
FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 14, 2002

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-1471	73-0569878
----- (State of incorporation or organization)	----- (Commission File No.)	----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Williams Center Tulsa, Oklahoma	74172
----- (Address of principal executive offices)	----- (Zip Code)

918-573-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On January 14, 2002, The Williams Companies, Inc. closed the sale of its publicly traded units that include a senior debt security with a term of five years and an equity purchase contract which requires the company to deliver common stock to holders after the 3 years based on an agreed upon rate.

Item 7. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with reference to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-73326) of The Williams Companies, Inc.

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4.1	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated January 14, 2002, between the Company and Bank One Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee.
4.2	Form of Note (included in Exhibit 4.1).
4.3	Purchase Contract Agreement, dated January 14, 2002, between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent.
4.4	Form of Income PACS Certificate (included in Exhibit 4.3).
4.5	Pledge Agreement, dated January 14, 2002, among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent.
4.6	Remarketing Agreement, dated January 14, 2002, among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent, and Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as Remarketing Agent.
8.1	Tax Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: January 23, 2002

By: /s/ Suzanne H. Costin

Name: Suzanne H. Costin
Title: Corporate Secretary

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40,000,000 FELINE PACS(sm)
 (Initially Consisting of 40,000,000 Income PACS(sm))

The Williams Companies, Inc.

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

January 7, 2002

MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
 Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
 Salomon Smith Barney Inc.
 c/o MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 4 World Financial Center
 North Tower
 New York, New York 10080

Dear Sirs:

The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to sell 40,000,000 FELINE PACS (the "Firm Securities") of the Company to the several Underwriters (the "Underwriters") named in Schedule 1 hereto, subject to the conditions hereinafter stated. Each FELINE PACS initially will consist of a unit (referred to as "Income PACS") with a stated amount of \$25 (the "Stated Amount") comprised of (a) a stock purchase contract (the "Purchase Contract") under which (i) the holder will agree to purchase from the Company on February 16, 2005 (the "Purchase Contract Settlement Date"), a number of shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company equal to the Settlement Rate (as defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement referred to below) and (ii) the Company will pay to the holder thereof contract adjustment payments of 2.50% of the Stated Amount, and (b) a 6.50% Note due 2007 (the "Notes"), in a principal amount of \$25. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Salomon Smith Barney Inc. shall act as representatives (the "Representatives") of the several Underwriters.

(SM) Service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

In addition, the Company proposes to grant to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 6,000,000 FELINE PACS on the terms and for the purposes set forth in Section 3 (the "Option Securities"). The Firm Securities and the Option Securities, if purchased, are hereinafter collectively called the "Securities." This is to confirm the agreement concerning the purchase of the Securities from the Company by the Underwriters.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall be used as defined in the Prospectus (as defined below).

In accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement, to be dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Purchase Contract Agreement"), between the Company and JP Morgan Chase Bank, as purchase contract agent (the "Purchase Contract Agent"), the Notes constituting a part of the Securities will be pledged by the Purchase Contract Agent, on behalf of the holders of the Income PACS, to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as collateral agent (the "Collateral Agent"), pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, to be dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent and the Collateral Agent, to secure the holders' obligations to purchase Common Stock under the Purchase Contracts. The shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Purchase Contracts are hereinafter called the "Shares." The rights and obligations of a holder of Securities in respect of Notes, subject to the pledge thereof, and Purchase Contracts will be evidenced by Security Certificates (the "Security Certificates") to be issued pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement.

The Notes will be issued pursuant to the Senior Indenture, dated as of November 10, 1997, between the Company and Bank One Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee") and a Sixth Supplemental Indenture thereto to be dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Supplemental Indenture"; such Indenture as amended and supplemented to the date hereof and as further amended and supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture is herein referred to as the "Indenture").

Pursuant to a Remarketing Agreement (the "Remarketing Agreement") to be dated as of January 14, 2002, between the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent and Merrill Lynch, certain Notes may be remarketed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Remarketing Agreement.

As used in this Agreement, the term "Operative Documents" means this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agreement (including the Purchase Contracts), the Pledge Agreement, the Remarketing Agreement, the Senior Notes and the Indenture.

SECTION 1. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Company. The Company represents, warrants and agrees that:

(a) A registration statement on Form S-3 with respect to debt securities, preferred and common stock of the Company, warrants, purchase contracts and units (collectively, the "Shelf Securities"), including the Securities, has (i) been prepared by the Company in conformity in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the rules and regulations (the "Rules and Regulations") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") thereunder, (ii) been filed with the Commission under the Securities Act and (iii) become effective under the Securities Act. The registration statement includes a prospectus relating to the Shelf Securities. In addition, the Company has filed, or will file within the applicable time period set forth in the Rules and Regulations, with the Commission, a prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Securities pursuant to Rule 424 of the Rules and Regulations. The term "Registration Statement" means the registration statement as amended to the date of this Agreement. The term "Basic Prospectus" means the prospectus included in the Registration Statement. The term "Prospectus" means the Basic Prospectus together with the prospectus supplement (other than a preliminary prospectus supplement) specifically relating to the Securities, in the form first used to confirm sales of the Securities. The term "Preliminary Prospectus" means a preliminary prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Securities, together with the Basic Prospectus. As used herein, the terms "Registration Statement", "Basic Prospectus", "Prospectus" and "Preliminary Prospectus" shall include, in each case, the material, if any, incorporated by reference therein; "Effective Time" means the date and time as of which the Registration Statement, or the most recent post-effective amendment thereto, if any, was declared effective by the Commission; "Effective Date" means the date of the Effective Time; and the terms "supplement", "amend" and "amendment", as used in this Agreement with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, shall include all documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), that are deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Prospectus. If the Company has filed an abbreviated registration statement to register additional Securities pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (the "Rule 462 Registration Statement"), then any reference herein to the term "Registration Statement" shall be deemed to include such Rule 462 Registration Statement. To the best of the Company's knowledge, the Commission has not issued any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus.

(b) The Registration Statement conforms in all material respects, and the Prospectus and any further amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus will, when they become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations and do not and will not, as of the applicable Effective Date (as to the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto) and as of the applicable filing date (as to the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto) contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; provided that no representation or warranty is made as to information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company through the Representatives by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein.

(c) The Company and each of its significant subsidiaries (as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act) (each, a "Significant Subsidiary" and collectively, "Significant Subsidiaries"), which are listed on Schedule 2 hereto, have been duly incorporated (in the case of each Significant Subsidiary which is a corporation) or otherwise validly formed and are validly existing in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, except where failure to have such qualifications would not, singly or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operation, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct the businesses in which they are engaged. The Company has full power to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and each of the Operative Documents to which it is a party.

(d) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Prospectus and all of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and conform to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus; and all of the issued shares of capital stock of each Significant Subsidiary (in the case of each Significant Subsidiary which is a corporation) have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable and (except for directors' qualifying shares and as disclosed in the Prospectus) are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims.

(e) The Indenture has been duly authorized and, upon execution and delivery of the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities by the Trustee and the Company, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by equitable principles of general applicability.

(f) The Notes have been duly authorized and, at each Delivery Date, will have been validly executed and delivered by the Company. When the Notes have been issued, executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to the purchasers thereof against payment for the stated consideration therefor, they will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by equitable principles of general applicability. At each Delivery Date, the Notes will conform as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus.

(g) The Pledge Agreement and the Purchase Contract Agreement have been duly authorized and, upon execution and delivery thereof, will constitute valid and legally binding agreements of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by equitable principles of general applicability.

(h) The Remarketing Agreement has been duly authorized and, upon execution and delivery thereof, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms except as (a) the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and rights of acceleration and (ii) the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by equitable principles of general applicability and (b) rights to indemnification and contribution thereunder may be limited by applicable law.

(i) The FELINE PACS (which include the Income PACS) have been duly authorized and when executed and delivered by the Company will constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by equitable principles of general applicability, and will conform in all material respects to the description thereof in the Prospectus. The Income PACS and the Shares have been duly registered under the Exchange Act and have been authorized for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to official notice of issuance; and the issuance of the FELINE PACS will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights. All corporate action required to be taken for the authorization, issuance and delivery of the Income PACS has been validly taken.

(j) The Shares to be issued and sold by the Company pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Contract Agreement, will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable; and the issuance of the Shares is not and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights, and the preferred stock purchase rights under the Rights Agreement dated as of February 6, 1996 (the "Rights Agreement") to which holders of the Shares will be entitled, will be validly issued and the Shares will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus.

(k) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(l) The execution, delivery and performance of each of the Operative Documents by the Company and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is subject, other than such conflicts, breaches, violations or defaults which, singly or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, nor will such actions result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or any statute or any order, rule or regulation known to the Company of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or any of their properties or assets; and except for the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act and the Exchange

Act and such consents, approvals, authorizations, registrations or qualifications as may be required under the Exchange Act, the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws and securities laws of foreign jurisdictions in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, no consent, approval, authorization or order of, or filing or registration with, any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the execution, delivery and performance of any of the Operative Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

(m) Except for that certain Williams Preferred Stock Remarketing, Registration Rights and Support Agreement dated March 23, 2001 among the Company, Williams Share Trust, WCG Note Trust, United States Trust Company of New York and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation and that certain Joint Venture Sponsor Agreement dated December 28, 2000 among the Company, Williams Field Services Company, Prairie Wolf Investors, L.L.C., Arctic Fox Assets, L.L.C., Williams Energy (Canada), Inc. and other Indemnified Parties (as defined therein), and except as described in the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include any securities of the Company in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(n) Neither the Company nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries has sustained, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree that has resulted in, or is reasonably likely to result in, a material adverse change in the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Prospectus; and, since such date, there has not been any material change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Prospectus.

(o) The financial statements (including the related notes and supporting schedules) filed as part of the Registration Statement or included in the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the entities purported to be shown thereby, at the dates and for the periods indicated, and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as may be indicated in the notes thereto.

(p) Ernst & Young LLP, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company, whose report appears, or is incorporated by reference, in the Prospectus and who have delivered the initial letter referred to in Section 7(h) hereof, are independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations.

(q) The Company and each of its Significant Subsidiaries carry, or are covered by, insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as the Company believes is adequate for the conduct of their respective businesses and the value of their respective properties and as the Company believes is customary for companies engaged in similar businesses in similar industries.

(r) The Company and each of its Significant Subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate rights to use all material patents, patent applications, trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights and licenses necessary for the conduct of their respective businesses and have no reason to believe that the conduct of their respective businesses will conflict with, and have not received any notice of any claim of conflict with, any such rights of others which, singly or in the aggregate, in the judgment of the Company, is reasonably likely to result in any material adverse change in the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(s) Except as described in the Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party or of which any property or assets of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is the subject which could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and to the best of the Company's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others.

(t) There are no contracts or other documents which are required to be described in the Prospectus or filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement by the Securities Act or by the Rules and Regulations which have not been described in the Prospectus or filed as exhibits to the

(u) No business or related party transaction exists which is required by Item 404 of Regulation S-K to be described in the Prospectus which is not so described.

(v) The Company is in compliance in all material respects with all presently applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder ("ERISA"); no "reportable event" (as defined in ERISA) has occurred with respect to any "pension plan" (as defined in ERISA) for which the Company would have any liability; the Company has not incurred and does not expect to incur liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "pension plan" or (ii) Sections 412 or 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (the "Code"); and each "pension plan" for which the Company would have any liability that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified in all material respects and nothing has occurred, whether by action or by failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification.

(w) The Company has filed all material federal, state and local income and franchise tax returns required to be filed through the date hereof and has paid all taxes due thereon, other than those filings or payments being contested in good faith, and the Company has not received notice that any tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries which has had or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(x) Since the date as of which information is given in the Prospectus through the date hereof, and except as may otherwise be disclosed in the Prospectus or with respect to the subsequent issuance of shares of Common Stock, if any, pursuant to employee or director benefit plans, the Company has not (i) issued or granted any securities, (ii) incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, other than liabilities and obligations which were incurred in the ordinary course of business, (iii) entered into any transaction not in the ordinary course of business, except, in case of (ii) and (iii), for such liabilities, obligations or transactions that have not had or are not reasonably expected to have, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole or (iv) declared or paid any dividend on its capital stock.

(y) The Company (i) makes and keeps accurate books and records and (ii) maintains internal accounting controls which provide reasonable assurance that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of its financial statements and to maintain accountability for its assets, (C) access to its assets is permitted only in accordance with management's authorization and (D) the reported accountability for its assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals.

(z) Neither the Company nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries (i) is in violation of its charter or by-laws, (ii) is in default in any material respect, and no event has occurred which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any material indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound or to which any of its properties or assets is subject or (iii) is in violation in any material respect of any law, ordinance, governmental rule, regulation or court decree to which it or its property or assets may be subject or has failed to obtain any material license, permit, certificate, franchise or other governmental authorization or permit necessary to the ownership of its property or to the conduct of its business except, in case of (ii) and (iii), for such defaults, violations, or failures to obtain such authorizations or permits that have not had or are not reasonably expected to have, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(aa) There has been no storage, disposal, generation, manufacture, refinement, transportation, handling or treatment of toxic wastes, medical wastes, hazardous wastes or hazardous substances by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries (or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of their predecessors in interest) at, upon or from any of the property now or previously owned or leased by the Company or its Significant Subsidiaries in violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, judgment, decree or permit or which would require remedial action under any applicable law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, judgment, decree or permit, except for any violation or remedial action which would not have, or could not be reasonably likely to have, singularly or in the aggregate with all such violations and remedial actions, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; there has

been no material spill, discharge, leak, emission, injection, escape, dumping or release of any kind onto such property or into the environment surrounding such property of any toxic wastes, medical wastes, solid wastes, hazardous wastes or hazardous substances due to or caused by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or with respect to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries have knowledge, except for any such spill, discharge, leak, emission, injection, escape, dumping or release which would not have or would not be reasonably likely to have, singularly or in the aggregate with all such spills, discharges, leaks, emissions, injections, escapes, dumpings and releases, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and the terms "hazardous wastes", "toxic wastes", "hazardous substances" and "medical wastes" shall have the meanings specified in any applicable local, state, federal and foreign laws or regulations with respect to environmental protection.

(bb) The Company is not, and, after giving effect to the offering contemplated hereby and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus, will not be, an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

SECTION 2. Purchase of the Securities by the Underwriters. On the basis of the representations and warranties contained in, and subject to the terms and conditions of, this Agreement, the Company agrees to sell the Firm Securities to the several Underwriters and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase the number of Firm Securities set forth opposite that Underwriter's name in Schedule 1 hereto. The respective purchase obligations of the Underwriters with respect to the Firm Securities shall be rounded among the Underwriters to avoid fractional shares, as the Representatives may determine.

In addition, the Company grants to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to 6,000,000 Option Securities. Such option is granted for the purpose of covering over-allotments in the sale of Firm Securities and is exercisable as provided in Section 4 hereof. Option Securities shall be purchased severally for the account of the Underwriters in proportion to the number of Firm Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule 1 hereto.

The price of both the Firm Securities and any Option Securities to be paid by the Underwriters shall be \$24.25 per Income PACS.

The Company shall not be obligated to deliver any of the Securities to be delivered on any Delivery Date (as hereinafter defined), except upon payment for all the Securities to be purchased on such Delivery Date as provided herein.

SECTION 3. Offering by the Underwriters.

Upon authorization by the Representatives of the release of the Firm Securities, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Firm Securities for sale upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus.

SECTION 4. Delivery of and Payment for the Securities. Delivery of and payment for the Firm Securities shall be made at the offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on January 14, 2002 or at such other date or place as shall be determined by agreement between the Representatives and the Company. This date and time are sometimes referred to as the "First Delivery Date." On the First Delivery Date, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered certificates representing the Firm Securities to the Representatives for the account of each Underwriter, or deliver or cause to be delivered to a securities intermediary designated by the Representatives of such certificates and crediting to the securities account designated by such Representatives at such securities intermediary for the account of each Underwriter of security entitlements in respect of the Firm Securities against, in each case, payment to or upon the order of the Company of the purchase price by wire transfer in immediately available funds. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified pursuant to this Agreement is a further condition of the obligation of each Underwriter hereunder. Upon delivery, the Firm Securities shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as the Representatives shall request in writing not less than two full business days prior to the First Delivery Date. For the purpose of expediting the checking and packaging of the certificates for the Firm Securities, the Company shall make the certificates representing the Firm Securities available for inspection by the Representatives in New York, New York, not later than 2:00 P.M., New York City time, on the business day prior to the First Delivery Date.

The option granted in Section 2 will expire 30 days after the date of this Agreement, subject to certain limitations separately agreed upon, and may be exercised in whole or in part from time to time by written notice being given to the Company by the Representatives. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of shares of Option Securities as to which the option is being exercised, the names in which the certificates representing the Option Securities are to be registered, the denominations in which such certificates representing the Option Securities are to be issued and the date and time, as determined by the Representatives, when

the certificates representing the Option Securities are to be delivered; provided, however, that this date and time shall not be earlier than the First Delivery Date nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised nor later than the fifth business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. The date and time the certificates representing the Option Securities are delivered are sometimes referred to as a "Second Delivery Date" and the First Delivery Date and any Second Delivery Date are sometimes each referred to as a "Delivery Date".

Delivery of and payment for the Option Securities shall be made at the place specified in the first sentence of the first paragraph of this Section 4 (or at such other place as shall be determined by agreement between the Representatives and the Company) at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on such Second Delivery Date. On such Second Delivery Date, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered the certificates representing the Option Securities to the Representatives for the account of each Underwriter against payment to or upon the order of the Company of the purchase price by wire transfer in immediately available funds. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified pursuant to this Agreement is a further condition of the obligation of each Underwriter hereunder. Upon delivery, the Option Securities shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as the Representatives shall request in the aforesaid written notice. For the purpose of expediting the checking and packaging of the certificates for the Option Securities, the Company shall make the certificates representing the Option Securities available for inspection by the Representatives in New York, New York, not later than 2:00 P.M., New York City time, on the business day prior to such Second Delivery Date.

The Notes will be pledged with the Collateral Agent to secure the obligations of the holders to purchase Common Stock under the Purchase Contracts. Such pledge shall be effected by the transfer to the Collateral Agent of the relevant Notes at the relevant Date of Delivery in accordance with the Pledge Agreement.

SECTION 5. Further Agreements of the Company. The Company agrees:

(a) To prepare the Prospectus in a form approved by the Representatives and to file such Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act not later than Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement; to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement or to the Prospectus except as permitted herein; to advise the Representatives, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus has been filed and to furnish the Representatives with copies thereof; to advise the Representatives, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or suspending any such qualification, to use promptly its reasonable best efforts to obtain its withdrawal;

(b) To furnish promptly to each of the Representatives and to counsel for the Underwriters a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed with the Commission, and each amendment thereto filed with the Commission, including all consents and exhibits filed therewith;

(c) To deliver promptly to the Representatives such number of the following documents as the Representatives shall reasonably request: (i) conformed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed with the Commission and each amendment thereto (in each case excluding exhibits) and (ii) each Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amended or supplemented Prospectus; and, if the delivery of a prospectus is required at any time after the Effective Time in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities or any other securities relating thereto and if at such time any events shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the Securities Act, to notify the Representatives and, upon their request, to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many copies as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance.

(d) To file promptly with the Commission any amendment to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any supplement to the Prospectus that may, in the judgment of the Company or the Representatives, be required by the Securities Act or requested by the Commission;

(e) Prior to filing with the Commission any amendment to the Registration Statement or supplement to the Prospectus or any Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424 of the Rules and Regulations, to furnish a copy thereof to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters and obtain the consent of the Representatives to the filing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld;

(f) As soon as practicable after the date of this Agreement, to make generally available to the Company's security holders and to deliver to the Representatives an earnings statement of the Company and its subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158);

(g) Promptly from time to time to take such action, with the cooperation of the Representatives, as the Representatives may reasonably request to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may reasonably request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be reasonably necessary to complete the distribution of the Securities;

provided that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction;

(h) During the period of ninety (90) days from the date of this Agreement, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (A) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any FELINE PACS, purchase contracts, Common Stock or any similar securities or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for or repayable with FELINE PACS, purchase contracts, Common Stock or similar securities; or (B) directly or indirectly, enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic equivalent of ownership of FELINE PACS, purchase contracts, Common Stock or similar securities or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for or repayable with FELINE PACS, purchase contracts, Common Stock or similar securities whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of FELINE PACS, purchase contracts, Common Stock or similar securities or other securities. The foregoing sentence shall not apply (i) in connection with the offering and sale of any Securities to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement; (ii) to any purchases, issuances or grants of options, rights or warrants under the Company's employee or director compensation and benefits plans, or used for similar employee compensation or benefit purposes; (iii) to any purchases and issuances under the Company's direct stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan or (iv) to shares of Common Stock used as consideration for acquisitions or issued in connection with strategic alliances (provided that the recipient of any such shares of Common Stock agrees to be bound by the transfer restrictions set forth herein for the unexpired remaining term thereof);

(i) To apply for the listing of the Income PACS and the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange, and to use its reasonable best efforts to complete that listing, subject only to official notice of issuance, prior to the First Delivery Date;

(j) To reserve and keep available at all times, free of preemptive or other similar rights and liens and adverse claims, sufficient shares of Common Stock to satisfy its obligation to issue Shares upon settlement of the Purchase Contracts;

(k) To apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities as set forth in the Prospectus; and

(l) To take such steps as shall be necessary to ensure that neither the Company nor any subsidiary shall become an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

SECTION 6. Expenses. The Company agrees to pay (a) the costs incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Securities and any taxes payable in that connection; (b) the costs incident to the preparation, printing and filing under the Securities Act of the Registration Statement and any amendments and exhibits thereto; (c) the costs of distributing the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto and any post-effective amendments thereof (including, in each case, exhibits), any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, all as provided in this Agreement; (d) the costs of producing and distributing the Operative Documents and any other related documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities; (e) any filing fees incident to securing the review by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. of the terms of sale of the Securities; (f) any applicable listing or other fees; (g) the fees and expenses (not in excess, in the aggregate, of \$10,000) of qualifying the Securities under the securities laws of the several jurisdictions as provided in Section 5(g) and of preparing, printing and distributing a Blue Sky Memorandum

(including related fees and expenses of counsel to the Underwriters); (h) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations with the prior approval of the Company, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the cost of any aircraft chartered (with the approval of the Company) in connection with the road show and (i) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Agreement; provided that, except as provided in this Section 6 and in Section 11, the Underwriters shall pay their own costs and expenses, including the costs and expenses of their counsel, any transfer taxes on the Securities which they may sell and the expenses of advertising any offering of the Securities made by the Underwriters.

SECTION 7. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The respective obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy, when made and on each Delivery Date, of the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional terms and conditions:

(a) The Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission in accordance with Section 5(a); no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and any request of the Commission for inclusion of additional information in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or otherwise shall have been complied with.

