth succeeding calendar month following the month of the Issue Date; and in the case of a Note that provides for annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Date shall be the fifteenth day of every twelfth month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the twelfth succeeding calendar month following the month of the Issue Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Interest payments will be in the amount of interest accrued from, and including, the next preceding Interest Payment Date in respect of which interest has been paid or duly provided for or, if no interest has been paid, from the Issue Date specified above, to, but excluding, the Interest Payment Date or Maturity Date, as the case may be. If the Maturity Date or an Interest Payment Date falls on a day which is not a Business Day, principal or interest payable with respect to such Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date will be paid on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, and no additional interest shall accrue for the period from and after such Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the close of business on the first day of the calendar month in which the Interest Payment Date occurs, whether or not such date shall be a Business Day; provided, however, that the Regular Record Date for the final Interest Payment Date is the Maturity Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall be payable as provided in the Indenture. As used herein, the term "Business Day" means any weekday that is (1) not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and (2) not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in immediately available funds in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts at the office or agency of the Corporation designated as provided in the Indenture; provided, however, that interest may be paid, at the option of the

Corporation, by check mailed to the person entitled thereto at his address last appearing on the registry books of the Corporation relating to the Notes.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FURTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, WHICH SHALL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH AT THIS PLACE.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent on behalf of the Trustee by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under such Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Instrument to be duly executed, by manual or facsimile signature, under its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: _____

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: _____
_____ Secretary

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

Dated: _____

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

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[Reverse of Note]

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
SENIOR INTERNOTE

This Note is one of a duly authorized series of unsecured notes of the Corporation designated as "Bank of America Corporation Senior InterNotes", initially limited to \$3,000,000,000 in principal amount (the "Notes") issued and to be issued under a Restated Indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 (the "Indenture"), between the Corporation and The Bank of New York (the "Trustee," which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights thereunder of the Corporation, the Trustee and the holders of the Notes, and the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. The Bank of New York also serves as Note Registrar and as Paying Agent in connection with the Notes. The amount of the series of Notes may be increased at any time. The Notes may bear different dates, mature at different times, bear interest at different rates and vary in such other ways as are provided in the Indenture.

This Note is not subject to any sinking fund.

IF NO REPAYMENT RIGHT IS SET FORTH ON THE FACE HEREOF, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE REPAYED AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDER HEREOF PRIOR TO THE STATED MATURITY DATE. If a Repayment Right is granted on the face of this Note, this Note may be subject to repayment at the option of the holder on the Interest Payment Date, indicated on the face hereof. On any Repayment Date this Note shall be repayable in whole or in part in increments of \$1,000 at the option of the holder hereof at a Repayment Price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be repaid, together with interest thereon payable to the date of repayment. For this Note to be repaid in whole or in part at the option of the holder hereof, this Note must be received, with the form entitled "Option to Elect Repayment" below duly completed, by the Trustee/Paying Agent at the Corporate Trust Office, or such other address of which the Corporation shall from time to time notify the holders of the Notes, not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to an Repayment Date. Exercise of such repayment option by the holder hereof shall be irrevocable.

IF NO REDEMPTION RIGHT IS SET FORTH ON THE FACE HEREOF, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE REDEEMED AT THE OPTION OF THE CORPORATION PRIOR TO THE STATED MATURITY DATE. If a Redemption Right is granted on the face of this Note, this Note may be redeemed at the option of the Corporation on any Interest Payment Date on and after the date, if any, specified on the face hereof (the "Redemption Date"). On and after the Redemption Date, if any, this Note may be redeemed at any time in whole or from time to time in part in increments of \$1,000 at the option of the Corporation, together with interest thereon payable to the Redemption Date, on notice given not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to the proposed Redemption Date. In the event of redemption of this Note in part only, a new Note for the unredeemed portion hereof shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the surrender hereof.

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The provisions of Section 12.05 of the Indenture do not apply to Securities of this Series.