(b) All corporate proceedings and other legal matters incident to the authorization of the Operative Documents, the Securities, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, and all other legal matters relating to such Operative Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby shall be reasonably satisfactory in all material respects to counsel for the Underwriters, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel all documents and information that they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

(c) William von Glahn, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives his written opinion, addressed to the Underwriters and dated such Delivery Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect that:

(i) The Company and each of its Significant Subsidiaries have been duly incorporated (in the case of each Significant Subsidiary that is a corporation) or otherwise validly formed and are validly existing in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, except to the extent such failure to be qualified or in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and conduct the businesses in which they are engaged as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement; and all of the issued shares of capital stock of each Significant Subsidiary (in the case of each Significant Subsidiary that is a corporation) have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid, non-assessable and (except for directors' qualifying shares and as disclosed in the Prospectus) are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims. The Company has full power to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and each of the Operative Documents to which it is a party;

(ii) To the best of such counsel's knowledge and other than as set forth in the Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party or of which any property or assets of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is the subject which could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and, to the best of such counsel's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or pending by governmental authorities or threatened by others;

(iii) To the best of such counsel's knowledge, except for that certain Williams Preferred Stock Remarketing, Registration Rights and Support Agreement dated March 23, 2001 among the Company, Williams Share Trust, WCG Note Trust, United States Trust Company of New York and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation and that

certain Joint Venture Sponsor Agreement dated December 28, 2000 among the Company, Williams Field Services Company, Prairie Wolf Investors, L.L.C., Arctic Fox Assets, L.L.C., Williams Energy (Canada), Inc. and other Indemnified Parties (as defined therein), and except as described in the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement;

(iv) The Company is in compliance in all material respects with all presently applicable provisions of ERISA; no "reportable event" (as defined in ERISA) has occurred with respect to any "pension plan" (as defined in ERISA) for which the Company would have any liability; the Company has not incurred and does not expect to incur liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "pension plan" or (ii) Sections 412 or 4971 of the Code; and each "pension plan" for which the Company would have any liability that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified in all material respects and nothing has occurred, whether by action or by failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification;

(v) There has been no storage, disposal, generation, manufacture, refinement, transportation, handling or treatment of toxic wastes, medical wastes, hazardous wastes or hazardous substances by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries (or, to the knowledge of such counsel, any of their predecessors in interest) at, upon or from any of the property now or previously owned or leased (but not including property on which the Company had or has easements or similar rights) by the Company or its Significant Subsidiaries in violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, judgment, decree or permit or which would require remedial action under any applicable law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, judgment, decree or permit, except for any violation or remedial action which would not have, or could not be reasonably likely to have, singularly or in the aggregate with all such violations and remedial actions, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; there has been no material spill, discharge, leak, emission, injection, escape, dumping or release of any kind onto such property or into the environment surrounding such property of any toxic wastes, medical wastes, solid wastes, hazardous wastes or hazardous substances due to or caused by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or with respect to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries have knowledge, except for any such spill, discharge, leak, emission, injection, escape, dumping or release which would not have or would not be reasonably likely to have, singularly or in the aggregate with all such spills, discharges, leaks, emissions, injections, escapes, dumpings and releases, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(vi) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Prospectus under the "Actual" column under the caption "Capitalization," and all of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus;

(vii) The Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(viii) The Notes have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(ix) The Pledge Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Remarketing Agreement have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(x) The Income PACS have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all corporate action required to be taken for the authorization, issuance and delivery of the FELINE PACS has been validly taken;

(xi) The Shares to be issued and sold by the Company pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Contract Agreement, will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable; and the issuance of the Shares is not and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights, and the preferred stock purchase rights under the Rights Agreement to which holders of the Shares will be entitled, will be validly issued and the Shares

will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus;

(xii) Except for that certain Williams Preferred Stock Remarketing, Registration Rights and Support Agreement dated March 23, 2001 among the Company, Williams Share Trust, WCG Note Trust, United States Trust Company of New York and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation and that certain Joint Venture Sponsor Agreement dated December 28, 2000 among the Company, Williams Field Services Company, Prairie Wolf Investors, L.L.C., Arctic Fox Assets, L.L.C., Williams Energy (Canada), Inc. and other Indemnified Parties (as defined therein) and except as described in the Prospectus, there are no preemptive or other rights to subscribe for or to purchase, nor any restriction upon the voting or transfer of, any shares of the Common Stock pursuant to the Company's charter or by-laws or any agreement or other instrument to which the Company is a party;

(xiii) Neither the Company nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries (i) is in violation of its charter or by-laws, (ii) is in default in any material respect, and no event has occurred which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any material indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound or to which any of its properties or assets is subject or (iii) is in violation in any material respect of any law, ordinance, governmental rule, regulation or court decree to which it or its property or assets may be subject or has failed to obtain any material license, permit, certificate, franchise or other governmental authorization or permit necessary to the ownership of its property or to the conduct of its business except, in case of (ii) and (iii), for such defaults, violations, or failures to obtain such authorizations or permits that have not had or are not reasonably expected to have, a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(xiv) The execution, delivery and performance of the Operative Documents by the Company and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is subject, other than such conflicts, agreements, breaches, violations or defaults which, singly or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, nor will such actions result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or any statute or any order, rule or regulation known to the Company of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or any of their properties or assets; and except for the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and such consents, approvals, authorizations, registrations or qualifications as may be required under the Exchange Act, the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws and securities laws of foreign jurisdictions in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, no consent, approval, authorization or order of, or filing or registration with, any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the execution, delivery and performance of the Operative Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby;

(xv) The Company is not, and after giving effect to the offering of the Securities and the application of the net proceeds therefrom will not be, an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;

(xvi) The statements (1) under the captions "Description of Debt Securities", "Description of Common Stock", "Description of Preferred Stock" and "Plan of Distribution" in the Basic Prospectus, (2) in the Registration Statement under Item 15 and (3) in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K or Form 10-K-A, as the case may be, and in the Company's most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under "Business" and "Legal Proceedings", in each case insofar as such statements constitute summaries of the legal matters, documents or proceedings referred to therein, fairly present the information called for with respect to such legal matters, documents or proceedings and fairly summarize the matters referred to therein;

(xvii) After due inquiry, such counsel does not know of any legal

or governmental proceeding pending or threatened to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject which is required to be described or of any contract or other document which is required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement which is not described or filed as required; and

(xviii) Such counsel (a) is of the opinion that (except as to the financial statements and financial and statistical data included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any opinion) each document, if any, filed pursuant to the Exchange Act and incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and the Prospectus complied when so filed as to form in all material respects with the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (b) is of the opinion that the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, if applicable (except as to the financial statements included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any opinion), comply as to form in all material respects with the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations, (c) believes that (except as to the financial statements and financial and statistical data included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any belief), each part of the Registration Statement when such part became effective or was incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement did not contain, and as of the date of such opinion, does not contain, any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or to make the statements therein not misleading, and (d) believes that (except as to the financial statements and financial and statistical data included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any belief) the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may state that his opinion is limited to matters governed by the Federal laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of New York and the State of Oklahoma and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

(d) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, special counsel to the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives their written opinion, addressed to the Underwriters and dated such Delivery Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect that:

(i) The Indenture, upon execution and delivery of the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities by the Trustee and the Company, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in law or in equity);

(ii) When the Notes have been issued, executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to the purchasers thereof against payment for the stated consideration therefor, they will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in law or in equity). The Notes conform as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus;

(iii) The Pledge Agreement and the Purchase Contract Agreement, upon execution and delivery thereof, will constitute valid and legally binding agreements of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in law or in equity); provided, however, that upon the occurrence of a Termination Event (as defined in the Purchase Contract), Section 365(e)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. ss. 101-1330, as amended) would not substantively limit the provisions of Sections 3.15 and 5.06 of the Purchase Contract Agreement or Section 5.4 of the Pledge Agreement that require termination of the Purchase Contracts and release of the Collateral Agent's security interest in (1) the Notes, (2) the Treasury securities or (3) the applicable ownership

interest of the Treasury portfolio, as applicable, and the transfer of such securities to the Purchase Contract Agent (for the benefit of the holders of the Securities) and, provided, further, however, that (i) the foregoing opinion is subject to the equitable powers of the Bankruptcy Court and the Bankruptcy Court's power under Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) procedural restrictions respecting relief from the automatic stay under Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code may delay the timing of the exercise of such rights and remedies;

(iv) The Remarketing Agreement, upon execution and delivery thereof, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms except as (i) the enforceability thereof may be limited by (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally and (b) general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in law or in equity) and (ii) rights to indemnification and contribution contained therein may be limited by state and federal securities laws or the public policy underlying such laws;

(v) When the FELINE PACS have been issued, executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Contract Agreement and delivered to the purchasers thereof pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, they will constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in law or in equity); provided, however, that upon the occurrence of a Termination Event (as defined in the Purchase Contract), Section 365(e)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. ss. 101- 1330, as amended) would not substantively limit the provisions of Sections 3.15 and 5.06 of the Purchase Contract Agreement or Section 5.4 of the Pledge Agreement that require termination of the Purchase Contracts and release of the Collateral Agent's security interest in (1) the Notes, (2) the Treasury securities or (3) the applicable ownership interest of the Treasury portfolio, as applicable, and the transfer of such securities to the Purchase Contract Agent (for the benefit of the holders of the Securities) and, provided, further, however, that (i) the foregoing opinion is subject to the equitable powers of the Bankruptcy Court and the Bankruptcy Court's power under Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) procedural restrictions respecting relief from the automatic stay under Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code may delay the timing of the exercise of such rights and remedies;

(vi) Although the discussion set forth in the Prospectus Supplement under the heading "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" does not purport to discuss all possible United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of FELINE PACS, such discussion constitutes, in all material respects, a fair and accurate summary of the United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the FELINE PACS, based upon current United States federal income tax law;

(vii) Such counsel has reviewed the discussion set forth under "ERISA Considerations" in the Prospectus Supplement and are of the opinion that to the extent the discussion relates to conclusions of law, the discussion is accurate in all material respects; and

(viii) The statements in the Prospectus Supplement under the captions "Description of the FELINE PACS", "Description of the Purchase Contracts", "Description of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement" and "Description of the Notes", in each case insofar as such statements purport to summarize certain provisions of the Indenture, the Purchase Contracts, the Pledge Agreement and the Notes, fairly summarize such provisions in all material respects.

Such counsel shall also state that they have been orally advised by the Commission that the Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act.

(e) Cravath, Swaine & Moore, counsel for JP Morgan Chase Bank (the "Bank"), as Purchase Contract Agent, shall have furnished to the Representatives its written opinion, addressed to the Underwriters and dated such Delivery Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect that:

(i) the Bank has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a banking corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of New York;

(ii) the Bank has the corporate trust power and authority to

execute, deliver and perform its duties under the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement, has duly executed and delivered the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement, and, insofar as the laws governing the trust powers of the Bank are concerned and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the other parties thereto, each of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Bank, enforceable against the Bank in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally from time to time in effect and to general principles of equity (including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing), regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law;

(iii) no approval, authorization or other action by, or filing with, any governmental authority of the United States of America or the State of New York having jurisdiction over the trust powers of the Bank is required in connection with the execution and delivery by the Bank of the Purchase Contract Agreement or the Pledge Agreement or the performance by the Bank of its duties thereunder, except such as have been obtained, taken or made; and

(iv) the execution, delivery and performance by the Bank of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement do not conflict with or constitute a breach of the charter or bylaws of the Bank.

(f) The Representatives shall have received from Davis Polk & Wardwell, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated such Delivery Date, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Securities, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they reasonably request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(g) At the time of execution of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received from Ernst & Young a letter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, addressed to the Underwriters and dated the date hereof (i) confirming that they are independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and are in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X of the Commission and (ii) stating, as of the date hereof (or, with respect to matters involving changes or developments since the respective dates as of which specified financial information is given in the Prospectus, as of a date not more than five days prior to the date hereof), the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with registered public offerings.

(h) With respect to the letter of Ernst & Young referred to in the preceding paragraph and delivered to the Representatives concurrently with the execution of this Agreement (the "initial letter"), the Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter (the "bring-down letter") of such accountants, addressed to the Underwriters and dated such Delivery Date (i) confirming that they are independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and are in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X of the Commission, (ii) stating, as of the date of the bring-down letter (or, with respect to matters involving changes or developments since the respective dates as of which specified financial information is given in the Prospectus, as of a date not more than five days prior to the date of the bring-down letter), the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters covered by the initial letters and (iii) confirming in all material respects the conclusions and findings set forth in the initial letter.

(i) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a certificate, dated such Delivery Date, of its Chairman of the Board, its President, a Vice President or its chief financial officer or Treasurer stating that:

(i) The representations, warranties and agreements of the Company in Section 1 are true and correct as of such Delivery Date; the Company has complied with all its agreements contained herein; and the conditions set forth in Sections 7(a), 7(j), 7(k) and 7(l) have been fulfilled; and

(ii) They have carefully examined the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and, in their opinion (A) as of the date of this Agreement, the Registration Statement and Prospectus did not include any untrue statement of a material fact and did not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and (B) since the date of this Agreement, no event has occurred which should have been set forth in a supplement or amendment to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

(j) Since the date of the latest audited financial statements included in the Prospectus (A) neither the Company nor any of the Significant Subsidiaries shall have sustained any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Prospectus or (B) there shall not have been any material change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the consolidated financial position, results of operations, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Prospectus, the effect of which, in any such case described in clause (A) or (B), is, in the judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities being delivered on such Delivery Date on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

(k) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement there shall not have occurred any of the following: (a) (i) trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange, or trading in any securities of the Company on any exchange, shall have been suspended or minimum prices shall have been established on any such exchange by the Commission, by such exchange or by any other regulatory body or governmental authority having jurisdiction, (ii) a general banking moratorium in New York shall have been declared by Federal or New York state authorities, (iii) the United States shall have become engaged in hostilities, there shall have been an escalation in hostilities involving the United States or there shall have been a declaration of a national emergency or war by the United States or (iv) there shall have occurred a change in general economic, political or financial conditions (or the effect of international conditions on the financial markets in the United States shall be such) that in the judgment of the Representatives is material and adverse and (b) in the case of any of the events specified in clauses (a)(i) through (a)(iv) above, such event, singly or together with any other such event, makes it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or delivery of the Securities being delivered on such Delivery Date on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

(l) There shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any of the Company's securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act.

(m) The New York Stock Exchange, Inc. shall have approved the Income PACS and the Shares for listing, subject only to official notice of issuance.

All opinions, letters, evidence and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters.

SECTION 8. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its officers and employees and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, from and against any loss, claim, damage or liability, joint or several, or any action in respect thereof (including, but not limited to, any loss, claim, damage, liability or action relating to purchases and sales of the Securities), to which that Underwriter, officer, employee or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of, or is based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in (A) any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or (B) in any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities ("Marketing Materials"), including any roadshow or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically) or (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any amendment or supplement thereto, or in any Marketing Materials, any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and shall reimburse each Underwriter and each such officer, employee or controlling person promptly upon demand for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by that Underwriter, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending or preparing to defend against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of, or is based upon, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any such amendment or supplement, in

reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning such Underwriter furnished to the Company through the Representatives by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, which information consists solely of the information specified in Section 8(e); and, provided further, that the Company will not be liable to any Underwriter with respect to any Preliminary Prospectus to the extent the Company shall sustain the burden of proving that any such loss, claim, damage or liability resulted from the fact that such Underwriter, in contravention of a requirement of applicable law, sold Securities to a person to whom such Underwriter failed to send or give, at or prior to the Closing Date, a copy of the Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented, if: (i) the Company has previously furnished copies thereof (in sufficient quantity and sufficiently in advance of the Closing Date to allow for distribution by the Closing Date) to the Underwriter and the loss, claim, damage or liability of such Underwriter resulted from an untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in or omitted from the Preliminary Prospectus which was corrected in the Prospectus as, if applicable, amended or supplemented prior to the Closing Date and such Prospectus was required by law to be delivered at or prior to the written confirmation of sale to such person and (ii) such Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) would have fully cured the defect giving rise to such loss, claim, damage or liability. The foregoing indemnity agreement is in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have to any Underwriter or to any officer, employee or controlling person of that Underwriter.

(b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its officers and employees, each of its directors, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, from and against any loss, claim, damage or liability, joint or several, or any action in respect thereof, to which the Company or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of, or is based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto, or (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any amendment or supplement thereto, any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but in each case only to the extent that the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning such Underwriter furnished to the Company through the Representatives by or on behalf of that Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, and shall reimburse the Company and any such director, officer or controlling person for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending or preparing to defend against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action as such expenses are incurred. The foregoing indemnity agreement is in addition to any liability which any Underwriter may otherwise have to the Company or any such director, officer, employee or controlling person.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of any claim or the commencement of any action, the indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the claim or the commencement of that action; provided, however, that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have under this Section 8 except to the extent it has been materially prejudiced by such failure and, provided further, that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to an indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 8. If any such claim or action shall be brought against an indemnified party, and it shall notify the indemnifying party thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it wishes, jointly with any other similarly notified indemnifying party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party. After notice from the indemnifying party to the indemnified party of its election to assume the defense of such claim or action, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to the indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by the indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation; provided, however, that the Representatives shall have the right to employ counsel to represent jointly the Representatives and those other Underwriters and their respective officers, employees and controlling persons who may be subject to liability arising out of any claim in respect of which indemnity may be sought by the Underwriters against the Company under this Section 8 if (i) the employment of such counsel has been expressly authorized in writing by the Company; (ii) the Company has not assumed the defense of and employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives within a reasonable time after notice of the commencement of such action or (iii) the named parties to any such action or proceeding (including impleaded parties) include both an indemnified party and the Company and such indemnified party shall have been advised in writing by counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to such indemnified party, which are different from or additional to those available to the Company, and such counsel's representation of such indemnified party and the Company in such action or proceeding would give

rise to a conflict of interest which would make it improper for such counsel to represent both the indemnified party and the Company (in which case the Company shall not have the right to assume the defense of such action or proceeding on behalf of such indemnified party). The Company shall not, in connection with any one such action or proceeding, or separate but substantially similar or related actions or proceedings in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm for the Underwriters and all such indemnified parties (in addition to any local counsel), which firm will be designated by the Representatives, as representative of the Underwriters, and the Company shall reimburse all such reasonable fees and expenses as they are billed. No indemnifying party shall (i) without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding, or (ii) be liable for any settlement of any such action effected without its written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), but if settled with the consent of the indemnifying party or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff in any such action, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless any indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 shall for any reason be unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) in respect of any loss, claim, damage or liability, or any action in respect thereof, referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability, or action in respect thereof, (i) in such proportion as shall be appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other with respect to the statements or omissions which resulted in such loss, claim, damage or liability, or action in respect thereof, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other with respect to such offering shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities purchased under this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, on the one hand, and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters with respect to the Securities purchased under this Agreement, on the other hand, bear to the total gross proceeds from the offering of the Securities under this Agreement, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Underwriters, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section were to be determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to herein. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the loss, claim, damage or liability, or action in respect thereof, referred to above in this Section shall be deemed to include, for purposes of this Section 8(d), any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8(d), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public was offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise paid or become liable to pay by reason of any untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute as provided in this Section 8(d) are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(e) The Underwriters severally confirm and the Company acknowledges that the statements with respect to the public offering of the Securities by the Underwriters set forth on the cover page of, and the statements concerning over-allotments and the concession and reallocation figures appearing under the caption "Underwriting" in, the Prospectus are correct and constitute the only information concerning such Underwriters furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of the Underwriters specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement and the

SECTION 9. Defaulting Underwriters.

If, on any Delivery Date, any Underwriter defaults in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the remaining non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated to purchase the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed to purchase on such Delivery Date in the respective proportions which the number of Firm Securities set opposite the name of each remaining non-defaulting Underwriter in Schedule 1 hereto bears to the total number of Firm Securities set opposite the names of all the remaining non-defaulting Underwriters in Schedule 1 hereto; provided, however, that the remaining non-defaulting Underwriters shall not be obligated to purchase any of the Securities on such Delivery Date if the total number of Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase on such date exceeds 9.09% of the total number of Securities to be purchased on such Delivery Date, and any remaining non-defaulting Underwriter shall not be obligated to purchase more than 110% of the number of Securities which it agreed to purchase on such Delivery Date pursuant to the terms of Section 3. If the foregoing maximums are exceeded, the remaining non-defaulting Underwriters, or those other underwriters satisfactory to the Representatives and the Company who so agree, shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to purchase, in such proportion as may be agreed upon among them, all the Securities to be purchased on such Delivery Date. If the remaining Underwriters or other underwriters satisfactory to the Representatives and the Company do not elect to purchase the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase on such Delivery Date, this Agreement (or, with respect to the Second Delivery Date, the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase, and of the Company to sell, the Option Securities) shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company, except that the Company will continue to be liable for the payment of expenses to the extent set forth in Sections 6 and 11. As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" includes, for all purposes of this Agreement unless the context requires otherwise, any party not listed in Schedule 1 hereto who, pursuant to this Section 9, purchases Securities which a defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed to purchase.

Nothing contained herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter of any liability it may have to the Company for damages caused by its default. If other underwriters are obligated or agree to purchase the Securities of a defaulting or withdrawing Underwriter, either the Representatives or the Company may postpone the Delivery Date for up to seven full business days in order to effect any changes that in the opinion of counsel for the Company or counsel for the Underwriters may be necessary in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or in any other document or arrangement.

SECTION 10. Termination. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be terminated by the Representatives by notice given to and received by the Company prior to delivery of and payment for the Firm Securities if, prior to that time, any of the events described in Sections 7(j), 7(k) or 7(l), shall have occurred or if the Underwriters shall decline to purchase the Securities for any reason permitted under this Agreement.

SECTION 11. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If the Company shall fail to tender the Securities for delivery to the Underwriters by reason of any failure, refusal or inability on the part of the Company to perform any agreement on its part to be performed, or because any other condition of the Underwriters' obligations hereunder required to be fulfilled by the Company is not fulfilled, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel) incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Agreement and the proposed purchase of the Securities, and upon demand the Company shall pay the full amount thereof to the Representatives. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9 by reason of the default of one or more Underwriters, the Company shall not be obligated to reimburse any defaulting Underwriter on account of those expenses.

SECTION 12. Notices, Etc. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and:

(a) if to the Underwriters, shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Attention: Parker Weil, Managing Director (fax no.: (212) 449-8636) and confirmed to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, at 4 World Financial Center, North Tower, New York, New York, 10080;

(b) if to the Company, shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to the address of the Company set forth in the Registration Statement, Attention: General Counsel (Fax: (918) 573-5942);

provided, however, that any notice to an Underwriter pursuant to Section 8(c) shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to such Underwriter at its address set forth in its acceptance telex to the Representatives, which address will be supplied to any other party hereto

by the Representatives upon request. Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect at the time of receipt thereof. The Company shall be entitled to act and rely upon any request, consent, notice or agreement given or made on behalf of the Underwriters by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated on behalf of the Representatives.

SECTION 13. Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters, the Company, and their respective successors. This Agreement and the terms and provisions hereof are for the sole benefit of only those persons, except that (A) the representations, warranties, indemnities and agreements of the Company contained in this Agreement shall also be deemed to be for the benefit of the person or persons, if any, who control any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act and (B) the indemnity agreement of the Underwriters contained in Section 8(b) of this Agreement shall be deemed to be for the benefit of directors of the Company, officers of the Company who have signed the Registration Statement and any person controlling the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, other than the persons referred to in this Section 13, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein.

SECTION 14. Survival. The respective indemnities, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company and the Underwriters contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Stock and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any of them or any person controlling any of them.

SECTION 15. Definition of the Terms "Business Day" and "Subsidiary". For purposes of this Agreement, (a) "business day" means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday which is not a day on which banking institutions in New York are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close and (b) "subsidiary" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 of the Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 16. Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 17. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and, if executed in more than one counterpart, the executed counterparts shall each be deemed to be an original but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 18. Headings. The headings herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the meaning or interpretation of, this Agreement.

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the agreement between the Company and the Underwriters, please indicate your acceptance in the space provided for that purpose below.

Very truly yours,
THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ James G. Ivey

Name: James G. Ivey
Title: Treasurer

Accepted:
MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER
& SMITH INCORPORATED
SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

For themselves and as Representatives
of the several Underwriters named
in Schedule 1 hereto

By MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER
& SMITH INCORPORATED

By /s/ Fred Brady Parish

Authorized Representative

Underwriters	Number of Firm Securities to be Purchased
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.....	18,000,000
Salomon Smith Barney Inc.....	18,000,000
Banc of America Securities LLC.....	4,500,000
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation.....	4,500,000
Lehman Brothers Inc.....	4,500,000
Mizuho International plc.....	4,500,000
BMO Nesbitt Burns Corp.....	480,000
Barclays Bank PLC.....	480,000
CIBC World Markets Corp.....	480,000
Commerzbank Capital Markets Corp.....	480,000
Credit Lyonnais Securities (USA) Inc.....	480,000
RBC Dain Rausch Inc.....	480,000
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.....	480,000
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.....	480,000
TD Securities (USA) Inc.	480,000

Total.....	40,000,000

SCHEDULE 2

Significant Subsidiaries

Williams Gas Pipeline Company, LLC
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation
Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.
Northwest Pipeline Corporation
Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
Kern River Gas Transmission Company
Williams Energy Services, LLC
Williams Energy Marketing & Trading Company

SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF JANUARY 14, 2002

BETWEEN

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.,

AS ISSUER

AND

BANK ONE TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

AS TRUSTEE

SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Sixth Supplemental Indenture"), between The Williams Companies, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company"), and Bank One Trust Company, National Association (successor in interest to the First National Bank of Chicago), as trustee (the "Trustee").

WHEREAS, the Company executed and delivered the Indenture dated as of November 10, 1997 (the "Base Indenture") to the Trustee to provide for the issuance from time to time of the Company's senior, unsecured debentures, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness (the "Securities"), to be issued in one or more series as might be determined by the Company under the Base Indenture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Base Indenture, the Company desires to provide for the establishment of a new series of its Securities to be known as its 6.50% Senior Notes due 2007 (the "Notes"), the form and terms of such Notes and the terms, provisions and conditions thereof to be set forth as provided in the Base Indenture and this Sixth Supplemental Indenture (together, the "Indenture"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Trustee execute and deliver this Sixth Supplemental Indenture and all requirements necessary to make this Sixth Supplemental Indenture a valid, binding and enforceable instrument in accordance with its terms, and to make the Notes, when executed, authenticated and delivered by the Company, the valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Company, have been done and performed, and the execution and delivery of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized in all respects.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Notes by the Holders thereof, and for the purpose of setting forth, as provided in the Base Indenture, the form and terms of the Notes, the Company covenants and agrees with the Trustee as follows:

ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Definition Of Terms. Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) a term defined in the Base Indenture has the same meaning when used in this Sixth Supplemental Indenture;

(b) a term defined anywhere in this Sixth Supplemental Indenture has the same meaning throughout;

(c) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

(d) headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation;

(e) the following terms have the meanings given to them in the Purchase Contract Agreement: (i) Applicable Principal Amount; (ii) Authorized Newspaper; (iii) Cash Settlement; (iv) Depositary (as used in Article 9); (v) Depositary Participant; (vi) Growth PACS; (vii) Income PACS; (viii) Initial Remarketing; (ix) Initial Remarketing Date; (x) Purchase Contract Agent; (xi) Quotation Agent; (xii) Reset Agent; (xiii) Secondary Remarketing; (xiv) Secondary Remarketing Date; (xv) Tax Event;

(xvi) Treasury Portfolio; (xvii) Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price; and (xviii) Underwriting Agreement; and

(f) the following terms have the meanings given to them in this Section 1.01(f):

"Coupon Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.05.

"Custodial Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.05.

"Custodial Agent" shall have the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

"Notes" shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.01.

"Note Repayment Price" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.04.

"Failed Initial Remarketing" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.01(g).

"Failed Secondary Remarketing" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.02 (h).

"Global Notes" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.04.

"Maturity Date" shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.02.

"Note Repayment Price" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.04.

"Pledge Agreement" means the Pledge Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002 among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as collateral agent (the "Collateral Agent"), custodial agent and securities intermediary and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as purchase contract agent and attorney-in-fact.

"Purchase Contract" shall have the meaning set forth in the Purchase Contract Agreement.

"Purchase Contract Agreement" means the Purchase Contract Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002, between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as purchase contract agent.

"Purchase Contract Settlement Date" means February 16, 2005.

"Put Option" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.04.

"Put Option Exercise Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.04.

"Redemption Amount" shall mean, for each Note, the product of the principal amount of such Note and a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price and the denominator of which shall be the principal amount of such Note.

"Redemption Price" means the redemption price per Note equal to the Redemption Amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest on such Note to the date of redemption.

"Regular Record Date" means, with respect to any Interest Payment Date for the Notes, the close of business on the first day of the month in which such Interest Payment Date falls.

"Remarketing Agent" means Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or any successor thereto or replacement Remarketing Agent under the Remarketing Agreement.

"Remarketing Agreement" means the Remarketing Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002, among the Company, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as remarketing agent and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as purchase contract agent and attorney-in-fact.

"Reset Announcement Date" means, in the case of the Reset Rate to be determined on the Initial Remarketing Date, the seventh Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004 and, in the case of the Reset Rate to be determined on the Secondary Remarketing Date, the seventh Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

"Reset Effective Date" means (i) November 16, 2004, in case the interest rate is reset on the Initial Remarketing Date, or (ii) the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in case the interest rate is reset on the Secondary Remarketing Date.

"Reset Rate" means the interest rate per year (to be determined by the Reset Agent), equal to the sum of (x) the Reset Spread and (y) the rate of interest on (1) in the case of the Reset Rate to be determined on the Initial Remarketing Date, the Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury in effect on the Initial Remarketing Date or (2) in the case of the Reset Rate to be determined on the Secondary Remarketing Date, the Two-Year Benchmark Treasury in effect on the Secondary Remarketing Date.

"Reset Spread" means (a) in the case of the Reset Rate to be determined on the Initial Remarketing Date, a spread amount to be determined by the Reset Agent on the applicable Reset Announcement Date as the appropriate spread so that the Reset Rate will be the interest rate that the Notes should bear in order for the Applicable Principal Amount of Notes to have an approximate aggregate market value of 100.5% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price on the Initial Remarketing Date and (b) in the case of the Reset Rate to be determined on the Secondary Remarketing Date, a spread amount to be determined by the Reset Agent on the applicable Reset Announcement Date as the appropriate spread so that the Reset Rate will be the interest rate that the Notes should bear in order for the Applicable Principal Amount of Notes to have an approximate aggregate market value of 100.5% of the Applicable Principal Amount of Notes on the Secondary Remarketing Date.

"Security Register" means the Register in which the Company provides for the registration of the Registered Securities of the series of Notes issued pursuant to this Sixth Supplemental Indenture and the registration of transfer of such series pursuant to Section 2.8 of the Base Indenture.

"Tax Event Redemption Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.01.

"Two-Year Benchmark Treasury" means direct obligations of the United States (which may be obligations traded on a when-issued basis only) having a maturity comparable to the remaining term to maturity of the Notes, as agreed upon by the Company and the Reset Agent. The rate for the Two-Year Benchmark Treasury will be the bid side rate displayed at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in the Telerate system (or if the Telerate system is (a) no longer available on the Secondary Remarketing Date or (b) in the opinion of the Reset Agent (after consultation with the Company) no longer an appropriate system from which to obtain such rate, such other nationally recognized quotation system as, in the opinion of the Reset Agent (after consultation with the Company), is appropriate). If such rate is not so displayed, the rate for the Two-Year Benchmark Treasury shall be, as calculated by the Reset Agent, the yield to maturity for the Two-Year Benchmark Treasury, expressed as a bond equivalent on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as applicable, and applied on a daily basis, and computed by taking the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid rates, as of 10:30 A.M., New York City time, on the Secondary Remarketing Date of three leading United States government securities dealers selected by the Reset Agent (after consultation with the Company) (which may include the Reset Agent or an Affiliate thereof).

"Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury" means direct obligations of the United States (which may be obligations traded on a when-issued basis only) having a maturity comparable to the remaining term to maturity of the Notes, as agreed upon by the Company and the Reset Agent. The rate for the Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury will be the bid side rate displayed at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the Initial Remarketing Date in the Telerate system (or if the Telerate system is (a) no longer available on the Initial Remarketing Date or (b) in the opinion of the Reset Agent (after consultation with the Company) no longer an appropriate system from which to obtain such rate, such other nationally recognized quotation system as, in the opinion of the Reset Agent (after consultation with the Company) is appropriate). If such rate is not so displayed, the rate for the Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury shall be, as calculated by the Reset Agent, the yield to maturity for the Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury, expressed as a bond equivalent on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as applicable, and applied on a daily basis, and computed by taking the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid rates, as of 10:30 A.M., New York City time, on the Initial Remarketing Date of three leading United States government securities dealers selected by the Reset Agent (after consultation with the Company) (which may include the Reset Agent or an Affiliate thereof).

The terms "Indenture," "Base Indenture," and "Notes" shall have the respective meanings set forth in the recitals to this Sixth Supplemental Indenture and the paragraph preceding such recitals.

ARTICLE 2 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

Section 2.01. Designation and Principal Amount. There is hereby authorized a series of Securities designated as the 6.50% Senior Notes due 2007 (the "Notes") limited (except as otherwise provided in Article II of the Indenture) in aggregate principal amount to \$1,000,000,000 (or, \$1,150,000,000, if the Underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in full). The Notes may be issued from time to time upon written order of the Company for the authentication and delivery of Notes pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Base Indenture.

Section 2.02. Maturity. The date upon which the Notes shall become due and payable at final maturity, together with any accrued and unpaid interest, is February 16, 2007 (the "Maturity Date").

Section 2.03. Form, Payment and Appointment. Except as provided in

Section 2.04, the Notes shall be issued in fully registered, certificated form, bearing identical terms. Principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes will be payable, the transfer of such Notes will be registrable and such Notes will be exchangeable for Notes bearing identical terms and provisions at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the Holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register or by wire transfer to an account appropriately designated by the Holder entitled to payment.

The registrar for the Notes, transfer agent and paying agent (as such term is described in Section 3.4 of the Base Indenture) for the Notes shall be the Trustee.

The Notes shall be issuable in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.

The Notes may be issued, in whole or in part, in permanent global form and, if issued in permanent global form, the Depositary shall be The Depositary Trust Company or such other depositary as any officer of the Company may from time to time designate.

Section 2.04. Global Notes. (a) Unless and until it is exchanged for the Notes in registered form, one or more global Notes in principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Notes ("Global Notes") may be transferred, in whole but not in part, only to the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary, or to a successor Depositary selected or approved by the Company or to a nominee of such successor Depositary.

(b) If at any time (i) the Depositary notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a Depositary for the Global Notes and no successor Depositary shall have been appointed within 90 days after such notification, (ii) the Depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 at any time the Depositary is required to be so registered to act as such Depositary and no successor Depositary shall have been appointed within 90 days after the Company's becoming aware of the Depositary's ceasing to be so registered, (iii) the Company, in its sole discretion, determines that the Global Notes shall be exchangeable for Notes in definitive registered form or (iv) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default, the Company will execute, and subject to Article Five of the Base Indenture, the Trustee, upon written notice from the Company, will authenticate and deliver the Notes in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note.

Upon exchange of the Global Note for such Notes in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, the Global Note shall be cancelled by the Trustee. Such Notes in definitive registered form issued in exchange for the Global Note shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Securities to the Depositary for delivery to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

Section 2.05. Interest. (a) The Note will bear interest initially at the rate of 6.50% per year (the "Coupon Rate") from the original date of issuance through and including the day immediately preceding the Reset Effective Date and at the Reset Rate thereafter until the principal thereof is paid or duly made available for payment and shall bear interest, to the extent permitted by law, compounded quarterly, on any overdue principal and premium, if any, and on any overdue installment of interest at the Coupon Rate through and including the day immediately preceding the Reset Effective Date and at the Reset Rate thereafter, payable quarterly in arrears on February 16, May 16, August 16 and November 16 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date") commencing on May 16, 2002, to the Person in whose name such Note, or any predecessor Note, is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest installment.

(b) The interest rate on the Notes will be reset on the Initial Remarketing Date to the applicable Reset Rate (which Reset Rate will be effective on and after November 16, 2004), except in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing. In the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, the interest rate on the Notes will be reset on the Secondary Remarketing Date to the applicable Reset Rate (which Reset Rate will be effective on and after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date), except that in the event of a Failed Secondary Remarketing, the interest rate on the Notes will not be reset. On the applicable Reset Announcement Date, the applicable Reset Spread and the Two-Year Benchmark Treasury or Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury, as applicable, will be announced by the Company. On the Business Day immediately following such Reset Announcement Date, the Holders of Notes will be notified of such Reset Spread and Two-Year Benchmark Treasury or Two and One-Quarter Year Benchmark Treasury, as applicable, by the Company. Such notice shall be sufficiently given to such Holders of Notes if published in an Authorized Newspaper.

(c) Not later than seven calendar days nor more than 15 calendar days immediately preceding the applicable Reset Announcement Date, the Company will request that the Depositary or its nominee (or any successor Depositary or its nominee) notify the Holders of Notes of such Reset Announcement Date and, in the case of a Secondary Remarketing, the procedures to be followed by such holders of Notes wishing to settle the related Purchase Contracts with separate cash on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

(d) The amount of interest payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The amount of interest payable for any period shorter than a full quarterly period for which interest is computed will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed in the 90-day period. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on the Notes is not a Business Day, then payment of interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay).

ARTICLE 3 REDEMPTION OF THE NOTES

Section 3.01. Tax Event Redemption. If a Tax Event shall occur and be continuing, the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes in whole (but not in part) at any time at a price per Note equal to the Redemption Price. Installments of interest on Notes which are due and payable on or prior to the date of redemption (the "Tax Event Redemption Date") will be payable to the Holders of the Notes registered as such at the close of business on the Regular Record Date. If, following the occurrence of a Tax Event prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Company exercises its option to redeem the Notes, the Company shall appoint the Quotation Agent to assemble the Treasury Portfolio in consultation with the Company. Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Tax Event Redemption Date to each registered Holder of the Notes at its registered address. Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Tax Event Redemption Date interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes.

Section 3.02. Redemption Procedures For Notes. Payment of the Redemption Price to each Holder of Notes shall be made by the Company, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Tax Event Redemption Date, by check or wire transfer in immediately available funds at such place and to such account as may be designated by each such Holder of Notes, including the Trustee or the Collateral Agent, as the case maybe. If the Trustee holds immediately available funds sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of the Notes, then, on such Tax Event Redemption Date, such Notes will cease to be outstanding and interest thereon will cease to accrue, whether or not such Notes have been received by the Company, and all other rights of the Holder in respect of the Notes shall terminate and lapse (other than the right to receive the Redemption Price upon delivery of such Notes but without interest on such Redemption Price).

Section 3.03. No Sinking Fund. The Notes are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

Section 3.04. Option To Put Notes Upon Failed Secondary Remarketing. If a Failed Secondary Remarketing (as described in Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement and incorporated herein by reference) has occurred, holders of Notes who hold such Notes following the Purchase Contract Settlement Date shall have the right (the "Put Option") to put such Notes to the Company until April 1, 2005 (the "Put Option Exercise Date"), upon at least three Business Days prior notice, at a repayment price equal to the principal amount of such Notes plus an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of payment (the "Note Repayment Price").

Section 3.05. Repurchase Procedure For Notes. (a) In order for the Notes to be repurchased on the Put Option Exercise Date, the Trustee must receive on or prior to 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Put Option Exercise Date, at its Corporate Trust Office or at an office or agency maintained by the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York as contemplated by Section 2.03 hereof, the Notes to be repurchased with the form entitled "Option to Elect Repayment" on the reverse of or otherwise accompanying such Notes duly completed. Any such notice received by the Trustee shall be irrevocable. All questions as to the validity, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of the Notes for repayment shall be determined by the Company, whose determination shall be final and binding.

(b) Payment of the Note Repayment Price shall be made through the Trustee, subject to the Trustee's receipt of payment from the Company in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Put Option Exercise Date, and to such account as may be designated. If the Trustee holds immediately available funds sufficient to pay the Note Repayment Price of Notes presented for repayment, then, immediately prior to the close of business on the Put Option Exercise Date, such Notes will cease to be outstanding and Interest thereon will cease to accrue, whether or not such Notes have been received by the Company, and all other rights of the Holder in respect of the Notes, including the Holder's right to require the Company to repay such Notes, shall terminate

and lapse (other than the right to receive the Note Repayment Price upon delivery of such Notes but without interest on such Note Repayment Price) . Neither the Trustee nor the Company will be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of any Note for which repayment has been elected.

ARTICLE 4
FORM OF NOTE

Section 4.01. Form Of Note. The Notes and the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication to be endorsed thereon are to be substantially in the forms attached as Exhibit A hereto, with such changes therein as the officers of the Company executing the Notes (by manual or facsimile signature) may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof.

ARTICLE 5
ORIGINAL ISSUE OF NOTES

Section 5.01. Original Issue Of Notes. Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000,000 (or, \$1,150,000,000, if the Underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in full) may from time to time, upon execution of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture, be executed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for authentication, and the Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver said Notes to or upon the written order of the Company pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Base Indenture without any further action by the Company.

ARTICLE 6
ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT

Section 6.01. Original Issue Discount. The Company shall file with the Trustee promptly at the end of each calendar year (i) a written notice specifying the amount of original issue discount (including daily rates and accrual periods) accrued on Notes that are Outstanding as of the end of the year and (ii) such other specific information relating to such original issue discount as may then be relevant under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 7
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.01. Ratification Of Indenture. The Indenture, as supplemented by this Sixth Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Sixth Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

Section 7.02. Trustee Not Responsible For Recitals. The recitals herein contained are made by the Company and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness thereof. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture.

Section 7.03. New York Law To Govern. THIS SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, EACH NOTE AND EACH COUPON SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE NEW YORK CONTRACTS, AND FOR ALL PURPOSES SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF SAID STATE (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW).

Section 7.04. Separability. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Sixth Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then, to the extent permitted by law, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture or of the Notes, but this Sixth Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein or therein.

Section 7.05. Counterparts. This Sixth Supplemental 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.

ARTICLE 8
REMARKETING

Section 8.01. Initial Remarketing Procedures. (a) The Company will request, not later than seven nor more than 15 calendar days prior to the Initial Remarketing Date that the Depositary notify the Holders of the Notes and the Holders of Income PACS and Growth PACS of the Initial Remarketing.

(b) Not later than 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date, each Holder of the Notes not constituting components of Income PACS may elect to have Notes held by such Holder remarketed. Holders of Notes that are not a component of Income PACS shall give notice of their election to have such Notes remarketed to the Custodial Agent and deliver such Notes to the Custodial Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement. Any such notice and delivery shall be irrevocable after 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the

second Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date and may not be conditioned upon the level at which the Reset Rate is established. Promptly after 11:30 A.M., New York City time, on such second Business Day, the Trustee, based on the notices received by it prior to such time (including notices from the Purchase Contract Agent as to Purchase Contracts for which Cash Settlement has been elected), shall notify the Company and the Remarketing Agent of the principal amount of Notes to be tendered for remarketing. Under Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement, Notes that constitute components of Income PACS will be remarketed as provided therein and in this Section 8.01. The Notes constituting components of Income PACS shall be deemed tendered, notwithstanding any failure by the Holder of such Income PACS to deliver or properly deliver such Notes to the Remarketing Agent for purchase.

(c) The right of each Holder to have Notes (including any Notes that constitute components of Income PACS) tendered for purchase shall be limited to the extent that (i) the Remarketing Agent conducts a remarketing pursuant to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, (ii) Notes tendered have not been called for redemption, (iii) the Remarketing Agent is able to find a purchaser or purchasers for tendered Notes at a price per Note such that the aggregate price for the Applicable Principal Amount of Notes is not less than 100% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price, and (iv) such purchaser or purchasers deliver the purchase price therefor to the Remarketing Agent as and when required.

(d) On the Initial Remarketing Date, the Remarketing Agent shall use reasonable efforts to remarket, at a price per Note such that the aggregate price for the Applicable Principal Amount of Notes is equal to approximately 100.5% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price, Notes tendered or deemed tendered for purchase.

(e) If there are no Income PACS outstanding and none of the Holders elect to have Notes held by them remarketed, the Reset Rate shall be the rate determined by the Reset Agent, subject to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, as the rate that would have been established had a remarketing been held on the Initial Remarketing Date.

(f) If the Remarketing Agent has determined that it will be able to remarket all Notes tendered or deemed tendered prior to 4:00 P.M., New York City time, on the Initial Remarketing Date, the Reset Agent, subject to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, shall determine the Reset Rate.

(g) If, by 4:00 P.M., New York City time, on the Initial Remarketing Date, the Remarketing Agent is unable to remarket all Notes tendered or deemed tendered for purchase or if the Initial Remarketing shall not have occurred because a condition precedent to the Remarketing shall not have been fulfilled, a failed remarketing ("Failed Initial Remarketing") shall be deemed to have occurred and the Remarketing Agent shall so advise by telephone the Collateral Agent, Company, Trustee, and Depositary.

(h) By approximately 4:30 P.M., New York City time, on the Initial Remarketing Date, provided that there has not been a Failed Initial Remarketing, the Remarketing Agent shall advise, by telephone (i) the Collateral Agent, the Company, Trustee, and Depositary of the Reset Rate determined in the Initial Remarketing and the aggregate principal amount of Notes sold in the Initial Remarketing, (ii) each purchaser (or the Depositary Participant thereof) of the Reset Rate and the aggregate principal amount of Notes such purchaser is to purchase and (iii) each purchaser to give instructions to its Depositary Participant to pay the purchase price on November 16, 2004 in same day funds against delivery of the Notes purchased through the facilities of the Depositary.

(i) In accordance with the Depositary's normal procedures, on November 16, 2004, the transactions described above with respect to each Note tendered for purchase and sold in the Initial Remarketing shall be executed through the Depositary, and the accounts of the respective Depositary Participants shall be debited and credited and such Notes delivered by book entry as necessary to effect purchases and sales of such Notes. The Depositary shall make payment in accordance with its normal procedures.