If an Event of Default (defined in the Indenture as (i) the Corporation's failure to pay principal of (or premium, if any, on) the Notes when due, or to pay interest on the Notes within 30 days after the same becomes due, (ii) the Corporation's breach of its other covenants contained in this Note or in the Indenture, which breach is not cured within 90 days after written notice by the Trustee or by the holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal

amount of all Notes issued under the Indenture and affected thereby, and (iii) certain events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Corporation) shall occur with respect to the Notes, the principal of all the Notes may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Corporation with the consent of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding under the Indenture and affected by such amendment and modification. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding under the Indenture and affected thereby, on behalf of the holders of all Notes then outstanding under the Indenture, to waive compliance by the Corporation with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Corporation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Note, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Corporation or any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Note may be registered on the Note Register of the Corporation relating to the Notes, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Corporation designated by it pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Trustee or the Note Registrar duly executed by, the holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and

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thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Note is issuable only as a registered Note without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple in excess thereof unless otherwise specifically agreed between the parties and provided on the face of this Note.

No service charge will be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Corporation may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Corporation, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and any agent of the Corporation, the Trustee or the Paying Agent may treat the entity in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided and for all other purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Corporation, the Trustee, the Paying Agent nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

If the Notes are to be issued and outstanding pursuant to a book-entry-only system, the following paragraph is applicable: The Notes are being issued by means of a book-entry-only system with no physical distribution of certificates to be made except as provided in the Indenture. The book-entry system maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") will evidence ownership of the Notes, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The Corporation will recognize Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, while the registered owner of the Notes, as the owner of the Notes for all purposes, including payment of principal and interest, notices and voting. Transfer of principal and interest to participants of DTC will be the

responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest to beneficial owners of the Notes by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. So long as the book-entry system is in effect, the selection of any Notes to be redeemed will be determined by DTC pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The Corporation will not be responsible or liable for such transfers or payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of the within Note shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM-- as tenants in common
TEN ENT-- as tenants by the entireties

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JT TEN-- as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not
as tenants in common
UNIF TRANS MIN ACT-- Custodian

(Cust) (Minor)
Under Uniform Transfers to Minors Act

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

_____.

[PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS
INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF ASSIGNEE]

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Please Insert Social Security or Other
Identifying Number of Assignee: _____

the within Note and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing _____ Attorney to transfer said Note on the books of the Corporation, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

(Signature Guaranteed)

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever and must be guaranteed.

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OPTION TO ELECT REPAYMENT

The undersigned hereby irrevocably request(s) and instruct(s) the Corporation to repay this Note (or portion hereof specified below) pursuant to its terms at a price equal to the principal amount hereof together with interest to the repayment date, to the undersigned, at _____
(Please print or typewrite name and address of the undersigned)

For this Note to be repaid, the Trustee (or the Paying Agent on behalf of the Trustee) must receive at _____, or at such other place or places of which the Corporation shall from time to time notify the Holder of this Note, not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to a Repayment Date, if any, shown on the face of this Note, this Note with this "Option to Elect Repayment" form duly completed.

If less than the entire principal amount of this Note is to be repaid, specify the portion hereof (which shall be in increments of \$1,000) which the Holder elects to have repaid and specify the denomination or denominations (which shall be \$_____ or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$_____) of the Notes to be issued to the Holder for the portion of this Note not being repaid (in the absence of any such specification, one such Note will be issued for the portion not being repaid).

\$ _____
DATE: _____

NOTICE: The signature on this Option to Elect Repayment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

SURVIVOR'S OPTION RIDER

If the Survivor's Option is applicable to this Note, the representative of a deceased beneficial owner of the Note or a beneficial interest in the Note shall have the option to elect repayment of such Note or interest following the death of the owner (a "Survivor's Option"). Unless specifically provided on the face of this Note, no Survivor's Option may be exercised if the deceased owner of the Note or a beneficial interest in the Note has held such Note or interest for less than six months prior to that owner's death.

Pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option, the Corporation shall repay any Note (or portion thereof) properly tendered for repayment by or on behalf of the person (the "Representative") that has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner of a Note under the laws of the appropriate jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the personal representative, executor, surviving joint tenant or surviving tenant by the entirety of such deceased beneficial owner) at a price equal to 100 % of the principal amount of the beneficial interest of the deceased owner in such Note plus accrued interest to the date of such repayment, subject to the following limitations:

(a) The Corporation may, in its sole discretion, limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any calendar year (the "Annual Put Limitation") to 1% of the Outstanding principal amount of the Notes as of the end of the most recent fiscal year, but not less than \$1,000,000 in any such calendar year, or such greater amount as the Corporation in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, and may limit to \$200,000, or such greater amount as the Corporation in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof) as to which exercise of the Survivor's Option will be accepted with respect to any individual deceased owner or beneficial interests in such Notes (the "Individual Put Limitation").