(j) If any Holder selling Notes in the Initial Remarketing fails to deliver such Notes, the Depositary Participant of such selling Holder and of any other Person that was to have purchased Notes in the Initial Remarketing may deliver to any such other Person an aggregate principal amount of Notes that is less than the aggregate principal amount of Notes that otherwise was to be purchased by such Person. In such event, the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be so delivered shall be determined by such Depositary Participant, and delivery of such lesser aggregate principal amount of Notes shall constitute good delivery.

(k) The Remarketing Agent is not obligated to purchase any Notes in the Initial Remarketing or otherwise. Neither the Trust, any Trustee, the Company nor the Remarketing Agent shall be obligated in any case to provide funds to make payment upon tender of Notes for remarketing.

(l) The tender and settlement procedures set forth in this Section 8.01, including provisions for payment by purchasers of Notes in the Initial Remarketing, shall be subject to modification, notwithstanding any

provision to the contrary set forth herein, to the extent required by the Depository or if the book-entry system is no longer available for the Notes at the time of the Initial Remarketing, to facilitate the tendering and remarketing of Notes in certificated form. In addition, the Remarketing Agent may, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary set forth herein, modify the settlement procedures set forth herein in order to facilitate the settlement process. (m) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Reset Rate shall in no event exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law and, as provided in the Remarketing Agreement, neither the Remarketing Agent nor the Reset Agent shall have any obligation to determine whether there is any limitation under applicable law on the Reset Rate or, if there is any such limitation, the maximum permissible Reset Rate on the Notes and they shall rely solely upon written notice from the Company (which the Company agrees to provide prior to the tenth Business Day before November 16, 2004) as to whether or not there is any such limitation and, if so, the maximum permissible Reset Rate.

Section 8.02. Secondary Remarketing Procedures. (a) If a Failed Initial Remarketing has occurred, the Company will request, not later than seven nor more than 15 calendar days prior to the Secondary Remarketing Date that the Depository notify the Holders of the Notes and the Holders of Income PACS and Growth PACS of the Secondary Remarketing and of the procedures that must be followed if a Holder of Notes wishes to exercise such Holder's rights with respect to the Put Option if there is a Failed Secondary Remarketing.

(b) Not later than 5:00 P.M., New York City time, on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Secondary Remarketing Date, each Holder of the Notes may elect to have Notes held by such Holder remarketed. Under Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement, (i) Holders of Income PACS that do not give notice of intention to make a Cash Settlement of their related Purchase Contracts shall be deemed to have consented to the disposition of the Notes constituting a component of such Income PACS in accordance with Section 5.02(b)(iii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, and (ii) Holders of Income PACS who give such notice but fail to pay the Purchase Price in cash as required by Section 5.02(b)(ii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to the disposition of the Notes constituting a component of such Income PACS in accordance with Section 5.02(d) of the Purchase Contract Agreement. Holders of Notes that are not a component of Income PACS shall give notice of their election to have such Notes remarketed to the Custodial Agent and deliver such Notes to the Custodial Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement. Any such notice and delivery shall be irrevocable after 5:00 P.M., New York City time, on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Secondary Remarketing Date and may not be conditioned upon the level at which the Reset Rate is established. Promptly after 5:30 P.M., New York City time, on such second Business Day, the Trustee, based on the notices received by it prior to such time (including notices from the Purchase Contract Agent as to Purchase Contracts for which Cash Settlement has been elected), shall notify the Company and the Remarketing Agent of the principal amount of Notes to be tendered for remarketing.

(c) If any Holder of Income PACS does not give a notice of its intention to make a Cash Settlement or gives a notice of election to tender Notes as described in Section 9.02(b), the Notes of such Holder shall be deemed tendered, notwithstanding any failure by such Holder to deliver or properly deliver such Notes to the Remarketing Agent for purchase.

(d) The right of each Holder to have Notes (including any Notes that constitute components of Income PACS) tendered for purchase shall be limited to the extent that (i) the Remarketing Agent conducts a remarketing pursuant to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, (ii) Notes tendered have not been called for redemption, (iii) the Remarketing Agent is able to find a purchaser or purchasers for tendered Notes at a price of not less than 100% of the principal amount thereof, and (iv) such purchaser or purchasers deliver the purchase price therefor to the Remarketing Agent as and when required.

(e) If a Failed Initial Remarketing has occurred, on the Secondary Remarketing Date, the Remarketing Agent shall use reasonable efforts to remarket, at a price equal to approximately 100.5% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, Notes tendered or deemed tendered for purchase.

(f) If none of the Holders elect or are deemed to have elected to have Notes held by them remarketed, the Reset Rate shall be the rate determined by the Reset Agent, subject to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, as the rate that would have been established had a remarketing been held on the Secondary Remarketing Date.

(g) If the Remarketing Agent has determined that it will be able to remarket all Notes tendered or deemed tendered prior to 4:00 P.M., New York City time, on the Secondary Remarketing Date, the Reset Agent shall, subject to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, determine the Reset Rate.

(h) If, by 4:00 P.M., New York City time, on the Secondary Remarketing Date, the Remarketing Agent is unable to remarket all Notes tendered or deemed tendered for purchase or if the Secondary Remarketing shall not have occurred because a condition precedent to the Secondary Remarketing shall not have been fulfilled, a failed remarketing ("Failed

Secondary Remarketing") shall be deemed to have occurred, the interest rate on the Notes shall not be reset and the Remarketing Agent shall so advise by telephone the Collateral Agent, Company, Trustee, and Depository.

(i) By approximately 4:30 P.M., New York City time, on the Secondary Remarketing Date, provided that there has not been a Failed Secondary Remarketing, the Remarketing Agent shall advise, by telephone (i) the Collateral Agent, the Company, Trustee, and Depository of the Reset Rate determined in the Secondary Remarketing and the aggregate principal amount of Notes sold in the Secondary Remarketing, (ii) each purchaser (or the Depository Participant thereof) of the Reset Rate and the aggregate principal amount of Notes such purchaser is to purchase and (iii) each purchaser to give instructions to its Depository Participant to pay the purchase price on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in same day funds against delivery of the Notes purchased through the facilities of the Depository.

(j) In accordance with the Depository's normal procedures, on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the transactions described above with respect to each Note tendered for purchase and sold in the Secondary Remarketing shall be executed through the Depository, and the accounts of the respective Depository Participants shall be debited and credited and such Notes delivered by book entry as necessary to effect purchases and sales of such Notes. The Depository shall make payment in accordance with its normal procedures.

(k) If any Holder selling Notes in the Secondary Remarketing fails to deliver such Notes, the Depository Participant of such selling Holder and of any other Person that was to have purchased Notes in the Secondary Remarketing may deliver to any such other Person an aggregate principal amount of Notes that is less than the aggregate principal amount of Notes that otherwise was to be purchased by such Person. In such event, the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be so delivered shall be determined by such Depository Participant, and delivery of such lesser aggregate principal amount of Notes shall constitute good delivery.

(l) The Remarketing Agent is not obligated to purchase any Notes in the Secondary Remarketing or otherwise. Neither the Trust, any Trustee, the Company nor the Remarketing Agent shall be obligated in any case to provide funds to make payment upon tender of Notes for remarketing.

(m) The tender and settlement procedures set forth in this Section 8.02, including provisions for payment by purchasers of Notes in the Secondary Remarketing, shall be subject to modification, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary set forth herein, to the extent required by the Depository or if the book-entry system is no longer available for the Notes at the time of the Secondary Remarketing, to facilitate the tendering and remarketing of Notes in certificated form. In addition, the Remarketing Agent may, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary set forth herein, modify the settlement procedures set forth herein in order to facilitate the settlement process.

(n) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Reset Rate shall in no event exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law and, as provided in the Remarketing Agreement, neither the Remarketing Agent nor the Reset Agent shall have any obligation to determine whether there is any limitation under applicable law on the Reset Rate or, if there is any such limitation, the maximum permissible Reset Rate on the Notes and they shall rely solely upon written notice from the Company (which the Company agrees to provide prior to the 10th Business Day before the Purchase Contract Settlement Date) as to whether or not there is any such limitation and, if so, the maximum permissible Reset Rate.

ARTICLE 9 EXECUTION OF NOTES

Section 9.01. Execution Of Notes. The Notes shall be executed as follows:

The Notes shall be signed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, its President, one of its Vice Presidents or its Treasurer, under its corporate seal which may, but need not, be attested. Such signatures may be the manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such officers. The seal of the Company may be in the form of a facsimile thereof and may be impressed, affixed, imprinted or otherwise reproduced on the Notes. Typographical and other minor errors or defects in any such reproduction of the seal or any such signature shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any Note that has been duly authenticated and delivered by the Trustee.

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 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 and delivery of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture any such person was not such an officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Sixth Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, on the date or dates indicated in the acknowledgments and as of the day and year first above written.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.,
as Issuer

By: /s/ James G. Ivey

Name: James G. Ivey
Title: Treasurer

BANK ONE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,
as Trustee

By: /s/ Benita A. Pointer

Name: Benita A. Pointer
Title: Account Executive

EXHIBIT A

REGISTERED NO. _____ REGISTERED CUSIP: _____

(FORM OF FACE OF NOTE)

[IF THE NOTE IS TO BE A GLOBAL NOTE, INSERT:] THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL NOTE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY. THIS NOTE IS EXCHANGEABLE FOR NOTES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR ITS NOMINEE ONLY IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCED DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY TO THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITORY OR TO A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR) MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

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No. _____ CUSIP No. _____

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THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.
6.50% SENIOR NOTE DUE 2007

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company", which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to _____, or registered assigns, the principal sum of up to _____ Dollars (\$_____), as set forth in the Schedule of Increases or Decreases in Global Note attached hereto, on February 16, 2007 (such date is hereinafter referred to as the "Maturity Date"), and to pay interest on said principal sum from January 14, 2002 or from the next recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, quarterly in arrears on February 16, May 16, August 16 and November 16 of each year (each such date, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing on May 16, 2002 initially at the rate of 6.50% per year through and including the day immediately preceding the Reset Effective Date and at the Reset Rate thereafter until the principal hereof shall have been paid or duly made available for payment and, to the extent permitted by law, to pay interest, compounded quarterly, on any overdue principal and premium, if any, and on any overdue installment of interest at the rate per year of 6.50% through and including the day immediately preceding the Reset Effective Date and at the Reset Rate thereafter. The amount of interest payable on any Interest Payment Date shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and, except as provided in the Indenture (as defined below). The amount of interest payable for any period shorter than a full quarterly period for which interest is computed will be computed on the

basis of actual number of days elapsed in the 90-day period. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on this Note is not a Business Day, then payment of interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay). The interest installment 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 Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest installment, which shall be the close of business on the first day of the month in which such Interest Payment Date falls. Any such interest installment not punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holders at the close of business on such Regular Record Date and may be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice whereof shall be given to the registered Holders of this series of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such special record date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture. The principal of (and premium, if any) and the interest on this Note shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered Holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register or by wire transfer to an account appropriately designated by the Holder entitled thereto.

The Note and all the obligations of the Company hereunder are direct, unsecured obligations of the Company, and rank without preference or priority among themselves and pari passu with all other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company.

This Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Note are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: []

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.
as Issuer

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes of the series referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated _____

BANK ONE TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

This Note is one of a duly authorized series of Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the "Notes"), issued and to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of November 10, 1997 (the "Base Indenture") between the Company and Bank One Trust Company National Association (successor in interest to The First National Bank of Chicago), as Trustee (the "Trustee," which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), as supplemented by a Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Sixth Supplemental Indenture") between the Company and the Trustee (the Base Indenture as so supplemented, the "Indenture"), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of the Notes. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series that may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as provided in the Indenture. This series of Securities is limited in aggregate principal amount as specified in said Sixth Supplemental Indenture.

If a Tax Event shall occur and be continuing, the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes in whole (but not in part) at any time at a price per Note equal to the Redemption Price. The Redemption Price shall be paid to each Holder of the Notes by the Company, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Tax Event Redemption Date, by check or wire transfer in immediately available funds, at such place and to such account as may be designated by each such Holder.

The Notes are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

If a Failed Secondary Remarketing (as described in Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement and incorporated herein by reference) has occurred, each holder of Notes who holds such Notes on the day immediately following the Purchase Contract Settlement Date shall have the right (the "Put Option") on the Business Day immediately following the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, to put such Notes to the Company, until April 1, 2005 (the "Put Option Exercise Date"), upon at least three Business Days prior notice, at a repayment price equal to the principal amount of this Note plus an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of payment (the "Note Repayment Price").

In order for the Notes to be so repurchased, the Trustee must receive, on or prior to 5:00 p.m. New York City Time on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Put Option Exercise Date, at its Corporate Trust Office, or at an office or agency maintained by the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York as contemplated by Section 2.03 of the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Notes to be repurchased with the form entitled "Option to Elect Repayment" on the reverse of or otherwise accompanying such Notes duly completed. Any such notice received by the Trustee shall be irrevocable. All questions as to the validity, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of the Notes for repayment shall be determined by the Company, whose determination shall be final and binding. The payment of the Note Repayment Price in respect of such Notes shall be made no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Put Option Exercise Date.

The Base Indenture provides that (a) if an Event of Default (as defined in the Base Indenture) due to the default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any series of debt securities issued under the Base Indenture, including the series of Notes of which this Note forms a part, or due to the default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or warranty of the Company applicable to the debt securities of such series but not applicable to all outstanding debt securities issued under the Base Indenture shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of each affected series (voting as a single class) may then declare the principal of all debt securities of all such series and interest accrued thereon to be due and payable immediately and (b) if an Event of Default due to a default in the performance of any other of the covenants or agreements in the Base Indenture applicable to all outstanding debt securities issued thereunder, including this Note, or due to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization of the Company, shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all debt securities issued under the Base Indenture then outstanding (treated as one class) may declare the principal of all such debt securities and interest accrued thereon to be due and payable immediately, but upon certain conditions such declarations may be annulled and past defaults may be waived (except a continuing default in payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest on such debt securities) by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then outstanding.

The Base Indenture permits the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of each series issued under the Base Indenture then outstanding and affected, to execute supplemental indentures adding any provisions to or changing in any manner the rights of the holders of each series so affected; provided that the Company and the Trustee may not, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt

security affected thereby, (a) extend the final maturity of any such debt security, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest thereon, or reduce any amount payable on redemption or repayment thereof, or change the currency of payment thereof, or impair or affect the rights of any holder to institute suit for the payment thereof without the consent of the holder of each debt security so affected; or (b) reduce the aforesaid percentage in principal amount of debt securities the consent of the holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each debt security so affected.

Obligations Unconditional. No provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on this Security at the time, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed unless otherwise agreed between the Company and the registered Holder of this Security.

Transfer and Exchange. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registerable in the registry books of the Company, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on this Security are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee and duly executed by the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$25 or any integral multiple of \$25 over such minimum denomination. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

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

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee may treat the holder in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Governing Law. This Security shall for all purposes be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on this Note at the time and place and at the rate and in the money 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, against any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, past, present or future of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law or corporation, 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 the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

OPTION TO ELECT REPAYMENT

The undersigned hereby irrevocably requests and instructs the Company to repay \$_____ principal amount of the within Note, pursuant to its terms, on the "Put Option Exercise Date," together with any interest thereon accrued but unpaid to the date of repayment, to the undersigned at:

(Please print or type name and address of the undersigned)

and to issue to the undersigned, pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, a new Note or Notes representing the remaining aggregate principal amount of this Note.

For this Option to Elect Repayment to be effective, this Note with

the Option to Elect Repayment duly completed must be received by the Trustee at c/o _____, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third Business Day immediately preceding [].

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Signature Guarantee: _____

Note: The signature to this Option to Elect Repayment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the within Note without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEE

Signatures must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Note to:

(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints

agent to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____
Signature

Guarantee: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Note)

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By: _____
Name

Title:

_____ as Trustee

By: _____
Name
Title:

Attest:

By: _____
Name
Title:

[TO BE ATTACHED TO GLOBAL NOTES]

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL NOTE

The following increases or decreases in a part of this Global Note have been made:

Date	Amount of decrease in principal amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in principal amount of this Global Note	Principal amount of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized officer of Trustee

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

and

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Purchase Contract Agent

PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Dated as of January 14, 2002

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PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT, dated as of January 14, 2002, between THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, a New York banking corporation, acting as purchase contract agent for the Holders of Securities (as defined herein) from time to time (the "Purchase Contract Agent").

RECITALS

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Certificates evidencing the Securities.

All things necessary to make the Purchase Contracts, when the Certificates are executed by the Company and authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered by the Purchase Contract Agent, as provided in this Agreement, the valid obligations of the Company, and to constitute these presents a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have

been done. For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders thereof, it is mutually agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATIONS

SECTION 1.01. Definitions.

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

(a) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article and include the plural as well as the singular, and nouns and pronouns of the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders;

(b) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States;

(c) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section, Exhibit or other subdivision; and

(d) the following terms have the meanings given to them in this Section 1.01(d):

"Act" has the meaning, with respect to any Holder, set forth in Section 1.04.

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

"Agreement" means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more agreements supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof.

"Applicable Market Value" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Applicable Ownership Interest" shall mean, with respect to an Income PACS that includes the Treasury Portfolio, (A) a 2.5% undivided beneficial ownership interest in a \$1,000 face amount of a principal or interest strip in a U.S. treasury security included in such Treasury Portfolio that matures on or prior to February 15, 2005 and (B) for the scheduled interest payment date on the Notes that occurs on February 16, 2005, in the case of a Successful Initial Remarketing, or in the case of a Tax Event Redemption, for each scheduled interest payment on the Notes that occurs after the Tax Event Redemption Date and on or before the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a 0.0406%, undivided beneficial ownership interest in a \$1,000 face amount of a principal or interest strip in a U.S. treasury security included in such Treasury Portfolio that matures prior to such date.

"Applicable Principal Amount" means the aggregate principal amount of the Notes that are components of Income PACS on the Initial Remarketing Date.

"Applicants" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.12(b).

"Appreciation Cap Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code, or any other law of the United States that from time to time provides a uniform system of bankruptcy laws.

"Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Book-Entry Interest, a Person who is the beneficial owner of such Book-Entry Interest as reflected on the books of the Depository or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly as a Depository Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Depository).

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

"Board Resolution" means one or more resolutions of the Board of Directors, a copy of which has been certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent.

"Book-Entry Interest" means a beneficial interest in a Global Certificate, registered in the name of a Depository or a nominee thereof, ownership and transfers of which shall be maintained and made through book entries by such Depository as described in Section 3.06.

"Business Day" or "business day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in New York City, New York, or Chicago, Illinois are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed or a day on which the Indenture Trustee is closed for business; provided that for purposes of the second paragraph of Section 1.12 only, the term "Business Day" shall also be deemed to exclude any day on which trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. is closed or suspended.

"Cash Merger" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(b)(2).

"Cash Settlement" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(b)(i).

"Certificate" means an Income PACS Certificate or a Growth PACS Certificate.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization registered as a "Clearing Agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act that is acting as a depository for the Securities and in whose name, or in the name of a nominee of that organization, shall be registered a Global Certificate and which shall undertake to effect book-entry transfers and pledges of the Securities.

"Closing Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Collateral" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.01(e) of the Pledge Agreement.

"Collateral Account" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.01(e) of the Pledge Agreement.

"Collateral Agent" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent under the Pledge Agreement until a successor Collateral Agent shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Pledge Agreement, and thereafter "Collateral Agent" shall mean the Person who is then the Collateral Agent thereunder.

"Collateral Substitution" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.13.

"Common Stock" means the common stock, par value \$1.00, of the Company.

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

"Constituent Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(b).

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Purchase Contract Agent at which, at any particular time, its corporate trust business shall be principally administered, which office at the date hereof is located at 450 West 33rd Street, New York, New York 10001, Attention: Institutional Trust Services.

"Coupon Rate" means the percentage rate per annum at which each Note will bear interest initially.

"Current Market Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(a)(8).

"Depository" means a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act that is designated to act as Depository for the Securities as contemplated by Sections 3.06, 3.07, 3.08 and 3.09.

"Depository Participant" means a broker, dealer, bank, other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Depository effects book entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Depository.

"DTC" means The Depository Trust Company.

"Early Settlement" means an early settlement of a Purchase Contract pursuant to Section 5.04(b)(2).

"Early Settlement Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(b)(2).

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any statute successor thereto, in each case as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Expiration Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.04(e).

"Expiration Time" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(a)(6).

"Failed Initial Remarketing" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(a).

"Failed Secondary Remarketing" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(c).

"Global Certificate" means a Certificate that evidences all or part of the Securities and is registered in the name of a Clearing Agency or a nominee thereof.

"Growth PACS" means, following the substitution of Treasury Securities for Notes as collateral to secure a Holder's obligations under the Purchase Contract, the collective rights and obligations of a Holder of a Growth PACS Certificate in respect of such Treasury Securities, subject to the Pledge thereof, and the related Purchase Contract.

"Growth PACS Certificate" means a certificate evidencing the rights and obligations of a Holder in respect of the number of Growth PACS specified on such certificate.

"Holder" means, with respect to a Security, the Person in whose name the Security evidenced by a Certificate is registered in the Security Register; provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite number of Securities have voted on any matter, then for the purpose of such determination only (and not for any other purpose hereunder), if the Security remains in the form of one or more Global Certificates and if the Depository that is the registered holder of such Global Certificate has sent an omnibus proxy assigning voting rights to the Depository Participants to whose accounts the Securities are credited on the record date, the term "Holder" shall mean such Depository Participant acting at the direction of the Beneficial Owners.

"Income PACS" means the collective rights and obligations of a Holder of an Income PACS Certificate in respect of the Notes or an appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, subject in each case to the Pledge thereof, and the related Purchase Contract; provided that the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio shall not be subject to the Pledge.

"Income PACS Certificate" means a certificate evidencing the rights and obligations of a Holder in respect of the number of Income PACS specified on such certificate.

"Indenture" means the Indenture, dated as of November 10, 1997, between the Company and the Indenture Trustee (including any provisions of the TIA that are deemed incorporated therein), as amended and supplemented as of the date hereof, pursuant to which the Notes will be issued.

"Indenture Trustee" means Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as trustee under the Indenture, or any successor thereto.

"Initial Remarketing" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(a).

"Initial Remarketing Date" means the third Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004.

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

Purchase Contract Agent.

"non-electing share" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(b).

"Notes" means the series of Notes designated the senior notes due February 16, 2007 to be issued by the Company under the Indenture as of the date hereof.

"NYSE" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board of the Company, its President, one of its Vice Presidents, its Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Agreement (other than the Officers' Certificate provided for in Section 10.05) shall include:

(i) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definitions relating thereto;

(ii) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;

(iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such officer, each such officer has made such examination or investigation as is

necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

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

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be counsel to the Company (and who may be an employee of the Company), and who shall be reasonably acceptable to the Purchase Contract Agent. An opinion of counsel may rely on certificates as to matters of fact.

"Outstanding Securities" means, with respect to any Security and as of the date of determination, all Securities evidenced by Certificates theretofore authenticated, executed and delivered under this Agreement, except:

(i) If a Termination Event has occurred, (i) Growth PACS and (ii) Income PACS for which the underlying Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests in the Treasury Portfolio have been theretofore deposited with the Purchase Contract Agent in trust for the Holders of such Income PACS;

(ii) Securities evidenced by Certificates theretofore cancelled by the Purchase Contract Agent or delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent for cancellation or deemed cancelled pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement; and

(iii) Securities evidenced by Certificates in exchange for or in lieu of which other Certificates have been authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holder and delivered pursuant to this Agreement, other than any such Certificate in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Purchase Contract Agent proof satisfactory to it that such Certificate is held by a protected purchaser in whose hands the Securities evidenced by such Certificate are valid obligations of the Company;

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite number of the Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, Securities owned by the Company or any Affiliate of the Company shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding Securities, except that, in determining whether the Purchase Contract Agent shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities that a Responsible Officer of the Purchase Contract Agent actually knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding Securities if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Purchase Contract Agent the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any Affiliate of the Company.

"Payment Date" means each February 16, May 16, August 16 and November 16, commencing May 16, 2002.

"Permitted Investments" has the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Plan" means an employee benefit plan that is subject to ERISA, a plan or individual retirement account that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code or any entity whose assets are considered assets of any such plan.

"Pledge" means the pledge under the Pledge Agreement of the Notes, the Treasury Securities or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, in each case constituting a part of the Securities.

"Pledge Agreement" means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002, among the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Purchase Contract Agent, on its own behalf and as attorney-in-fact for the Holders from time to time of the Securities.

"Pledged Notes" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.01(e) of the Pledge Agreement.

"Predecessor Certificate" means a Predecessor Income PACS Certificate or a Predecessor Growth PACS Certificate.

"Predecessor Income PACS Certificate" of any particular Income PACS Certificate means every previous Income PACS Certificate evidencing all or a portion of the rights and obligations of the Company and the Holder under the Income PACS evidenced thereby; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Income PACS Certificate authenticated and delivered under Section 3.10 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Income PACS Certificate shall be deemed to evidence the same rights and obligations of the Company and the Holder as the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Income PACS

Certificate.

"Predecessor Growth PACS Certificate" of any particular Growth PACS Certificate means every previous Growth PACS Certificate evidencing all or a portion of the rights and obligations of the Company and the Holder under the Growth PACS evidenced thereby; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Growth PACS Certificate authenticated and delivered under Section 3.10 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Growth PACS Certificate shall be deemed to evidence the same rights and obligations of the Company and the Holder as the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Growth PACS Certificate.

"Primary Treasury Dealer" shall mean a primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City.

"Proceeds" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.01(e) of the Pledge Agreement.

"Pro Rata" shall mean pro rata to each Holder according to the aggregate Stated Amount of the Securities held by such Holder in relation to the aggregate Stated Amount of all Securities outstanding.

"Prospectus" means the prospectus relating to the delivery of shares of any securities in connection with an Early Settlement of Purchase Contracts pursuant to Section 5.04(b)(2), in the form in which first filed, or transmitted for filing, with the Commission after the effective date of the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, including the documents incorporated by reference therein as of the date of such Prospectus.

"Purchase Contract" means, with respect to any Security, the contract forming a part of such Security and obligating the Company to (i) sell, and the Holder of such Security to purchase, shares of Common Stock and (ii) pay the Holder thereof Purchase Contract Payments, in each case on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Article Five hereof.

"Purchase Contract Agent" means the Person named as the "Purchase Contract Agent" in the first paragraph of this Agreement until a successor Purchase Contract Agent shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Agreement, and thereafter

"Purchase Contract Agent" shall mean such Person or any subsequent successor who is appointed pursuant to this Agreement.

"Purchase Contract Payments" means the payments payable by the Company on the Payment Dates in respect of each Purchase Contract, at a rate per year of 2.5% of the Stated Amount per Purchase Contract.

"Purchase Contract Settlement Date" means February 16, 2005.

"Purchase Contract Settlement Fund" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.03.

"Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Purchased Shares" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(a)(6).

"Quotation Agent" means (i) Merrill Lynch Government Securities Inc. and its respective successors or (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Company.

"Record Date" for any distribution and Purchase Contract Payment payable on any Payment Date means, as to any Global Certificate, the first day of each month in which the relevant Payment Date falls, and as to any other Certificate, the date selected by the Company, which shall be more than one Business Day but less than sixty Business Days prior to such Payment Date.

"Redemption Amount" shall mean, for each Note, the product of the principal amount of such Note and a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price and the denominator of which shall be the principal amount of such Note.

"Reference Dealer" means a dealer engaged in trading of convertible securities.

"Reference Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Registration Statement" means a registration statement under the Securities Act prepared by the Company covering, inter alia, the delivery by the Company of any securities in connection with an Early Settlement of Purchase Contracts on the Early Settlement Date under Section 5.04(b)(2), including all exhibits thereto and the documents incorporated by reference in the prospectus contained in such registration statement, and any post-effective amendments thereto.

"Remarketing" means the remarketing of the Notes by the Remarketing Agent pursuant to the Remarketing Agreement.

"Remarketing Agent" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(a).

"Remarketing Agreement" means the Remarketing Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002, among the Company, the Remarketing Agent and the Purchase Contract Agent.

"Remarketing Fee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(a).

"Remarketing Per Note Price" means the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price divided by the number of Notes held as components of Income PACS and remarketed in the Initial Remarketing.

"Reorganization Event" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(b).

"Reset Rate" means the interest rate per year determined by the Remarketing Agent as necessary for a successful completion of the Remarketing.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Purchase Contract Agent, any officer of the Purchase Contract Agent assigned by the Purchase Contract Agent to administer this Purchase Contract Agreement.

"Secondary Remarketing" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(c).

"Secondary Remarketing Date" means the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933 and any statute successor thereto, in each case as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Securities Intermediary" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Securities Intermediary under the Pledge Agreement until a successor Securities Intermediary shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Pledge Agreement, and thereafter "Securities Intermediary" shall mean such successor or any subsequent successor who is appointed pursuant to the Pledge Agreement.

"Security" means an Income PACS or a Growth PACS, as the case may be.

"Security Register" and "Securities Registrar" have the respective meanings set forth in Section 3.05.

"Senior Indebtedness" means indebtedness of any kind of the Company unless the instrument under which such indebtedness is incurred expressly provides that it is on a parity in right of payment with or subordinate in right of payment to the Purchase Contract Payments.

"Separate Notes" means Notes that are no longer a component of Income PACS.

"Separate Notes Purchase Price" means the amount in cash equal to the product of the Remarketing Per Note Price multiplied by the number of Separate Notes remarketed in the Initial Remarketing.

"Settlement Rate" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Sixth Supplemental Indenture" means the Sixth Supplemental Indenture to the Indenture, entered into between the Company and the Indenture Trustee on the date hereof.

"Stated Amount" means \$25.

"Successful Initial Remarketing" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(a).

"Successful Secondary Remarketing" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(c).

"Tax Event" shall mean the receipt by the Company of an opinion of independent counsel, rendered by a law firm having a recognized national tax practice, to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change, including any announced prospective change in, the laws or any regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein affecting taxation, any amendment to or change in an interpretation or application of these laws or regulations by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority or any interpretation or pronouncement that provides for a position with respect to any such laws or regulations that differs from the generally accepted position on January 7, 2002, which amendment, change or proposed change is effective or which interpretation or pronouncement is announced on or after January 7, 2002, there is more than an insubstantial increase in the risk that interest or original issue discount on the Notes would not be deductible by the Company, in whole or in part, for United States federal income tax purposes.

"Tax Event Redemption" shall mean that a Tax Event has occurred and is continuing and the Notes have been called for redemption pursuant to the Indenture.

"Tax Event Redemption Date" means the date upon which a Tax Event Redemption is to occur.

"Tax Event Redemption Principal Amount" means either (i) if the Tax

Event Redemption Date occurs prior to November 16, 2004 or, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes that are components of Income PACS on the Tax Event Redemption Date or (ii) if the Tax Event Redemption Date occurs on or after November 16, 2004 or, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, on or after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding on such Tax Event Redemption Date.

"Termination Date" means the date, if any, on which a Termination Event occurs.

"Termination Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) at any time on or prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a judgment, decree or court order shall have been entered granting relief under the Bankruptcy Code, adjudicating the Company to be insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization or liquidation of the Company or any other similar applicable Federal or State law, and, unless such judgment, decree or order shall have been entered within 60 days prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, such decree or order shall have continued undischarged and unstayed for a period of 60 days;

(ii) at any time on or prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a judgment, decree or court order for the appointment of a receiver or liquidator or trustee or assignee in bankruptcy or insolvency of the Company or of its property, or for the termination or liquidation of its affairs, shall have been entered, and, unless such judgment, decree or order shall have been entered within 60 days prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, such judgment, decree or order shall have continued undischarged and unstayed for a period of 60 days; or

(iii) at any time on or prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Company shall file a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, or shall consent to the filing of a bankruptcy proceeding against it, or shall file a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or liquidation under the Bankruptcy Code or any other similar applicable Federal or State law, or shall consent to the filing of any such petition, or shall consent to the appointment of a receiver or liquidator or trustee or assignee in bankruptcy or insolvency of it or of its property, or shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Trading Day" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01.

"Treasury Portfolio" means (1) in connection with the Initial Remarketing, a portfolio of zero-coupon U.S. treasury securities consisting of (a) principal or interest strips of U.S. Treasury Securities that mature prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in an aggregate amount equal to the Applicable Principal Amount and (b) with respect to the scheduled interest payment date on the Notes that occurs on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, principal or interest strips of U.S. treasury securities that mature prior to such date in an aggregate amount equal to the aggregate interest payment that would be due on the Applicable Principal Amount on such date if the applicable Coupon Rate on the Notes were not reset to the Reset Rate as described in Section 5.02 and (2) in connection with a Tax Event Redemption, (a) if the Tax Event Redemption Date occurs prior to November 16, 2004 or, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a portfolio of zero-coupon U.S. treasury securities consisting of (i) principal or interest strips of U.S. treasury securities that mature on or prior to February 15, 2005 in an aggregate amount equal to the applicable Tax Event Redemption Principal Amount and (ii) with respect to each scheduled interest payment date on the Notes that occurs after the Tax Event Redemption Date and on or before the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, principal or interest strips of U.S. treasury securities that mature on or prior to such date in an aggregate amount equal to the aggregate interest payment that would be due on the applicable Tax Event Redemption Principal Amount of the Notes on such date, and (b) if the Tax Event Redemption Date occurs on or after November 16, 2004 or, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, on or after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a portfolio of zero-coupon U.S. treasury securities consisting of (i) principal or interest strips of U.S. Treasury Securities which mature on or prior to February 15, 2007 in an aggregate amount equal to the applicable Tax Event Redemption Principal Amount and (ii) with respect to each scheduled interest payment date on the Notes that occurs after the Tax Event Redemption Date, principal or interest strips of such U.S. treasury securities that mature prior to such date in an aggregate amount equal to the aggregate interest payment that would be due on the applicable Tax Event Redemption Principal Amount of the Notes on such date if the interest rate of the Notes was not reset on the Initial Remarketing Date or the Secondary Remarketing Date.

"Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price" means the lowest aggregate price quoted by the Primary Treasury Dealer to the Quotation Agent (a) in the case of a Tax Event Redemption, on the third Business Day immediately preceding the

Tax Event Redemption Date for the purchase of the applicable Treasury Portfolio for settlement on the Tax Event Redemption Date and (b) in the case of the Initial Remarketing, on the Initial Remarketing Date for the purchase of the applicable Treasury Portfolio for settlement on November 16, 2004.

"Treasury Securities" means zero-coupon U.S. Treasury Securities (CUSIP No. 912820BM8) that mature on February 15, 2005.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement, dated as of January 7, 2002, between the Company and the Underwriters identified in Schedule A thereto.

"Vice President" means any vice president, whether or not designated by a number or a word or words added before or after the title "vice president."

SECTION 1.02. Compliance Certificates and Opinions.

Except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement, upon any application or request by the Company to the Purchase Contract Agent to take any action in accordance with any provision of this Agreement, the Company shall furnish to the Purchase Contract Agent an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Agreement relating to the proposed action have been complied with and, if requested by the Purchase Contract Agent, an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Agreement relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Agreement (other than the Officers' Certificate provided for in Section 10.05) shall include:

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

(ii) 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;

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

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

SECTION 1.03. Form of Documents Delivered to Purchase Contract Agent.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents. Any certificate or opinion of an officer of the Company may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his certificate or opinion is based are erroneous. Any such certificate or Opinion of Counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Company stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

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

SECTION 1.04. Acts of Holders; Record Dates.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Agreement to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of

execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Agreement and (subject to Section 7.01) conclusive in favor of the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner which the Purchase Contract Agent deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Securities shall be proved by the Security Register.

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

(e) The Company may set any date as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities entitled to give, make or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Agreement to be given, made or taken by Holders of Securities. If any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders of the Outstanding Income PACS and the Outstanding Growth PACS, as the case may be, on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to take the relevant action with respect to the Income PACS or the Growth PACS, as the case may be, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless taken prior to or on the applicable Expiration Date by Holders of the requisite number of Outstanding Securities on such record date. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Company from setting a new record date for any action for which a record date has previously been set pursuant to this paragraph (whereupon the record date previously set shall automatically and with no action by any Person be cancelled and be of no effect), and nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to render ineffective any action taken by Holders of the requisite number of Outstanding Securities on the date such action is taken. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Company, at its own expense, shall cause notice of such record date, the proposed action by Holders and the applicable Expiration Date to be given to the Purchase Contract Agent in writing and to each Holder of Securities in the manner set forth in Section 1.06.

With respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section, the Company may designate any date as the "Expiration Date" and from time to time may change the Expiration Date to any earlier or later day; provided that no such change shall be effective unless notice of the proposed new Expiration Date is given to the Purchase Contract Agent in writing, and to each Holder of Securities in the manner set forth in Section 1.06, prior to or on the existing Expiration Date. If an Expiration Date is not designated with respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section, the Company shall be deemed to have initially designated the 180th day after such record date as the Expiration Date with respect thereto, subject to its right to change the Expiration Date as provided in this paragraph. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Expiration Date shall be later than the 180th day after the applicable record date.

SECTION 1.05. Notices.

Any notice or communication is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telecopier (with receipt confirmed) or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address; provided that notice shall be deemed given to the Purchase Contract Agent only upon receipt thereof:

If to the Purchase Contract Agent:

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001
Telecopier No.: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

If to the Company:

The Williams Companies, Inc.
One Williams Center, Suite 5000
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172
Telecopier No.: (918) 573-2065
Attention: Treasurer

with a copy to:

The Williams Companies, Inc.
One Williams Center, Suite 5000
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172
Telecopier No.: (918) 573-4503
Attention: General Counsel

and a copy to:

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Four Times Square
New York, New York 10036
Telecopier No.: (212) 735-2000
Attention: John Osborn, Esq.

If to the Collateral Agent:

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001
Telecopier No.: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

If to the Indenture Trustee:

Bank One Corporation
Global Trust Services
1 Bank One Plaza, Suite IL1-0823
Chicago, Illinois 60670
Telecopier No.: (312) 336-8840
Attention: Benita Pointer

The Purchase Contract Agent shall sent to the Indenture Trustee at the telecopier number set forth above a copy of any notices in the form of Exhibits C, D, E or F it sends or receives.

SECTION 1.06. Notice to Holders; Waiver.

Where this Agreement provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder affected by such event, at its address as it appears in the Security Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders. Where this Agreement 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 shall be filed with the Purchase Contract Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

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 Purchase Contract Agent shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

SECTION 1.07. Effect of Headings and Table of Contents.

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

SECTION 1.08. Successors and Assigns.

All covenants and agreements in this Agreement by the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent shall bind their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 1.09. Separability Clause.

In case any provision in this Agreement or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof and thereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 1.10. Benefits of Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder and, to the extent provided hereby, the Holders, any benefits or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement. The Holders from time to time shall be beneficiaries of this Agreement and shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions hereof and of the Securities evidenced by their Certificates by their acceptance of delivery of such Certificates.

SECTION 1.11. Governing Law.

This Agreement and the Securities shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without regard to any conflicts of law provision that would require the application of the law of any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 1.12. Legal Holidays.

In any case where any Payment Date shall not be a Business Day (notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Securities),

Purchase Contract Payments or other distributions shall not be paid on such date, but Purchase Contract Payments or such other distributions shall be paid on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Payment Date, provided that no interest shall accrue or be payable by the Company or to any Holder for the period from and after any such Payment Date.

In any case where any Purchase Contract Settlement Date or Early Settlement Date shall not be a Business Day (notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Securities) Purchase Contracts shall not be performed and Early Settlement shall not be effected on such date, but Purchase Contracts shall be performed or Early Settlement effected, as applicable, on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Purchase Contract Settlement Date or Early Settlement Date, as applicable.

SECTION 1.13. Counterparts.

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

SECTION 1.14. Inspection of Agreement.

A copy of this Agreement shall be available at all reasonable times during normal business hours at the Corporate Trust Office for inspection by any Holder or Beneficial Owner.

SECTION 1.15. Appointment of Financial Institution as Agent for the Company.

The Company may appoint a financial institution (which may be the Collateral Agent) to act as its agent in performing its obligations and in accepting and enforcing performance of the obligations of the Purchase Contract Agent and the Holders, under this Agreement and the Purchase Contracts, by giving notice of such appointment in the manner provided in Section 1.05 hereof. Any such appointment shall not relieve the Company in any way from its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 1.16. No Waiver. No failure on the part of the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary or any of their respective agents to exercise, and no course of dealing with respect to, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise by the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary or any of their respective agents of any right, power or remedy hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. The remedies herein are cumulative and are not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

ARTICLE 2 CERTIFICATE FORMS

SECTION 2.01. Forms of Certificates Generally.

The Certificates (including the form of Purchase Contract forming part of each Security evidenced thereby) shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A hereto (in the case of Certificates evidencing Income PACS) or Exhibit B hereto (in the case of Certificates evidencing Growth PACS), with such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements printed, lithographed or engraved thereon as may be required by the rules of any securities exchange on which the Securities are listed or any depository therefor, or as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Company executing such Certificates, as evidenced by their execution of the Certificates.

The definitive Certificates shall be printed, lithographed or engraved on steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the officers of the Company executing the Securities evidenced by such Certificates, consistent with the provisions of this Agreement, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

Every Global Certificate authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS CERTIFICATE IS A GLOBAL CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., AS NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (THE "DEPOSITARY"), THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY. THIS CERTIFICATE IS EXCHANGEABLE FOR CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITARY OR ITS NOMINEE ONLY IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY)

MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REQUESTED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT HEREON IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN."

SECTION 2.02. Form of Purchase Contract Agent's Certificate of Authentication.

The form of the Purchase Contract Agent's certificate of authentication of the Securities shall be in substantially the form set forth on the form of the applicable Certificates.

ARTICLE 3 THE SECURITIES

SECTION 3.01. Amount; Form and Denominations.

The aggregate number of Securities evidenced by Certificates authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered hereunder is limited to 40,000,000 (46,000,000 if the over-allotment option granted in the Underwriting Agreement is exercised in full), except for Certificates authenticated, executed and delivered upon registration of transfer of, in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Certificates pursuant to Sections 3.04, 3.05, 3.10, 3.13, 3.14 or 8.05.

The Certificates shall be issuable only in registered form and only in denominations of a single Income PACS or Growth PACS and any integral multiple thereof.

SECTION 3.02. Rights and Obligations Evidenced by the Certificates.

Each Income PACS Certificate shall evidence the number of Income PACS specified therein, with each such Income PACS representing (1) the ownership by the Holder thereof of a beneficial interest in a Note or the Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, subject to the Pledge of such Note or the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, by such Holder pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, and (2) the rights and obligations of the Holder thereof and the Company under one Purchase Contract. The Purchase Contract Agent, as attorney-in-fact for, and on behalf of, the Holder of each Income PACS shall pledge, pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, the Note or the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, forming a part of such Income PACS, to the Collateral Agent and grant to the Collateral Agent a security interest in the right, title and interest of such Holder in such Note or the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, for the benefit of the Company, to secure the obligation of the Holder under each Purchase Contract to purchase shares of Common Stock.

Upon the formation of a Growth PACS pursuant to Section 3.13, each Growth PACS Certificate shall evidence the number of Growth PACS specified therein, with each such Growth PACS representing (1) the ownership by the Holder thereof of a 1/40 undivided beneficial interest in a Treasury Security with a principal amount equal to \$1,000, subject to the Pledge of such Treasury Security by such Holder pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, and (2) the rights and obligations of the Holder thereof and the Company under one Purchase Contract.

Prior to the purchase of shares of Common Stock under each Purchase Contract, such Purchase Contracts shall not entitle the Holder of a Security to any of the rights of a holder of shares of Common Stock, including, without limitation, the right to vote or receive any dividends or other payments or to consent or to receive notice as a shareholder in respect of the meetings of shareholders or for the election of directors of the Company or for any other matter, or any other rights whatsoever as a shareholder of the Company.

SECTION 3.03. Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.13 and 3.14 hereof, upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and at any time and from time to time thereafter, the Company may deliver Certificates executed by the Company to the Purchase Contract Agent for authentication, execution on behalf of the Holders and delivery, together with its Issuer Order for authentication of such Certificates, and the Purchase Contract Agent in accordance with such Issuer Order shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holders and deliver such Certificates.

The Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, its President, its Treasurer or one of its Vice

Presidents. The signature of any of these officers on the Certificates may be manual or facsimile.

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

No Purchase Contract evidenced by a Certificate shall be valid until such Certificate has been executed on behalf of the Holder by the manual signature of an authorized officer of the Purchase Contract Agent, as such Holder's attorney-in-fact. Such signature by an authorized officer of the Purchase Contract Agent shall be conclusive evidence that the Holder of such Certificate has entered into the Purchase Contracts evidenced by such Certificate.

Each Certificate shall be dated the date of its authentication.

No Certificate shall be entitled to any benefit under this Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Certificate a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by an authorized officer of the Purchase Contract Agent by manual signature, and such certificate upon any Certificate shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Certificate has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

SECTION 3.04. Temporary Certificates.

Pending the preparation of definitive Certificates, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holders, and deliver, in lieu of such definitive Certificates, temporary Certificates which are in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A or Exhibit B hereto, as the case may be, with such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements printed, lithographed or engraved thereon as may be required by the rules of any securities exchange on which the Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, are listed, or as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Company executing such Certificates, as evidenced by their execution of the Certificates.

If temporary Certificates are issued, the Company will cause definitive Certificates to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Certificates, the temporary Certificates shall be exchangeable for definitive Certificates upon surrender of the temporary Certificates at the Corporate Trust Office, at the expense of the Company and without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Certificates, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holder, and deliver in exchange therefor, one or more definitive Certificates of like tenor and denominations and evidencing a like number of Securities as the temporary Certificate or Certificates so surrendered. Until so exchanged, the temporary Certificates shall in all respects evidence the same benefits and the same obligations with respect to the Securities, evidenced thereby as definitive Certificates.

SECTION 3.05. Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

The Purchase Contract Agent shall keep at the Corporate Trust Office a register (the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Purchase Contract Agent shall provide for the registration of Certificates and of transfers of Certificates (the Purchase Contract Agent, in such capacity, the "Security Registrar"). The Security Registrar shall record separately the registration and transfer of the Certificates evidencing Income PACS and Growth PACS.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Certificate at the Corporate Trust Office, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the designated transferee or transferees, and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Certificates of any authorized denominations, like tenor, and evidencing a like number of Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be.