(b) The Corporation shall not make principal repayments pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option in amounts that are less than \$1,000, and, in the event that the limitations described in the preceding sentence would result in the partial repayment of any Note, the principal amount of such Note remaining outstanding after repayment must be at least \$1,000 (the minimum authorized denomination of the Notes).

(c) Any Note (or portion thereof) tendered pursuant to a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option may not be withdrawn.

Each Note (or portion thereof) that is tendered pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted promptly in the order all such Notes are tendered, except for any Note (or portion thereof) the acceptance of which would contravene (i) the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or (ii) the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, with respect to the relevant individual deceased owner of beneficial interests therein. If, as of the end of any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof) that have been accepted pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option during such year has exceeded either the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, for such year, any exercise(s)

of the Survivor's Option with respect to Notes (or portions thereof) not accepted during such calendar year because such acceptance would have contravened either such limitation, if applied, shall be deemed to be tendered in the following calendar year in the order all such Notes (or portions thereof) were tendered. Normally, any Note (or portion thereof) accepted for repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be repaid on the first Interest Payment Date that occurs 20 or more calendar days after the date of such acceptance. In the event that a Note (or any portion thereof) tendered for repayment pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is not accepted, the Trustee shall deliver a notice by first-class mail to the registered holder thereof at its last known address as indicated in the Note Register, that states the reason such Note (or portion thereof) has not been accepted for payment.

In order for a Survivor's Option to be validly exercised with respect to any Note (or portion thereof), the Trustee must receive from the Representative of the deceased owner (i) a written request for repayment signed by the Representative, and such signature must be guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, (ii) tender of a Note (or portion thereof) to be repaid, (iii) appropriate evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that (A) the deceased was the owner of a beneficial interest in such Note at the time of death and for at least six months prior to such Owner's death, (B) the death of such beneficial owner has occurred and (C) the Representative has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner, (iv) if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement, and (v) if the beneficial interest in such Note is held by a nominee of the deceased beneficial owner, a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such nominee attesting to the deceased's ownership of a beneficial interest in such Note, and (vi) tax waivers and such other instruments or documents that the Trustee reasonably requires in order to establish the validity of ownership of the Notes and the Claimants entitled to payment. Subject to the Corporation's right hereunder to limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any one calendar year, all questions as to the eligibility or validity of any exercise of the Survivor's Option will be determined by the Trustee, in its sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding on all parties.

The death of a person owning a Note in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety with another or others shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment, together with interest accrued thereon to the repayment date. The death of a person owning a Note by tenancy in common shall be deemed the death of a holder of a Note only with respect to the deceased holder's interest in the Note so held by tenancy in common; except that in the event a Note is held by husband and wife as tenants in common, the death of either shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment. The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial interests of ownership of a Note, shall be deemed the death of the holder thereof for purposes of this provision, regardless of the registered holder, if such beneficial interest can be established to the satisfaction of the Trustee. Such beneficial interest shall be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership, ownership under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife and trust arrangements where

one person has substantially all of the beneficial ownership interest in the Note during his or her lifetime.

For Notes represented by a Global Note, the Depository or its nominee shall be the holder of such Note and therefore shall be the only entity that can exercise the survivor's option for such Note. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option with respect to such Note, the Representative must provide to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in such Note is held by the deceased owner (i) the documents described in clauses (i), (iii) and (vi) of the second preceding paragraph and (ii) instructions to such broker or other entity to notify the Depository of such Representative's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option. Such broker or other entity shall provide to the Trustee (i) the documents received from the Representative referred to in clause (i) of the preceding sentence and (ii) a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such broker or other entity stating that it represents the deceased beneficial owner. Such broker or other entity shall be responsible for disbursing any payments it receives pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option to the appropriate Representative.

If the registered owner of this Note is The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof, this Note is a Global Security and the following legends are applicable. 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 SECURITY IS NOT EXCHANGEABLE FOR NOTES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITORY OR ITS NOMINEE EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE 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 THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or 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.