At the option of the Holder, Certificates may be exchanged for other Certificates, of any authorized denominations and evidencing a like number of Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, upon surrender of the Certificates to be exchanged at the Corporate Trust Office. Whenever any Certificates are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holder, and deliver the Certificates which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Certificates issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of a Certificate shall evidence the ownership of the same number of Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, and be entitled to the same benefits and subject to the same obligations, under this Agreement as the Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, evidenced by the Certificate surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Certificate presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall (if so required by the Purchase Contract Agent) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent duly executed, by the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing.

No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of a Certificate, but the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent may require payment from the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Certificates, other than any exchanges pursuant to Sections 3.06 and 8.05 not involving any transfer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be obligated to authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holder and deliver any Certificate in exchange for any other Certificate presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange on or after the Business Day immediately preceding the earliest of any Early Settlement Date for such Certificate, the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or the Termination Date. In lieu of delivery of a new Certificate, upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions specified above in this Section and receipt of appropriate registration or transfer instructions from such Holder, the Purchase Contract Agent shall:

(i) if the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or an Early Settlement Date with respect to such other Certificate has occurred, deliver the shares of Common Stock issuable in respect of the Purchase Contracts forming a part of the Securities evidenced by such other Certificate; or

(ii) if a Cash Settlement or an Early Settlement Date with respect to such other Certificate shall have occurred, or if a Termination Event shall have occurred prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, transfer the Notes, the Treasury Securities, or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, evidenced thereby, in each case subject to the applicable conditions and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 3.15 and Article Five hereof.

SECTION 3.06. Book-Entry Interests.

The Certificates, on original issuance, will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered Global Certificates, to be delivered to the Depository or its custodian by, or on behalf of, the Company. The Company hereby designates DTC as the initial Depository. Such Global Certificates shall initially be registered on the books and records of the Company in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of the Depository, and no Beneficial Owner will receive a definitive Certificate representing such Beneficial Owner's interest in such Global Certificate, except as provided in Section 3.09. The Purchase Contract Agent shall enter into an agreement with the Depository if so requested by the Company. Unless and until definitive, fully registered Certificates have been issued to Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 3.09:

(i) the provisions of this Section 3.06 shall be in full force and effect;

(ii) the Company shall be entitled to deal with the Depository for all purposes of this Agreement (including, without limitation, making Purchase Contract Payments and receiving approvals, votes or consents hereunder) as the Holder of the Securities and the sole holder of the Global Certificates and shall have no obligation to the Beneficial Owners;

(iii) to the extent that the provisions of this Section 3.06 conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Section 3.06 shall control; and

(iv) the rights of the Beneficial Owners shall be exercised only through the Depository and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Beneficial Owners and the Depository or the Depository Participants.

SECTION 3.07. Notices to Holders.

Whenever a notice or other communication to the Holders is required to be given under this Agreement, the Company or the Company's agent shall give such notices and communications to the Holders and, with respect to any Securities registered in the name of the Depository or the nominee of the Depository, the Company or the Company's agent shall, except as set forth herein, have no obligations to the Beneficial Owners.

SECTION 3.08. Appointment of Successor Depository.

If the Depository elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the Securities, the Company may, in its sole discretion, appoint a successor Depository with respect to the Securities.

SECTION 3.09. Definitive Certificates.

If:

(i) the Depository elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the Securities and a successor Depository is not appointed pursuant to Section 3.08 within 90 days after such discontinuance; or

(ii) the Company elects, after consultation with the Purchase Contract Agent, to terminate the book-entry system for the Securities,

then (x) definitive Certificates shall be prepared by the Company with respect to such Securities and delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent and (y) upon surrender of the Global Certificates representing the Securities by the Depository, accompanied by registration instructions, the Company shall cause definitive Certificates to be delivered to Beneficial Owners in accordance with the instructions of the Depository. The Company and the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and may conclusively rely on and shall be protected in relying on, such instructions. Each definitive Certificate so delivered shall evidence Securities of the same kind and tenor as the Global Certificate so surrendered in respect thereof.

SECTION 3.10. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Certificates.

If any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Purchase Contract Agent, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holder, and deliver in exchange therefor, a new Certificate, evidencing the same number of Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, and bearing a Certificate number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate, and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to hold each of them and any agent of any of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent that such Certificate has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holder, and deliver to the Holder, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate, evidencing the same number of Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, and bearing a Certificate number not contemporaneously outstanding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be obligated to authenticate, execute on behalf of the Holder, and deliver to the Holder, a Certificate on or after the Business Day immediately preceding the earliest of any Early Settlement Date for such lost or mutilated Certificate, the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or the Termination Date. In lieu of delivery of a new Certificate, upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions specified above in this Section and receipt of appropriate registration or transfer instructions from such Holder, the Purchase Contract Agent shall:

(i) if the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or an Early Settlement Date with respect to such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Certificate has occurred, deliver the shares of Common Stock issuable in respect of the Purchase Contracts forming a part of the Securities evidenced by such Certificate; or

(ii) if a Cash Settlement with respect to such lost or mutilated Certificate shall have occurred or if a Termination Event shall have occurred prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, transfer the Notes, the Treasury Securities or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, evidenced thereby, in each case subject to the applicable conditions and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 3.15 and Article Five hereof.

Upon the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section, the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent may require the payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other fees and expenses (including, without limitation, the fees and expenses of the Purchase Contract Agent) connected therewith.

Every new Certificate issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company and of the Holder in respect of the Security evidenced thereby, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate (and the Securities evidenced thereby) shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits and be subject to all the obligations of this Agreement equally and proportionately with any and all other Certificates delivered hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude, to the extent lawful, all other rights and remedies with respect to the

replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificates.

SECTION 3.11. Persons Deemed Owners.

Prior to due presentment of a Certificate for registration of transfer, the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent, and any agent of the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent, may treat the Person in whose name such Certificate is registered as the owner of the Security evidenced thereby, for the purpose of (subject to any applicable record date) receiving distributions on the Treasury Securities, the Notes, or on the maturing quarterly interest strips of the Treasury Portfolio, as applicable, receiving Purchase Contract Payments, performance of the Purchase Contracts and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not any distributions on the Treasury Securities, the Notes, or Treasury Portfolio, as applicable, or Purchase Contract Payments payable on the Purchase Contracts, each constituting a part of the Security evidenced thereby shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, and neither the Company nor the Purchase Contract Agent, nor any agent of the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent, shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Global Certificate, nothing contained herein shall prevent the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent or any agent of the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent, from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depository (or its nominee), as a Holder, with respect to such Global Certificate or impair, as between such Depository and the related Beneficial Owner, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of rights of the Depository (or its nominee) as Holder of such Global Certificate. None of the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent nor any agent of the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of a Global Certificate or maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

SECTION 3.12. Cancellation.

All Certificates surrendered for delivery of shares of Common Stock on or after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or upon the transfer of Notes, or for delivery of the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of that term) of the Treasury Portfolio or Treasury Securities, as the case may be, after the occurrence of a Termination Event or pursuant to an Early Settlement, or upon the registration of transfer or exchange of a Security, or a Collateral Substitution or the reestablishment of Income PACS shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Purchase Contract Agent, be delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent and, if not already cancelled, shall be promptly cancelled by it. The Company may at any time deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent for cancellation any Certificates previously authenticated, executed and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Certificates so delivered shall, upon an Issuer Order, be promptly cancelled by the Purchase Contract Agent. No Certificates shall be authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holder and delivered in lieu of or in exchange for any Certificates cancelled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Agreement. All cancelled Certificates held by the Purchase Contract Agent shall be disposed of in accordance with its customary practices.

If the Company or any Affiliate of the Company shall acquire any Certificate, such acquisition shall not operate as a cancellation of such Certificate unless and until such Certificate is delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent cancelled or for cancellation.

SECTION 3.13. Creation of Growth PACS by Substitution of Treasury Securities.

Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, a Holder may separate the Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as applicable, from the related Purchase Contracts in respect of such Holder's Income PACS by substituting for such Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as applicable, Treasury Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of such Notes or the principal amount of such Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as applicable (a "Collateral Substitution"), at any time from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to or on the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. To effect such substitution, the Holder must:

- (1) deposit with the Securities Intermediary Treasury Securities having an aggregate principal amount at maturity equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes or the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio comprising part of such Income PACS, as the case may be; and
- (2) transfer the related Income PACS to the Purchase Contract Agent accompanied by a notice to the Purchase Contract Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, (i) stating that the Holder has transferred the relevant amount of

Treasury Securities to the Securities Intermediary and (ii) requesting that the Purchase Contract Agent instruct the Collateral Agent to release the Notes or the Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, underlying such Income PACS, whereupon the Purchase Contract Agent shall promptly provide an instruction to such effect to the Collateral Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Pledge Agreement.

Upon receipt of the Treasury Securities described in clause (1) above and the instruction described in clause (2) above, in accordance with the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral Agent will cause the Securities Intermediary to effect the release of such Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, from the Pledge, free and clear of the Company's security interest therein, and the transfer of such Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, to the Purchase Contract Agent on behalf of the Holder. Upon receipt thereof, the Purchase Contract Agent shall promptly:

- (i) cancel the related Income PACS;
- (ii) transfer the Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, to the Holder; and
- (iii) authenticate, execute on behalf of such Holder and deliver a Growth PACS Certificate executed by the Company in accordance with Section 3.03 evidencing the same number of Purchase Contracts as were evidenced by the cancelled Income PACS.

Holder who elect to separate the Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, from the related Purchase Contracts and to substitute Treasury Securities for such Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, shall be responsible for any fees or expenses (including, without limitation, fees and expenses payable to the Collateral Agent for its services as Collateral Agent) in respect of the substitution, and the Company shall not be responsible for any such fees or expenses.

Holder may make Collateral Substitutions only in integral multiples of 40 Income PACS; provided that if the Treasury Portfolio has replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption, Holder may make Collateral Substitutions at any time on or prior to the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, but only in integral multiples of 32,000 Income PACS.

In the event a Holder making a Collateral Substitution pursuant to this Section 3.13 fails to effect a book-entry transfer of the Income PACS or fails to deliver Income PACS Certificates to the Purchase Contract Agent after depositing Treasury Securities with the Collateral Agent, any distributions on the Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, constituting a part of such Income PACS shall be held in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent or its nominee in trust for the benefit of such Holder, until such Income PACS are so transferred or the Income PACS Certificate is so delivered, as the case may be, or, such Holder provides evidence satisfactory to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent that such Income PACS Certificate has been destroyed, lost or stolen, together with any indemnity that may be required by the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company.

Except as described in this Section 3.13 or in connection with a Cash Settlement, for so long as the Purchase Contract underlying an Income PACS remains in effect, such Income PACS shall not be separable into its constituent parts, and the rights and obligations of the Holder in respect of the Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, and the Purchase Contract comprising such Income PACS may be acquired, and may be transferred and exchanged, only as an Income PACS.

SECTION 3.14. Reestablishment of Income PACS.

Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, a Holder of Growth PACS may reestablish Income PACS at any time prior to or on the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, by:

- (1) depositing with the Securities Intermediary Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, (i) in the case of Notes, having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Treasury Securities comprising part of the Growth PACS and (ii) in the case of Applicable Ownership Interests, such that the portion of such Applicable Ownership Interests described in clause (A) of the definition of such term represents an undivided beneficial ownership interest in principal or interest strips of U.S. treasury securities having an aggregate face amount equal to the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Treasury Securities comprising part of the Growth PACS; and
- (2) transferring the related Growth PACS to the Purchase Contract Agent accompanied by a notice to the Purchase Contract Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, (i) stating

that the Holder has transferred the relevant amount of Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, to the Securities Intermediary and (ii) requesting that the Purchase Contract Agent instruct the Collateral Agent to release the Treasury Securities underlying such Growth PACS, whereupon the Purchase Contract Agent shall promptly provide an instruction to such effect to the Collateral Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit C to the Pledge Agreement.

Upon receipt of the Notes or Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, described in clause (1) above and the instruction described in clause (2) above, in accordance with the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral Agent will cause the Securities Intermediary to effect the release of the Treasury Securities having a corresponding aggregate principal amount at maturity from the Pledge, free and clear of the Company's security interest therein, and the transfer thereof to the Purchase Contract Agent on behalf of the Holder. Upon receipt thereof, the Purchase Contract Agent shall promptly:

(i) cancel the related Growth PACS;

(ii) transfer the Treasury Securities to the Holder; and

(iii) authenticate, execute on behalf of such Holder and deliver an Income PACS Certificate executed by the Company in accordance with Section 3.03 evidencing the same number of Purchase Contracts as were evidenced by the cancelled Growth PACS.

Holders who elect to reestablish Income PACS shall be responsible for any fees or expenses (including, without limitation, fees and expenses payable to the Collateral Agent for its services as Collateral Agent) in respect of the reestablishment, and the Company shall not be responsible for any such fees or expenses.

Holders of Growth PACS may only reestablish Income PACS in integral multiples of 40 Growth PACS; provided that if the Treasury Portfolio has replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption, Holders may convert their Growth PACS into Income PACS by substituting Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio for Treasury Securities at any time on or prior to the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, but only in multiples of 32,000 Growth PACS.

Except as provided in this Section 3.14 or in connection with a Cash Settlement, for so long as the Purchase Contract underlying a Growth PACS remains in effect, such Growth PACS shall not be separable into its constituent parts and the rights and obligations of the Holder of such Growth PACS in respect of the 1/40 of a Treasury Security and the Purchase Contract comprising such Growth PACS may be acquired, and may be transferred and exchanged, only as a Growth PACS.

SECTION 3.15. Transfer of Collateral upon Occurrence of Termination Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event and the transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent of the Notes, the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio or the Treasury Securities, as the case may be, underlying the Income PACS and the Growth PACS, as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent shall request transfer instructions with respect to such Notes, the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio or Treasury Securities, as the case may be, from each Holder by written request, substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, mailed to such Holder at its address as it appears in the Security Register.

Upon book-entry transfer of the Income PACS or the Growth PACS or delivery of an Income PACS Certificate or Growth PACS Certificate to the Purchase Contract Agent with such transfer instructions, the Purchase Contract Agent shall transfer the Notes, the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio or Treasury Securities, as the case may be, underlying such Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, to such Holder by book-entry transfer, or other appropriate procedures, in accordance with such instructions. In the event a Holder of Income PACS or Growth PACS fails to effect such transfer or delivery, the Notes, the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio or Treasury Securities, as the case may be, underlying such Income PACS or Growth PACS, as the case may be, and any distributions thereon, shall be held in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent or its nominee in trust for the benefit of such Holder, until the earlier to occur of:

(i) the transfer of such Income PACS or Growth PACS or surrender of the Income PACS Certificate or Growth PACS Certificate or receipt by the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent from such Holder of satisfactory evidence that such Income PACS Certificate or Growth PACS Certificate has been destroyed, lost or stolen, together with any indemnity that may be required by the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company; and

(ii) the expiration of the time period specified in the abandoned

property laws of the relevant State in which the Purchase Contract Agent holds such property.

SECTION 3.16. No Consent to Assumption.

Each Holder of a Security, by acceptance thereof, shall be deemed expressly to have withheld any consent to the assumption under Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, of the Purchase Contract by the Company or its trustee, receiver, liquidator or a person or entity performing similar functions in the event that the Company becomes the debtor under the Bankruptcy Code or subject to other similar state or Federal law providing for reorganization or liquidation.

ARTICLE 4

THE NOTES AND APPLICABLE OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF THE TREASURY PORTFOLIO

SECTION 4.01. Interest Payments; Rights to Interest Payments Preserved.

Any distribution on any Note or on the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition thereof) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, which is paid on any Payment Date shall, subject to receipt thereof by the Purchase Contract Agent from the Collateral Agent as provided by the terms of the Pledge Agreement, be paid to the Person in whose name the Income PACS Certificate (or one or more Predecessor Income PACS Certificates) of which such Note or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, forms a part is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such Payment Date.

Each Income PACS Certificate evidencing Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio delivered under this Agreement upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Income PACS Certificate shall carry the right to accrued and unpaid interest or distributions, and to accrue interest or distributions, which were carried by the Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio underlying such other Income PACS Certificate.

In the case of any Income PACS with respect to which Cash Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract is properly effected pursuant to Section 5.02 hereof, or with respect to which Early Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract is properly effected pursuant to Section 5.04(b)(2) hereof, or with respect to which a Collateral Substitution is effected, in each case on a date that is after any Record Date and prior to or on the next succeeding Payment Date, interest on the Notes or distributions on the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, underlying such Income PACS otherwise payable on such Payment Date shall be payable on such Payment Date notwithstanding such Cash Settlement or Early Settlement or Collateral Substitution, and such distributions shall, subject to receipt thereof by the Purchase Contract Agent, be payable to the Person in whose name the Income PACS Certificate (or one or more Predecessor Income PACS Certificates) was registered at the close of business on the Record Date. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the immediately preceding sentence, in the case of any Income PACS with respect to which Cash Settlement or Early Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract is properly effected, or with respect to which a Collateral Substitution has been effected, distributions on the related Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, that would otherwise be payable after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, Early Settlement Date or the date of the Collateral Substitution, as the case may be, shall not be payable hereunder to the Holder of such Income PACS; provided, however, that to the extent that such Holder continues to hold separated Notes that formerly comprised a part of such Holder's Income PACS, such Holder shall be entitled to receive interest on such separated Notes.

SECTION 4.02. Notice and Voting.

Under the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent will be entitled to exercise the voting and any other consensual rights pertaining to the Pledged Notes, but only to the extent instructed in writing by the Holders as described below. Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which holders of Notes are entitled to vote or upon any solicitation of consents, waivers or proxies of holders of Notes, the Purchase Contract Agent shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail, first class, postage pre-paid, to the Holders of Income PACS a notice:

(i) containing such information as is contained in the notice or solicitation;

(ii) stating that each Holder on the record date set by the Purchase Contract Agent therefor (which, to the extent possible, shall be the same date as the record date for determining the holders of Notes, as the case may be, entitled to vote) shall be entitled to instruct the Purchase Contract Agent as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to such Notes underlying their Income PACS; and

(iii) stating the manner in which such instructions may be given.

Upon the written request of the Holders of Income PACS on such record date

received by the Purchase Contract Agent at least six days prior to such meeting, the Purchase Contract Agent shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests, the maximum number of Notes, as the case may be, as to which any particular voting instructions are received. In the absence of specific instructions from the Holder of an Income PACS, the Purchase Contract Agent shall abstain from voting the Notes underlying such Income PACS. The Company hereby agrees, if applicable, to solicit Holders of Income PACS to timely instruct the Purchase Contract Agent in order to enable the Purchase Contract Agent to vote such Notes.

SECTION 4.03. Tax Event Redemption.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption prior to November 16, 2004, or in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, an amount equal to the Redemption Amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, payable on the Tax Event Redemption Date with respect to the principal amount of Notes that are components of Income PACS shall be deposited in the Collateral Account in exchange for the Pledged Notes. Thereafter, pursuant to the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall cause the Securities Intermediary to apply an amount equal to the Redemption Amount of such funds to purchase on behalf of the Holders of Income PACS the Treasury Portfolio and promptly remit the remaining portion of such funds to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of such Income PACS.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption, the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio will be substituted as Collateral for the Pledged Notes and will be held by the Collateral Agent in accordance with the terms of the Pledge Agreement to secure the obligation of each Holder of an Income PACS to purchase the Common Stock of the Company under the Purchase Contract constituting a part of such Income PACS. Following the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Holders of Income PACS and the Collateral Agent shall have such security interest rights and obligations with respect to the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio as the Holders of Income PACS and the Collateral Agent had in respect of the Notes, as the case may be, subject to the Pledge thereof as provided in the Pledge Agreement, and any reference herein to the Notes shall be deemed to be a reference to such Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio. The Company may cause to be made in any Income PACS Certificates thereafter to be issued such change in phraseology and form (but not in substance) as may be appropriate to reflect the substitution of the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio for Notes as Collateral.

ARTICLE 5 THE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

SECTION 5.01. Purchase of Shares of Common Stock.

(a) Each Purchase Contract shall obligate the Holder of the related Security to purchase, and the Company to sell, on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date at a price equal to the Stated Amount (the "Purchase Price"), a number of newly issued shares of Common Stock (subject to Section 5.09) equal to the Settlement Rate unless an Early Settlement has occurred in accordance with Section 5.04(b)(2) hereof or, prior to or on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, there shall have occurred a Termination Event with respect to the Security of which such Purchase Contract is a part. The "Settlement Rate" is equal to:

(i) if the Applicable Market Value (as defined below) is greater than \$41.25 (the "Appreciation Cap Price"), the number of shares of Common Stock per Purchase Contract having a value, based on the Applicable Market Value, equal to 1.0000 multiplied by the quotient of the Appreciation Cap Price divided by the Applicable Market Value; and

(ii) if the Applicable Market Value is less than or equal to the Appreciation Cap Price, 1.0000 share of Common Stock per Purchase Contract;

in each case subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5.04 (and in each case rounded upward or downward to the nearest 1/10,000th of a share).

The "Applicable Market Value" means the average of the Closing Price per share of Common Stock on each of the 20 consecutive Trading Days ending on the third Trading Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

The "Closing Price" per share of Common Stock on any date of determination means:

(i) the closing sale price as of the 4:15 p.m. close of the principal trading session (or, if no closing price is reported, the last reported sale price) per share on the New York Stock Exchange,

Inc. (the "NYSE") on such date;

(ii) if the Common Stock is not listed for trading on the NYSE on any such date, the closing sale price per share as reported in the composite transactions for the principal United States securities exchange on which the Common Stock is so listed;

(iii) if the Common Stock is not so listed on a United States national or regional securities exchange, the closing sale price per share as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market;

(iv) if the Common Stock is not so reported, the last quoted bid price for the Common Stock in the over-the-counter market as reported by the National Quotation Bureau or similar organization; or

(v) the market value of Common Stock on such date as determined by a nationally recognized independent investment banking firm retained for this purpose by the Company.

A "Trading Day" means a day on which the Common Stock (1) is not suspended from trading on any national or regional securities exchange or association or over-the-counter market at the close of business and (2) has traded at least once on the national or regional securities exchange or association or over-the-counter market that is the primary market for the trading of the Common Stock.

(b) Each Holder of an Income PACS or a Growth PACS, by its acceptance thereof:

(i) irrevocably authorizes the Purchase Contract Agent to enter into and perform the related Purchase Contract on its behalf as its attorney-in-fact (including, without limitation, the execution of Certificates on behalf of such Holder);

(ii) agrees to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof;

(iii) covenants and agrees to perform its obligations under such Purchase Contract;

(iv) consents to the provisions hereof;

(v) irrevocably authorizes the Purchase Contract Agent to enter into and perform this Agreement and the Pledge Agreement on its behalf as its attorney-in-fact;

(vi) consents to, and agrees to be bound by, the Pledge of such Holder's right, title and interest in and to the Collateral Account, including the Notes and the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio or the Treasury Securities pursuant to the Pledge Agreement; and

(vii) agrees to treat itself as the owner, for United States federal income tax purposes of the applicable interest in the Collateral Account, including the Notes and the Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio or the Treasury Securities,

provided that upon a Termination Event, the rights of the Holder of such Security under the Purchase Contract may be enforced without regard to any other rights or obligations.

(c) Each Holder of an Income PACS or a Growth PACS, by its acceptance thereof, further covenants and agrees, that to the extent and in the manner provided in Section 5.02 and the Pledge Agreement, but subject to the terms thereof, Proceeds of the Notes, the Treasury Securities or the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as applicable, on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, shall be paid by the Collateral Agent to the Company in satisfaction of such Holder's obligations under such Purchase Contract and such Holder shall acquire no right, title or interest in such Proceeds.

(d) Upon registration of transfer of a Certificate, the transferee shall be bound (without the necessity of any other action on the part of such transferee) by the terms of this Agreement, the Purchase Contracts underlying such Certificate and the Pledge Agreement and the transferor shall be released from the obligations under this Agreement, the Purchase Contracts underlying the Certificate so transferred and the Pledge Agreement. The Company covenants and agrees, and each Holder of a Certificate, by its acceptance thereof, likewise covenants and agrees, to be bound by the provisions of this paragraph.

SECTION 5.02. Initial Remarketing; Payment of Purchase Price.

(a) (i) Unless a Tax Event Redemption has occurred, the Company shall engage Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as Remarketing Agent (the "Remarketing Agent") pursuant to the Remarketing Agreement (and subject to removal as provided in the Remarketing Agreement) to sell the Notes (the "Initial Remarketing") on the third Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004 (the "Initial Remarketing Date"). In

order to facilitate the Initial Remarketing, the Purchase Contract Agent or the Custodial Agent shall notify, by 11:00 a.m. (New York City time), on the Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date, the Remarketing Agent of the aggregate principal amount of Notes that are part of Income PACS, or aggregate principal amount of Separate Notes that are to be remarketed pursuant to clause (ii) below, as the case may be, that are to be remarketed. Concurrently, the Collateral Agent, pursuant to the terms of the Pledge Agreement, or the Custodial Agent, pursuant to clause (ii) below, will present for Remarketing such Notes to the Remarketing Agent. Upon receipt of such notice from the Purchase Contract Agent or Custodial Agent and such Notes from the Collateral Agent or Custodial Agent, the Remarketing Agent will, on the Initial Remarketing Date, use its reasonable efforts to remarket such Notes on such date at a price of approximately 100.5% (but not less than 100%) of the sum of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price plus the Separate Notes Purchase Price. If the Remarketing Agent is able to remarket the Notes at a price equal to or greater than 100% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price plus the Separate Notes Purchase Price (a "Successful Initial Remarketing"), the portion of the proceeds from such Successful Initial Remarketing equal to the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price will be applied to purchase the Treasury Portfolio. In addition, the Remarketing Agent may deduct as a remarketing fee (the "Remarketing Fee") an amount equal to 25 basis points (0.25%) of the sum of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price plus the Separate Notes Purchase Price from any amount of such proceeds in excess of the sum of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price plus the Separate Notes Purchase Price. With respect to Separate Notes, any proceeds of the Initial Remarketing in excess of the Remarketing Fee attributable to the Separate Notes will be remitted to the Custodial Agent for payment to the holders of Separate Notes. With respect to Notes that are part of Income PACS, any proceeds of the Initial Remarketing in excess of the sum of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price plus the Remarketing Fee with respect to such Notes will be remitted to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of the related Income PACS. Neither the Company nor any Income PACS Holders whose Notes are so remarketed will otherwise be responsible for the payment of any Remarketing Fee in connection therewith. The Treasury Portfolio will be substituted for the Notes of Holders of Income PACS and the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio will be pledged to the Collateral Agent to secure the Income PACS Holders' obligation to pay the Purchase Price for the Common Stock under the related Purchase Contracts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. Following the occurrence of a Successful Initial Remarketing, the Holders of Income PACS and the Collateral Agent shall have such security interests, rights and obligations with respect to the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) in the Treasury Portfolio as the Holder of Income PACS and the Collateral Agent had in respect of the Notes, subject to the Pledge thereof as provided in the Pledge Agreement, and any reference herein or in the Certificates to the Notes shall be deemed to be a reference to such Applicable Ownership Interests in the Treasury Portfolio and any reference herein or in the Certificates to interest on the Notes shall be deemed to be a reference to corresponding distributions on such Applicable Ownership Interests in the Treasury Portfolio. The Company may cause to be made in any Income PACS Certificates thereafter to be issued such change in phraseology and form (but not in substance) as may be appropriate to reflect the substitution of such Applicable Ownership Interests in the Treasury Portfolio for Notes as Collateral.

If, in spite of using its reasonable efforts, the Remarketing Agent cannot remarket the related Notes in the Initial Remarketing (other than to the Company) at a price not less than 100% of the sum of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price plus the Separate Notes Purchase Price or a condition precedent set forth in the Remarketing Agreement is not fulfilled, the Remarketing will be deemed to have failed (a "Failed Initial Remarketing"). The Company will cause a notice of a Failed Initial Remarketing to be published on the second Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004 in a daily newspaper in the English language of general circulation in The City of New York, which is expected to be The Wall Street Journal.

(ii) A holder of a Note that is no longer part of an Income PACS may elect to have such Note remarketed in the Initial Remarketing. A holder making such an election must notify the Custodial Agent and deliver such Notes to the Custodial Agent prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date, of the aggregate principal amount of Notes that are not part of Income PACS to be remarketed. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be conditioned upon the level at which the Reset Rate is established in the Remarketing. By 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date, the Custodial Agent shall cause such Notes to be presented to the Remarketing Agent for Remarketing.

(iii) Not later than 7 calendar days nor more than 15 calendar days prior to the Initial Remarketing Date, the Company shall request the Depository to notify the Beneficial Owners or Depository Participants holding Securities of the procedures to be followed in the Initial Remarketing.

(iv) If required by applicable law, the Company agrees to endeavor to ensure that a registration statement with regard to the full amount of the Notes to be remarketed in the Initial Remarketing shall be effective with the Securities Exchange Commission in a form that will enable the Remarketing Agent to rely on it in connection with

the Initial Remarketing.

(b) (i) Unless a Tax Event Redemption, Successful Initial Remarketing, Termination Event or Early Settlement has occurred, each Holder who intends to pay in cash to satisfy such Holder's obligations under the Purchase Contract on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date shall notify the Purchase Contract Agent by use of a notice in substantially the form of Exhibit E hereto of his intention to pay in cash ("Cash Settlement") the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased pursuant to the related Purchase Contract. Such notice shall be given prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. Prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the next succeeding Business Day, the Purchase Contract Agent shall notify the Collateral Agent and the Indenture Trustee of the receipt of such notices from Holders intending to make a Cash Settlement.

(ii) A Holder of an Income PACS who has so notified the Purchase Contract Agent of his intention to effect a Cash Settlement in accordance with paragraph 5.02(b)(i) above shall pay the Purchase Price to the Securities Intermediary for deposit in the Collateral Account prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in lawful money of the United States by certified or cashiers' check or wire transfer, in each case in immediately available funds payable to or upon the order of the Securities Intermediary. Any cash received by the Collateral Agent shall be invested promptly by the Securities Intermediary in Permitted Investments and paid to the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in settlement of the Purchase Contracts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Pledge Agreement. Any funds received by the Securities Intermediary in respect of the investment earnings from such Permitted Investments in excess of the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased by such Holder shall be distributed to the Purchase Contract Agent when received for payment to the Holder.

(iii) If a Holder of an Income PACS fails to notify the Purchase Contract Agent of his intention to make a Cash Settlement in accordance with paragraph 5.02(b)(i) above, such Holder shall be deemed to have consented to the disposition of the Pledged Notes pursuant to the Secondary Remarketing as described in paragraph 5.02(c) below.

(iv) Promptly after 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the fourth Business Day preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Purchase Contract Agent, based on notices received by the Purchase Contract Agent pursuant to Section 5.02(b) hereof, shall notify the Collateral Agent and the Indenture Trustee of the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be tendered for purchase in the Remarketing in a notice substantially in the form of Exhibit F hereto.

(v) Not later than 7 calendar days nor more than 15 calendar days prior to the Secondary Remarketing Date, the Company shall request the Depository to notify the Beneficial Owners or Depository Participants holding Securities of the procedures to be followed in the Secondary Remarketing.

(vi) If required by applicable law, the Company agrees to endeavor to ensure that a registration statement with regard to the full amount of the Notes to be remarketed in the Secondary Remarketing shall be effective with the Securities Exchange Commission in a form that will enable the Remarketing Agent to rely on it in connection with the Secondary Remarketing.

(c) (i) Unless a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred, the Notes of Income PACS Holders who have not notified the Purchase Contract Agent of their intention to effect a Cash Settlement as provided in paragraph 5.02(b)(i) above, will be sold by the Remarketing Agent (the "Secondary Remarketing") on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date (the "Secondary Remarketing Date"). In order to facilitate the Secondary Remarketing, the Purchase Contract Agent, based on the notices specified in Section 5.02(b)(iv), or the Custodial Agent, based on the notices specified in Section 5.02(c)(ii), shall notify the Remarketing Agent, by 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Secondary Remarketing Date, of the aggregate principal amount of Notes that are part of Income PACS or aggregate principal amount of Notes that are no longer part of Income PACS that are to be remarketed pursuant to clause (ii) below, as the case may be, to be remarketed. Concurrently, the Collateral Agent, pursuant to the terms of the Pledge Agreement, shall cause such Notes to be presented to the Remarketing Agent for Remarketing.

(ii) A holder of a Note that is no longer part of an Income PACS may elect to have such Note remarketed. A holder making such an election must notify the Custodial Agent and deliver such Notes to the Custodial Agent prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, of the aggregate number of Notes that are not part of Income PACS to be remarketed. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be conditioned upon the level at which the Reset Rate is established in the Remarketing. By 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on

the Business Day immediately preceding the Secondary Remarketing Date, the Custodial Agent shall cause such Notes to be presented to the Remarketing Agent for Remarketing.

(iii) Upon receipt of such notice from the Purchase Contract Agent or the Custodial Agent and such Notes from the Collateral Agent or Custodial Agent, as set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) above, the Remarketing Agent shall, on the Secondary Remarketing Date, use reasonable efforts to remarket such Notes on such date at a price equal to 100.5% (but not less than 100%) of the aggregate principal amount of such Notes, as provided in the Remarketing Agreement. If the Remarketing Agent is able to remarket the Notes at a price equal to or greater than 100% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes (a "Successful Secondary Remarketing"), the Remarketing Agent will remit the proceeds from such Successful Secondary Remarketing to the Collateral Agent; provided that the Remarketing Agent may deduct as the Remarketing Fee an amount equal to 25 basis points (0.25%) of the aggregate principal amount of the remarketed Notes from any amount of the proceeds of a Successful Secondary Remarketing in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the remarketed Notes. The proceeds from the Remarketing remitted to the Collateral Agent shall be invested by the Collateral Agent in Permitted Investments, in accordance with the Pledge Agreement, and then applied to satisfy in full such Income PACS Holders' obligations to pay the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock under the related Purchase Contracts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. Any proceeds in excess of those required to pay the Purchase Price and the Remarketing Fee will be remitted to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of the related Income PACS. Income PACS Holders whose Notes are so remarketed will not otherwise be responsible for the payment of any Remarketing Fee in connection therewith.

(iv) If, in spite of using its reasonable efforts, the Remarketing Agent cannot remarket the related Notes of such Holders of Income PACS at a price not less than 100.0% of the Stated Amount or a condition precedent set forth in the Remarketing Agreement is not fulfilled, the remarketing will be deemed to have failed (a "Failed Secondary Remarketing"), an event of default shall be deemed to have occurred under this Agreement and the Pledge Agreement and in accordance with the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Company, shall exercise its rights as a secured party with respect to such Notes, including, without limitation, those actions specified in paragraph 5.02(d) below; provided, that if upon a Failed Remarketing the Collateral Agent exercises such rights for the benefit of the Company with respect to such Notes, any accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes shall become payable by the Company to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Beneficial Owner of the Income PACS to which such Notes relate. The Company shall cause a notice of such Failed Remarketing to be published on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in a daily newspaper in the English language of general circulation in the City of New York, which is expected to be The Wall Street Journal and such notice shall include the procedures that must be followed if a Holder of Notes (whether or not as a component of Income PACS) wishes to exercise its right to put the Notes to the Company following a Failed Secondary Remarketing, as set forth in the Sixth Supplemental Indenture.

(d) With respect to (i) any Notes which are subject to a Failed Secondary Remarketing or (ii) any Notes which are components of Income PACS with respect to which the Holder notified the Purchase Contract Agent as provided in Section 5.02(b)(i) of his intention to pay the Purchase Price in cash, but failed to make such payment as required by Section 5.02(b)(ii), in each case resulting in an event of default under this Agreement, the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Company reserves all of its rights as a secured party with respect thereto and, subject to applicable law and paragraph 5.02(h) below, shall, in full satisfaction of the Holders' obligations under the Purchase Contracts among other things, (i) retain the Notes, (ii) sell the Notes in one or more public or private sales or (iii) take, or choose not to take, any other action with respect to the Notes, which in every case specified in (i), (ii) and (iii) shall constitute payment in full for the aggregate Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased under the Purchase Contracts.

(e) (i) Unless a Holder of a Growth PACS or Income PACS (if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred) effects an Early Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract through the early delivery of cash to the Purchase Contract Agent in the manner described in Section 5.04(b)(2), each Holder of a Growth PACS or Income PACS (if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred) who intends to pay in cash shall notify the Purchase Contract Agent by use of a notice in substantially the form of Exhibit E hereto of his intention to pay in cash the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased pursuant to the related Purchase Contract. Such notice shall be given prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. Prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the next succeeding Business Day, the Purchase Contract Agent shall notify the Collateral Agent of the receipt of such notices from such Holders intending to make a Cash Settlement. Growth PACS holders may make Cash Settlements only in

integral multiples of 40 Growth PACS.

(ii) A Holder of a Growth PACS or Income PACS (if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred) who has so notified the Purchase Contract Agent of his intention to make a Cash Settlement in accordance with paragraph 5.02(e)(i) above shall pay the Purchase Price to the Securities Intermediary for deposit in the Collateral Account prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in lawful money of the United States by certified or cashiers' check or wire transfer, in each case in immediately available funds payable to or upon the order of the Securities Intermediary. Any cash received by the Collateral Agent shall be invested promptly by the Securities Intermediary in Permitted Investments and paid to the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in settlement of the Purchase Contract in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Pledge Agreement. Any funds received by the Securities Intermediary in respect of the investment earnings from the investment in such Permitted Investments in excess of the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased by such Holder shall be distributed to the Purchase Contract Agent when received for payment to the Holder.

(iii) If a Holder of a Growth PACS or Holder of an Income PACS (if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred) fails to notify the Purchase Contract Agent of his intention to make a Cash Settlement in accordance with paragraph 5.02(e)(i) above, or does notify the Purchase Contract Agent as provided in paragraph 5.02(e)(i) above of his intention to pay the Purchase Price in cash, but fails to make such payment as required by paragraph 5.02(e)(ii) above, then upon the maturity of the Pledged Treasury Securities or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio held by the Securities Intermediary on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the principal amount of the Treasury Securities or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio received by the Securities Intermediary shall be invested promptly in Permitted Investments. On the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, an amount equal to the Purchase Price shall be remitted to the Company as payment thereof without receiving any instructions from the Holder. In the event the sum of the proceeds from the related Pledged Treasury Securities or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio and the investment earnings earned from such investments is in excess of the aggregate Purchase Price of the Purchase Contracts being settled thereby, the Collateral Agent shall cause the Securities Intermediary to distribute such excess to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the Holder of the related Growth PACS or Income PACS when received.

(f) Any distribution to Holders of any payments described above shall be payable at the office of the Purchase Contract Agent in New York City maintained for that purpose or, at the option of the Holder, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto at such address as it appears on the Security Register.

(g) Upon Cash Settlement of any Purchase Contract:

(i) the Collateral Agent will in accordance with the terms of the Pledge Agreement cause the Pledged Notes, the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio or the Pledged Treasury Securities, as the case may be, underlying the relevant Security to be released from the Pledge, free and clear of any security interest of the Company, and transferred to the Purchase Contract Agent for delivery to the Holder thereof or its designee as soon as practicable; and

(ii) subject to the receipt thereof, the Purchase Contract Agent shall, by book-entry transfer or other appropriate procedures, in accordance with written instructions provided by the Holder thereof, transfer such Notes, or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio or such Treasury Securities, as the case may be (or, if no such instructions are given to the Purchase Contract Agent by the Holder, the Purchase Contract Agent shall hold such Notes, or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio or such Treasury Securities, as the case may be, and any interest payment thereon, in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent or its nominee in trust for the benefit of such Holder until the expiration of the time period specified in the abandoned property laws of the relevant state where such property is held).

(h) The obligations of the Holders to pay the Purchase Price are non-recourse obligations and, except to the extent satisfied by Early Settlement or Cash Settlement, are payable solely out of the proceeds of any Collateral pledged to secure the obligations of the Holders and in no event

will Holders be liable for any deficiency between the proceeds of the disposition of Collateral and the Purchase Price.

(i) The Company shall not be obligated to issue any shares of Common Stock in respect of a Purchase Contract or deliver any certificates thereof to the Holder of the related Security unless the Company shall have received payment in full for the aggregate Purchase Price for the Common Stock to be purchased thereunder in the manner herein set forth.

SECTION 5.03. Issuance of Shares of Common Stock.

Unless a Termination Event or an Early Settlement shall have occurred, subject to Section 5.04(b), on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date upon receipt of the aggregate Purchase Price payable on all Outstanding Securities, the Company shall issue and deposit with the Purchase Contract Agent, for the benefit of the Holders of the Outstanding Securities, one or more certificates representing newly issued shares of Common Stock registered in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent (or its nominee) as custodian for the Holders (such certificates for shares of Common Stock, together with any dividends or distributions for which a record date and payment date for such dividend or distribution has occurred after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, being hereinafter referred to as the "Purchase Contract Settlement Fund") to which the Holders are entitled hereunder.

Subject to the foregoing, upon surrender of a Certificate to the Purchase Contract Agent on or after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or Early Settlement Date, as the case may be, together with settlement instructions thereon duly completed and executed, the Holder of such Certificate shall be entitled to receive forthwith in exchange therefor a certificate representing that number of newly issued whole shares of Common Stock which such Holder is entitled to receive pursuant to the provisions of this Article Five (after taking into account all Securities then held by such Holder), together with cash in lieu of fractional shares as provided in Section 5.09 and any dividends or distributions with respect to such shares constituting part of the Purchase Contract Settlement Fund, but without any interest thereon, and the Certificate so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled. Such shares shall be registered in the name of the Holder or the Holder's designee as specified in the settlement instructions provided by the Holder to the Purchase Contract Agent. If any shares of Common Stock issued in respect of a Purchase Contract are to be registered to a Person other than the Person in whose name the Certificate evidencing such Purchase Contract is registered, no such registration shall be made unless the Person requesting such registration has paid any transfer and other taxes required by reason of such registration in a name other than that of the registered Holder of the Certificate evidencing such Purchase Contract or has established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax either has been paid or is not payable.

SECTION 5.04. Adjustment of Settlement Rate.

(a) Adjustments for Dividends, Distributions, Stock Splits, Etc.

(1) In case the Company shall pay or make a dividend or other distribution on Common Stock in Common Stock, the Settlement Rate in effect at the opening of business on the day following the date fixed for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such dividend or other distribution shall be increased by dividing such Settlement Rate by a fraction of which:

(i) the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding at the close of business on the date fixed for such determination; and

(ii) the denominator shall be the sum of such number of shares and the total number of shares constituting such dividend or other distribution,

such increase to become effective immediately after the opening of business on the day following the date fixed for such determination. For the purposes of this paragraph (1), the number of shares of Common Stock at any time outstanding shall not include shares held in the treasury of the Company but shall include any shares issuable in respect of any scrip certificates issued in lieu of fractions of shares of Common Stock. The Company agrees that it shall not pay any dividend or make any distribution on shares of Common Stock held in the treasury of the Company.

(2) In case the Company shall issue rights, warrants or options, other than pursuant to any dividend reinvestment plans or share purchase plans, to all holders of its Common Stock (not being available on an equivalent basis to Holders of the Securities upon settlement of the Purchase Contracts underlying such Securities) entitling them, for a period expiring within 45 days after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such rights, warrants or options, to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock at a price per share less than the Current Market Price per share of Common Stock on the date of announcement of such issuance, the Settlement Rate in effect at the opening of business on the Business Day following the date of such announcement shall be increased by dividing such Settlement Rate by a fraction of which:

(i) the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock

outstanding at the close of business on the date fixed for such determination plus the number of shares of Common Stock which the aggregate of the offering price of the total number of shares of Common Stock so offered for subscription or purchase would purchase at such Current Market Price; and

(ii) the denominator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding at the close of business on the date fixed for such determination plus the number of shares of Common Stock so offered for subscription or purchase,

such increase to become effective immediately after the opening of business on the Business Day following the date of such announcement. The Company agrees that it shall notify the Purchase Contract Agent if any issuance of such rights, warrants or options is cancelled or not completed following the announcement thereof and the Settlement Rate shall thereupon be readjusted to the Settlement Rate in effect immediately prior to the date of such announcement. For the purposes of this paragraph (2), the number of shares of Common Stock at any time outstanding shall not include shares held in the treasury of the Company but shall include any shares issuable in respect of any scrip certificates issued in lieu of fractions of shares of Common Stock. The Company agrees that it shall not issue any such rights, warrants or options in respect of shares of Common Stock held in the treasury of the Company.

(3) In case outstanding shares of Common Stock shall be subdivided or split into a greater number of shares of Common Stock, the Settlement Rate in effect at the opening of business on the day following the day upon which such subdivision or split becomes effective shall be proportionately increased, and, conversely, in case outstanding shares of Common Stock shall each be combined into a smaller number of shares of Common Stock, the Settlement Rate in effect at the opening of business on the day following the day upon which such combination becomes effective shall be proportionately reduced, such increase or reduction, as the case may be, to become effective immediately after the opening of business on the day following the day upon which such subdivision, split or combination becomes effective.

(4) In case the Company shall, by dividend or otherwise, distribute to all holders of its Common Stock evidences of its indebtedness or assets (including securities, but excluding any rights, warrants or options referred to in paragraph (2) of this Section 5.04(a), any dividend or distribution paid exclusively in cash and any dividend or distribution referred to in paragraph (1) of this Section 5.04(a)), the Settlement Rate shall be adjusted so that the same shall equal the rate determined by dividing the Settlement Rate in effect immediately prior to the close of business on the date fixed for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such distribution by a fraction of which:

(i) the numerator shall be the Current Market Price per share of Common Stock on the date fixed for such determination less the then fair market value (as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive and the basis for which shall be described in a Board Resolution) of the portion of the assets or evidences of indebtedness so distributed applicable to one share of Common Stock; and

(ii) the denominator shall be such Current Market Price per share of Common Stock,

such adjustment to become effective immediately prior to the opening of business on the day following the date fixed for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such distribution. In any case in which this paragraph (4) is applicable, paragraph (2) of this Section 5.04(a) shall not be applicable. In the event that such dividend or distribution is not so paid or made, the Settlement Rate shall again be adjusted to be the Settlement Rate which would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared.