THIS NOTE IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
SUBORDINATED INTERNOTE

REGISTERED NUMBER _____ CUSIP _____

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

\$ _____

ISSUE DATE: _____ INTEREST RATE: _____% MATURITY DATE: _____

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| ISSUE PRICE (expressed as a percentage aggregate principal amount): _____% | INTEREST PAYMENT FREQUENCY (check applicable): |
| | [] Monthly [] Quarterly |
| | [] Semi-annual [] Annual |
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REDEMPTION RIGHT: [] Yes (If yes, the Corporation has the right to redeem this Note on any Interest Payment Date after _____)

REPAYMENT RIGHT: [] Yes (If yes, the holder of this Note has the right to the repayment of this Note on any Interest Payment Date after _____)

SURVIVOR'S OPTION: [] Yes (If yes, the attached Survivor's Option Rider is incorporated into this Note)

MINIMUM DENOMINATIONS: \$ _____ (if other than \$1,000)

Bank of America Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the "Corporation," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the Principal Amount on the Maturity Date, and to pay interest, until the Principal Amount is paid, thereon from and including the Issue Date or, in the case of a Note issued upon registration of transfer or exchange, from and including the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for as follows: the Interest Payment Dates for a Note that provides for monthly interest payments shall be the fifteenth day of each calendar month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the calendar month that next succeeds the month of the Issue Date; in the case

of a Note that provides for quarterly interest payments, the Interest Payment Dates shall be the fifteenth day of each third month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the third succeeding calendar month following the month of the Issue Date; in the case of a Note that provides for semi-annual interest payments, the Interest Payment dates shall be the fifteenth day of each sixth month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the sixth succeeding calendar month following the month of the Issue Date; and in the case of a Note that provides for annual interest payments, the Interest Payment Date shall be the fifteenth day of every twelfth month (or the next Business Day), commencing in the twelfth succeeding calendar month following the month of the Issue Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Interest payments will be in the amount of interest accrued from, and including, the next preceding Interest Payment Date in respect of which interest has been paid or duly provided for or, if no interest has been paid, from the Issue Date specified above, to, but excluding, the Interest Payment Date or Maturity Date, as the case may be. If the Maturity Date or an Interest Payment Date falls on a day which is not a Business Day, principal or interest payable with respect to such Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date will be paid on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, and no additional interest shall accrue for the period from and after such Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the close of business on the first day of the calendar month in which the Interest Payment Date occurs, whether or not such date shall be a Business Day; provided, however, that the Regular Record Date for the final Interest Payment Date is the Maturity Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall be payable as provided in the Indenture. As used herein, the term "Business Day" means any weekday that is (1) not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and (2) not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in immediately available funds in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts at the office or agency of the Corporation designated as provided in the Indenture; provided, however, that interest may be paid, at the option of the Corporation, by check mailed to the person entitled thereto at his address last appearing on the registry books of the Corporation relating to the Notes.

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REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FURTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, WHICH SHALL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH AT THIS PLACE.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent on behalf of the Trustee by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under such Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Instrument to be duly executed, by manual or facsimile signature, under its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: _____

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: _____
_____ Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

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

Dated: _____

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

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[Reverse of Note]

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
SUBORDINATED INTERNOTE

This Note is one of a duly authorized series of unsecured notes of the Corporation designated as "Bank of America Corporation Subordinated InterNotes", initially limited to \$3,000,000,000 in principal amount (the "Notes"), issued and to be issued under a Restated Indenture dated as of January 1, 2001 (the "Indenture"), between the Corporation and The Bank of New York, (the "Trustee," which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights thereunder of the Corporation, the Trustee and the holders of the Notes, and the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. The Bank of New York also serves as Note Registrar and as Paying Agent in connection with the Notes. The amount of the series of Notes may be increased at any time. The Notes may bear different dates, mature at different times, bear interest at different rates and vary in such other ways as are provided in the Indenture.

THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CORPORATION EVIDENCED BY THE NOTES, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AND INTEREST THEREON, IS, TO THE EXTENT AND IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE, SUBORDINATE AND JUNIOR IN RIGHT OF PAYMENT TO ITS OBLIGATIONS TO HOLDERS OF SENIOR INDEBTEDNESS, AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE, AND EACH HOLDER OF THE NOTES, BY THE ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES TO, AND SHALL BE BOUND BY SUCH PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE.

This Note is not subject to any sinking fund.

IF NO REPAYMENT RIGHT IS SET FORTH ON THE FACE HEREOF, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE REPAYED AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDER HEREOF PRIOR TO THE STATED MATURITY DATE. If a Repayment Right is granted on the face of this Note, this Note may be subject to repayment at the option of the holder on the Interest Payment Date, indicated on the face hereof. On any Repayment Date this Note shall be repayable in whole or in part in increments of \$1,000 at the option of the holder hereof at a Repayment Price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be repaid, together with interest thereon payable to the date of repayment. For this Note to be repaid in whole or in part at the option of the holder hereof, this Note must be received, with the form entitled "Option to Elect Repayment" below duly completed, by the Trustee/Paying Agent at the Corporate Trust Office, or such other address of which the Corporation shall from time to time notify the holders of the Notes, not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to an Repayment Date. Exercise of such repayment option by the holder hereof shall be irrevocable.

IF NO REDEMPTION RIGHT IS SET FORTH ON THE FACE HEREOF, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE REDEEMED AT THE OPTION OF THE CORPORATION PRIOR TO THE STATED MATURITY DATE. If a Redemption Right is granted on the face of this Note, this Note may be redeemed at the option of the Corporation on any Interest Payment Date on and after the date, if any, specified on the face hereof (the "Redemption Date"). On and after the Redemption Date, if any, this Note may be redeemed at any time in whole or from time to time

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in part in increments of \$1,000 at the option of the Corporation, together with interest thereon payable to the Redemption Date, on notice given not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to the proposed Redemption Date. In the event of redemption of this Note in part only, a new Note for the unredeemed portion hereof shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the surrender hereof.

The provisions of Section 12.05 of the Indenture do not apply to Securities of this Series.

If an Event of Default (defined in the Indenture as certain events involving the bankruptcy of the Corporation) shall occur with respect to the Notes, the principal of all the Notes may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture. THERE IS NO RIGHT OF ACCELERATION PROVIDED IN THE INDENTURE IN CASE OF A DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST OR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY OTHER COVENANT BY THE CORPORATION.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Corporation with the consent of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding under the Indenture and affected by such amendment and modification. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding under the Indenture and affected thereby, on behalf of the holders of all Notes then outstanding under the Indenture, to waive compliance by the Corporation with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Corporation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Note, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Corporation or any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Note may be registered on the Note Register of the Corporation relating to the Notes, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Corporation designated by it pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Trustee or the Note Registrar duly executed by, the holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and

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thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Note is issuable only as a registered Note without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple in excess thereof unless otherwise specifically agreed between the parties and provided on the face of this Note.

No service charge will be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Corporation may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Corporation, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and any agent of the Corporation, the Trustee or the Paying Agent may treat the entity in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided and for all other purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Corporation, the Trustee, the Paying Agent nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

If the Notes are to be issued and outstanding pursuant to a book-entry-only system, the following paragraph is applicable: The Notes are being issued by means of a book-entry-only system with no physical distribution of certificates to be made except as provided in the Indenture. The book-entry system maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") will evidence ownership of the Notes, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The Corporation will recognize Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, while the registered owner of the Notes, as the owner of the Notes for all purposes, including payment of principal and interest, notices and voting.

If less than the entire principal amount of this Note is to be repaid, specify the portion hereof (which shall be in increments of \$1,000) which the Holder elects to have repaid and specify the denomination or denominations (which shall be \$_____ or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$_____) of the Notes to be issued to the Holder for the portion of this Note not being repaid (in the absence of any such specification, one such Note will be issued for the portion not being repaid).

\$ _____
DATE: _____

NOTICE: The signature on this Option to Elect Repayment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

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SURVIVOR'S OPTION RIDER

If the Survivor's Option is applicable to this Note, the representative of a deceased beneficial owner of the Note or a beneficial interest in the Note shall have the option to elect repayment of such Note or interest following the death of the owner (a "Survivor's Option"). Unless specifically provided on the face of this Note, no Survivor's Option may be exercised if the deceased owner of the Note or a beneficial interest in the Note has held such Note or interest for less than six months prior to that owner's death.

Pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option, the Corporation shall repay any Note (or portion thereof) properly tendered for repayment by or on behalf of the person (the "Representative") that has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner of a Note under the laws of the appropriate jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the personal representative, executor, surviving joint tenant or surviving tenant by the entirety of such deceased beneficial owner) at a price equal to 100 % of the principal amount of the beneficial interest of the deceased owner in such Note plus accrued interest to the date of such repayment, subject to the following limitations:

(a) The Corporation may, in its sole discretion, limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any calendar year (the "Annual Put Limitation") to 1% of the Outstanding principal amount of the Notes as of the end of the most recent fiscal year, but not less than \$1,000,000 in any such calendar year, or such greater amount as the Corporation in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, and may limit to \$200,000, or such greater amount as the Corporation in its sole discretion may determine for any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof) as to which exercise of the Survivor's Option will be accepted in such calendar year with respect to any individual deceased owner or beneficial interests in such Notes (the "Individual Put Limitation").

(b) The Corporation shall not make principal repayments pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option in amounts that are less than \$1,000, and, in the event that the limitations described in the preceding sentence would result in the partial repayment of any Note, the principal amount of such Note remaining outstanding after repayment must be at least \$1,000 (the minimum authorized denomination of the Notes).

(c) Any Note (or portion thereof) tendered pursuant to a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option may not be withdrawn.

Each Note (or portion thereof) that is tendered pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted promptly in the order all such Notes are tendered, except for any Note (or portion thereof) the acceptance of which would contravene (i) the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or (ii) the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, with respect to the relevant individual deceased owner of beneficial interests therein. If, as of the end of any calendar year, the aggregate principal amount of Notes (or portions thereof) that have been accepted pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option during such year has exceeded either the Annual Put Limitation, if applied, or the Individual Put Limitation, if applied, for such year, any exercise(s) of the Survivor's Option with respect to Notes (or portions thereof) not accepted during such calendar year because such acceptance would have contravened either such limitation, if applied,

shall be deemed to be tendered in the following calendar year in the order all such Notes (or portions thereof) were tendered. Normally, any Note (or portion thereof) accepted for repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option shall be repaid on the first Interest Payment Date that occurs 20 or more calendar days after the date of such acceptance. In the event that a Note (or any portion thereof) tendered for repayment pursuant to valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is not accepted, the Trustee shall deliver a notice by first-class mail to the registered holder thereof at its last known address as indicated in the Note Register, that states the reason such Note (or portion thereof) has not been accepted for payment.

In order for a Survivor's Option to be validly exercised with respect to any Note (or portion thereof), the Trustee must receive from the Representative of the deceased owner (i) a written request for repayment signed by the Representative, and such signature must be guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, (ii) tender of a Note (or portion thereof) to be repaid, (iii) appropriate evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that (A) the deceased was the owner of a beneficial interest in such Note at the time of death and for at least six months prior to such Owner's death, (B) the death of such beneficial owner has occurred and (C) the Representative has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner, (iv) if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement, and (v) if the beneficial interest in such Note is held by a nominee of the deceased beneficial owner, a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such nominee attesting to the deceased's ownership of a beneficial interest in such Note, and (vi) tax waivers and such other instruments or documents that the Trustee reasonably requires in order to establish the validity of ownership of the Notes and the Claimants entitled to payment. Subject to the Corporation's right hereunder to limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted in any one calendar year, all questions as to the eligibility or validity of any exercise of the Survivor's Option will be determined by the Trustee, in its sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding on all parties.

The death of a person owning a Note in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety with another or others shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment, together with interest accrued thereon to the repayment date. The death of a person owning a Note by tenancy in common shall be deemed the death of a holder of a Note only with respect to the deceased holder's interest in the Note so held by tenancy in common; except that in the event a Note is held by husband and wife as tenants in common, the death of either shall be deemed the death of the holder of the Note, and the entire principal amount of the Note so held shall be subject to repayment. The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial interests of ownership of a Note, shall be deemed the death of the holder thereof for purposes of this provision, regardless of the registered holder, if such beneficial interest can be established to the satisfaction of the Trustee. Such beneficial interest shall be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership, ownership under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife and trust arrangements where one person has substantially all of the beneficial ownership interest in the Note during his or her lifetime.

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For Notes represented by a Global Note, the Depository or its nominee shall be the holder of such Note and therefore shall be the only entity that can exercise the survivor's option for such Note. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option with respect to such Note, the Representative must provide to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in such Note is held by the deceased owner (i) the documents described in clauses (i), (iii) and (vi) of the second preceding paragraph and (ii) instructions to such broker or other entity to notify the Depository of such Representative's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option. Such broker or other entity shall provide to the Trustee (i) the documents received from the Representative referred to in clause (i) of the preceding sentence and (ii) a certificate satisfactory to the Trustee from such broker or other entity stating that it represents the deceased beneficial owner. Such broker or other entity shall be responsible for disbursing any payments it receives pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option to the appropriate Representative.

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated January 13, 2000 relating to the financial statements, which appears in Bank of America Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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Charlotte, North Carolina
January 17, 2001