(5) In case the Company shall, (I) by dividend or otherwise, distribute to all holders of its Common Stock cash (excluding any cash that is distributed in a Reorganization Event to which Section 5.04(b) applies or as part of a distribution referred to in paragraph (4) of this Section) in an aggregate amount that, combined together with (II) the aggregate amount of any other distributions to all holders of its Common Stock made exclusively in cash within the 12 months preceding the date of payment of such distribution and in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to this paragraph (5) or paragraph (6) of this Section has been made and (III) the aggregate amount of any cash plus the fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive and described in a Board Resolution) of consideration payable in respect of any tender or exchange offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for all or any portion of the Common Stock concluded within the 12 months preceding the date of payment of the distribution described in clause (I) above and in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to this paragraph (5) or paragraph (6) of this Section has been made, exceeds 15% of the product of the Current Market Price per share of the Common Stock on the date for the determination of holders of shares of Common Stock entitled to receive such distribution multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such date, then, in such case, the Settlement Rate shall be increased so that the same shall equal the rate determined by dividing the Settlement Rate in effect immediately prior to the

close of business on such record date by a fraction of which:

(i) the numerator shall be the Current Market Price of Common Stock on the record date less the amount of cash so distributed (and not excluded as provided above) applicable to one share of Common Stock; and

(ii) the denominator shall be the Current Market Price of Common Stock,

such increase to be effective immediately prior to the opening of business on the day following the record date; provided, however, that in the event the portion of cash so distributed applicable to one share of Common Stock is equal to or greater than the Current Market Price per share of Common Stock on the record date, in lieu of the foregoing adjustment, adequate provision shall be made so that each holder of a Security shall have the right to receive upon settlement of the Securities the amount of cash such Holder would have received had such Holder settled each Security on the record date. In the event that such dividend or distribution is not so paid or made, the Settlement Rate shall again be adjusted to be the Settlement Rate which would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared.

(6) In case a tender or exchange offer made by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company for all or any portion of Common Stock shall expire and such tender or exchange offer (as amended upon the expiration thereof) shall require the payment to shareholders (based on the acceptance (up to any maximum specified in the terms of the tender or exchange offer) of Purchased Shares (as herein defined) of (I) an aggregate consideration having a fair market value (as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive and the basis for which shall be described in a Board Resolution) that combined together with the aggregate of the cash plus the fair market value (as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive and the basis for which shall be described in a Board Resolution), as of the expiration of such tender or exchange offer, of consideration payable in respect of any other tender or exchange offer, by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company for all or any portion of Common Stock expiring within the 12 months preceding the expiration of such tender or exchange offer and in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to this paragraph (6) has been made, and (II) the aggregate amount of any distributions to all holders of Common Stock made exclusively in cash within the 12 months preceding the expiration of such tender or exchange offer and in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to paragraph (6) has been made, exceeds 15% of the product of the Current Market Price per share of Common Stock as of the last time (the "Expiration Time") tenders could have been made pursuant to such tender or exchange offer (as it may be amended) times the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding (including any tendered shares) on the Expiration Time, then, and in each such case, immediately prior to the opening of business on the day after the date of the Expiration Time, the Settlement Rate shall be adjusted so that the same shall equal the rate determined by dividing the Settlement Rate immediately prior to the close of business on the date of the Expiration Time by a fraction:

(i) the numerator of which shall be equal to (A) the product of (I) the Current Market Price per share of Common Stock on the date of the Expiration Time and (II) the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding (including any tendered shares) on the date of the Expiration Time less (B) the amount of cash plus the fair market value (determined as aforesaid) of the aggregate consideration payable to shareholders based on the transactions described in clauses (I) and (II) above (assuming in the case of clause (I) the acceptance, up to any maximum specified in the terms of the tender or exchange offer, of Purchased Shares); and

(ii) the denominator of which shall be equal to the product of (A) the Current Market Price per share of Common Stock as of the Expiration Time and (B) the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding (including any tendered shares) as of the Expiration Time less the number of all shares validly tendered and not withdrawn as of the Expiration Time (the shares deemed so accepted, up to any such maximum, being referred to as the "Purchased Shares").

(7) The reclassification of Common Stock into securities including securities other than Common Stock (other than any reclassification upon a Reorganization Event to which Section 5.04(b) applies) shall be deemed to involve:

(i) a distribution of such securities other than Common Stock to all holders of Common Stock (and the effective date of such reclassification shall be deemed to be "the date fixed for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such distribution" and the "date fixed for such determination" within the meaning of paragraph (4) of this Section); and

(ii) a subdivision, split or combination, as the case may be, of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such reclassification into the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately thereafter (and the effective date of such reclassification shall be deemed to be "the day upon which such subdivision or split becomes effective" or "the day upon which such combination becomes effective", as the case may be, and "the day upon

which such subdivision, split or combination becomes effective" within the meaning of paragraph (3) of this Section).

(8) The "Current Market Price" per share of Common Stock on any date of determination means the average of the daily Closing Prices for the ten consecutive Trading Days ending not later than the earlier of such date of determination and the day before the "ex date" with respect to the issuance or distribution requiring such computation. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "ex date," when used with respect to any issuance or distribution, shall mean the first date on which Common Stock trades regular way on such exchange or in such market without the right to receive such issuance or distribution.

(9) All adjustments to the Settlement Rate shall be calculated to the nearest 1/10,000th of a share of Common Stock (or if there is not a nearest 1/10,000th of a share, to the next lower 1/10,000th of a share). No adjustment in the Settlement Rate shall be required unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least one percent thereof; provided, however, that any adjustments which by reason of this subparagraph are not required to be made shall be carried forward and taken into account in any subsequent adjustment. If an adjustment is made to the Settlement Rate pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (10) of this Section 5.04(a), an adjustment shall also be made to the Applicable Market Value solely to determine which of clauses (i) or (ii) of the definition of Settlement Rate in Section 5.01 will apply on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. Such adjustment shall be made by multiplying the Applicable Market Value by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the Settlement Rate immediately after such adjustment pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (10) of this Section 5.04(a) and the denominator shall be the Settlement Rate immediately prior to such adjustment; provided, however, that if such adjustment to the Settlement Rate is required to be made pursuant to the occurrence of any of the events contemplated by paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (10) of this Section 5.04(a) during the period taken into consideration for determining the Applicable Market Value, appropriate and customary adjustments shall be made to the Settlement Rate.

(10) The Company may, but shall not be required to, make such increases in the Settlement Rate, in addition to those required by this Section, as it considers to be advisable in order to avoid or diminish any income tax to any holders of shares of Common Stock resulting from any dividend or distribution of stock or issuance of rights or warrants to purchase or subscribe for stock or from any event treated as such for income tax purposes or for any other reason.

(b) Adjustment for Consolidation, Merger or Other Reorganization Event.

(1) In the event of:

(i) any consolidation or merger of the Company with or into another Person (other than a merger or consolidation in which the Company is the continuing corporation and in which the shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the merger or consolidation are not exchanged for cash, securities or other property of the Company or another corporation);

(ii) any sale, transfer, lease or conveyance to another Person of the property of the Company as an entirety or substantially as an entirety;

(iii) any statutory share exchange of the Company with another Person (other than in connection with a merger or acquisition); or

(iv) any liquidation, dissolution or termination of the Company other than as a result of or after the occurrence of a Termination Event (any such event, a "Reorganization Event"),

the Settlement Rate will be adjusted to provide that each Holder of Securities will receive on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date with respect to each Purchase Contract forming a part thereof, the kind and amount of securities, cash and other property receivable upon such Reorganization Event (without any interest thereon, and without any right to dividends or distribution thereon which have a record date that is prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date) by a Holder of the number of shares of Common Stock issuable on account of each Purchase Contract if the Purchase Contract Settlement Date had occurred immediately prior to such Reorganization Event, assuming such Holder of Common Stock is not a Person with which the Company consolidated or into which the Company merged or which merged into the Company or to which such sale or transfer was made, as the case may be (any such Person, a "Constituent Person"), or an Affiliate of a Constituent Person to the extent such Reorganization Event provides for different treatment of Common Stock held by Affiliates of the Company and non-affiliates and such Holder failed to exercise his rights of election, if any, as to the kind or amount of securities, cash and other property receivable upon such Reorganization Event (provided that if the kind or amount of securities, cash and other property receivable upon such Reorganization Event is not the same for each share of Common Stock held immediately prior to such Reorganization Event by other than a Constituent Person or an Affiliate thereof and in respect of which such rights of election shall not have been exercised ("non-electing share"), then for the purpose of this Section the kind and amount of securities, cash and other property receivable upon such Reorganization Event by each non-electing

share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the non-electing shares).

In the event of such a Reorganization Event, the Person formed by such consolidation, merger or exchange or the Person which acquires the assets of the Company or, in the event of a liquidation, dissolution or termination of the Company, the Company or a liquidating trust created in connection therewith, shall execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent an agreement supplemental hereto providing that each Holder of an Outstanding Security shall have the rights provided by this Section 5.04(b). Such supplemental agreement shall provide for adjustments which, for events subsequent to the effective date of such supplemental agreement, shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practicable to the adjustments provided for in this Section 5.04. The above provisions of this Section 5.04 shall similarly apply to successive Reorganization Events.

(2) In the event of a consolidation or merger of the Company with or into another Person, any merger of another Person into the Company (other than a merger that does not result in any reclassification, conversion, exchange or cancellation of outstanding shares of Common Stock) in which 30% or more of the total consideration paid to the Company's shareholders consists of cash or cash equivalents (a "Cash Merger"), then a Holder of a Security may settle his Purchase Contract for cash as described in Section 5.02(b)(i) or 5.02(e)(i) hereof, as applicable, on or after the date of such Cash Merger, at the applicable Settlement Rate. Within five Business Days of the completion of a Cash Merger, the Company shall provide written notice to Holders of Securities of such completion of a Cash Merger, which shall specify the deadline for submitting a notice of Early Settlement pursuant to this Section 5.04(b)(2), the date on which such Early Settlement shall occur (the "Early Settlement Date"), the applicable Settlement Rate and the amount (per share of common stock) of cash, securities and other consideration receivable by the Holder upon settlement. For the purposes of this Section 5.04(b)(2), the date of the closing of the merger or consolidation shall be deemed to be the Purchase Contract Settlement Date for the purpose of determining the Applicable Market Value and the deadline for submitting the notice to settle early and the related cash payment shall be 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the tenth Business Day after the date the notice relating to a Cash Merger is provided to the Holders by the Company. Growth PACS Holders may only effect Early Settlement pursuant to this Section 5.04(b)(2) in integral multiples of 40 Purchase Contracts. If a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred, Income PACS Holders may only effect Early Settlement pursuant to this Section 5.04(b)(2) in multiples of 32,000 Purchase Contracts. Other than the provisions relating to timing of notice and settlement, which shall be as set forth above, the provisions of Section 5.01(a) shall apply with respect to an Early Settlement following a Cash Merger pursuant to this Section 5.04(b)(2). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Early Settlement will be permitted pursuant to this Section 5.04(b)(2) unless, at the time such Early Settlement is effected, there is an effective Registration Statement with respect to any securities to be issued and delivered in connection with such Early Settlement, if such a Registration Statement is required (in the view of counsel, which need not be in the form of a written opinion, for the Company) under the Securities Act. If such a Registration Statement is so required, the Company covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to (A) have in effect a Registration Statement covering any securities to be delivered in respect of the Purchase Contracts being settled and (B) provide a Prospectus in connection therewith, in each case in a form that may be used in connection with such Early Settlement.

(c) All calculations and determinations pursuant to this Section 5.04 shall be made by the Company or its agent and the Purchase Contract Agent shall have no responsibility with respect thereto.

SECTION 5.05. Notice of Adjustments and Certain Other Events.

(a) Whenever the Settlement Rate is adjusted as herein provided, the Company shall:

(i) forthwith compute the adjusted Settlement Rate in accordance with Section 5.04 and prepare and transmit to the Purchase Contract Agent an Officers' Certificate setting forth the Settlement Rate, the method of calculation thereof in reasonable detail, and the facts requiring such adjustment and upon which such adjustment is based; and

(ii) within 10 Business Days following the occurrence of an event that requires an adjustment to the Settlement Rate pursuant to Section 5.04 (or if the Company is not aware of such occurrence, as soon as practicable after becoming so aware), provide a written notice to the Holders of the Securities of the occurrence of such event and a statement in reasonable detail setting forth the method by which the adjustment to the Settlement Rate was determined and setting forth the adjusted Settlement Rate.

(b) The Purchase Contract Agent shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any Holder of Securities to determine whether any facts exist which may require any adjustment of the Settlement Rate, or with respect to the nature or extent or calculation of any such adjustment when made, or with respect to the method employed in making the same. The Purchase Contract Agent shall not be accountable with respect to the validity or value (or the kind or amount) of any shares of Common Stock, or of any securities or

property, which may at the time be issued or delivered with respect to any Purchase Contract; and the Purchase Contract Agent makes no representation with respect thereto. The Purchase Contract Agent shall not be responsible for any failure of the Company to issue, transfer or deliver any shares of Common Stock pursuant to a Purchase Contract or to comply with any of the duties, responsibilities or covenants of the Company contained in this Article.

SECTION 5.06. Termination Event; Notice.

The Purchase Contracts and all obligations and rights of the Company and the Holders thereunder, including, without limitation, the rights of the Holders to receive and the obligation of the Company to pay any Purchase Contract Payments (including any deferred or accrued and unpaid Purchase Contract Payments), if the Company shall have such obligation, and the rights and obligations of Holders to purchase Common Stock, shall immediately and automatically terminate, without the necessity of any notice or action by any Holder, the Purchase Contract Agent or the Company, if, prior to or on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a Termination Event shall have occurred.

Upon and after the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Securities shall thereafter represent the right to receive the Notes, the Treasury Securities or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, forming part of such Securities, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.04 of the Pledge Agreement. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Company shall promptly but in no event later than two Business Days thereafter give written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Holders, at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register.

SECTION 5.07. Intentionally Omitted.

SECTION 5.08. Intentionally Omitted.

SECTION 5.09. No Fractional Shares.

No fractional shares or scrip representing fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued or delivered upon settlement on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or upon Early Settlement of any Purchase Contracts. If Certificates evidencing more than one Purchase Contract shall be surrendered for settlement at one time by the same Holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock which shall be delivered upon settlement shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate number of Purchase Contracts evidenced by the Certificates so surrendered. Instead of any fractional share of Common Stock which would otherwise be deliverable upon settlement of any Purchase Contracts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or upon Early Settlement, the Company, through the Purchase Contract Agent, shall make a cash payment in respect of such fractional interest in an amount equal to the value of such fractional shares times the Applicable Market Value. The Company shall provide the Purchase Contract Agent from time to time with sufficient funds to permit the Purchase Contract Agent to make all cash payments required by this Section 5.09 in a timely manner.

SECTION 5.10. Charges and Taxes.

The Company will pay all stock transfer and similar taxes attributable to the initial issuance and delivery of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Purchase Contracts; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any such tax or taxes which may be payable in respect of any exchange of or substitution for a Certificate evidencing a Security or any issuance of a share of Common Stock in a name other than that of the registered Holder of a Certificate surrendered in respect of the Securities evidenced thereby, other than in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent, as custodian for such Holder, and the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver such share certificates or Certificates unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the transfer or issuance thereof shall have paid to the Company the amount of such tax or shall have established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

SECTION 5.11. Purchase Contract Payments.

(a) Subject to Section 5.12, the Company shall pay, on each Payment Date, the Purchase Contract Payments payable in respect of each Purchase Contract to the Person in whose name a Certificate is registered at the close of business on the Record Date next preceding such Payment Date. The Purchase Contract Payments will be payable at the office of the Purchase Contract Agent in New York City maintained for that purpose or, at the option of the Holder, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto at such Person's address as it appears on the Security Register. If any date on which Purchase Contract Payments are to be made is not a Business Day, then payment of the Purchase Contract Payments payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest in respect of any such delay). Purchase Contract Payments payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Company's obligation to pay future Purchase Contract Payments (including any accrued or deferred Purchase Contract Payments) shall cease.

(c) Each Certificate delivered under this Agreement upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of (including as a result of a

Collateral Substitution or the reestablishment of Income PACS) any other Certificate shall carry the right to accrued or deferred and unpaid Purchase Contract Payments and the right to accrue Purchase Contract Payments, which rights were carried by the Purchase Contracts underlying such other Certificates.

(d) Subject to Section 5.04(b)(2), in the case of any Security with respect to which Early Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract is effected on a date that is after any Record Date and prior to or on the next succeeding Payment Date, Purchase Contract Payments otherwise payable on such Payment Date shall be payable on such Payment Date notwithstanding such Early Settlement, and such Purchase Contract Payments shall be paid to the Person in whose name the Certificate evidencing such Security is registered at the close of business on such Record Date. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the immediately preceding sentence, in the case of any Security with respect to which Early Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract is effected, Purchase Contract Payments that would otherwise be payable after the Early Settlement Date with respect to such Purchase Contract shall not be payable.

(e) The Company's obligations with respect to Purchase Contract Payments, if any, will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to the Company's obligations under any Senior Indebtedness.

(f) In the event (x) of any payment by, or distribution of assets of, the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, to creditors upon any dissolution, winding-up, liquidation or reorganization of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary or in bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other proceedings, or (y) subject to the provisions of Section 5.11(h) below, that (i) a default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to the payment of principal, interest or any other monetary amounts due and payable on any Senior Indebtedness and such default shall have continued beyond the period of grace, if any, specified in the instrument evidencing such Senior Indebtedness (and the Purchase Contract Agent shall have received written notice thereof from the Company or one or more holders of Senior Indebtedness or their representative or representatives or the trustee or trustees under any indenture pursuant to which any such Senior Indebtedness may have been issued), or (ii) the maturity of any Senior Indebtedness shall have been accelerated because of a default in respect of such Senior Indebtedness (and the Purchase Contract Agent shall have received written notice thereof from the Company or one or more holders of Senior Indebtedness or their representative or representatives or the trustee or trustees under any indenture pursuant to which any such Senior Indebtedness may have been issued), then:

(i) the holders of all Senior Indebtedness shall first be entitled to receive, in the case of clause (x) above, payment of all amounts due or to become due upon all Senior Indebtedness and, in the case of subclauses (i) and (ii) of clause (y) above, payment of all amounts due thereon, or provision shall be made for such payment in money or money's worth, before the Holders of any of the Securities are entitled to receive any Purchase Contract Payments on the Purchase Contracts underlying the Securities;

(ii) any payment by, or distribution of assets of, the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, to which the Holders of any of the Securities would be entitled except for the provisions of Section 5.11(e) through (q), including any such payment or distribution which may be payable or deliverable by reason of the payment of any other indebtedness of the Company being subordinated to the payment of such Purchase Contract Payments on the Purchase Contracts underlying the Securities, shall be paid or delivered by the Person making such payment or distribution, whether a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver or liquidating trustee or otherwise, directly to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness or their representative or representatives or to the trustee or trustees under any indenture under which any instruments evidencing any of such Senior Indebtedness may have been issued, ratably according to the aggregate amounts remaining unpaid on account of such Senior Indebtedness held or represented by each, to the extent necessary to make payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution (or provision therefor) to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness, before any payment or distribution is made of such Purchase Contract Payments to the Holders of such Securities; and

(iii) in the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment by, or distribution of assets of, the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, including any such payment or distribution which may be payable or deliverable by reason of the payment of any other indebtedness of the Company being subordinated to the payment of Purchase Contract Payments on the Purchase Contracts underlying the Securities, shall be received by the Purchase Contract Agent or the Holders of any of the Securities when such payment or distribution is prohibited pursuant to Section 5.11(e) through (q), such payment or distribution shall be paid over to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness or their representative or representatives or to the trustee or trustees under any indenture pursuant to which any instruments evidencing any such Senior Indebtedness may have been issued, ratably as aforesaid, for application to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness remaining

unpaid until all such Senior Indebtedness shall have been paid in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution (or provision therefor) to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness.

(g) For purposes of Section 5.11(e) through (q), the words "cash, property or securities" shall not be deemed to include shares of stock of the Company as reorganized or readjusted, or securities of the Company or any other Person provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinated at least to the extent provided in Section 5.11(e) through (q) with respect to such Purchase Contract Payments on the Securities to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding; provided that (i) the indebtedness or guarantee of indebtedness, as the case may be, that constitutes Senior Indebtedness is assumed by the Person, if any, resulting from any such reorganization or readjustment, and (ii) the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not, without the consent of each such holder adversely affected thereby, altered by such reorganization or readjustment;

(h) Any failure by the Company to make any payment on or perform any other obligation under Senior Indebtedness, other than any indebtedness incurred by the Company or assumed or guaranteed, directly or indirectly, by the Company for money borrowed (or any deferral, renewal, extension or refunding thereof) or any indebtedness or obligation as to which the provisions of Section 5.11(e) through (g) shall have been waived by the Company in the instrument or instruments by which the Company incurred, assumed, guaranteed or otherwise created such indebtedness or obligation, shall not be deemed a default or event of default if (i) the Company shall be disputing its obligation to make such payment or perform such obligation and (ii) either (A) no final judgment relating to such dispute shall have been issued against the Company which is in full force and effect and is not subject to further review, including a judgment that has become final by reason of the expiration of the time within which a party may seek further appeal or review, and (B) in the event a judgment that is subject to further review or appeal has been issued, the Company shall in good faith be prosecuting an appeal or other proceeding for review and a stay of execution shall have been obtained pending such appeal or review.

(i) Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, the Holders of the Securities shall be subrogated (equally and ratably with the holders of all obligations of the Company which by their express terms are subordinated to Senior Indebtedness of the Company to the same extent as payment of the Purchase Contract Payments in respect of the Purchase Contracts underlying the Securities is subordinated and which are entitled to like rights of subrogation) to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of cash, property or securities of the Company applicable to the Senior Indebtedness until all such Purchase Contract Payments owing on the Securities shall be paid in full, and as between the Company, its creditors other than holders of such Senior Indebtedness and the Holders, no such payment or distribution made to the holders of Senior Indebtedness by virtue of Section 5.11(e) through (q) that otherwise would have been made to the Holders shall be deemed to be a payment by the Company on account of such Senior Indebtedness, it being understood that the provisions of Section 5.11(e) through (q) are and are intended solely for the purpose of defining the relative rights of the Holders, on the one hand, and the holders of Senior Indebtedness, on the other hand.

(j) Nothing contained in Section 5.11(e) through (q) or elsewhere in this Agreement or in the Securities is intended to or shall impair, as among the Company, its creditors other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness and the Holders, the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay to the Holders such Purchase Contract Payments on the Securities as and when the same shall become due and payable in accordance with their terms, or is intended to or shall affect the relative rights of the Holders and creditors of the Company other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness, nor shall anything herein or therein prevent the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder from exercising all remedies otherwise permitted by applicable law upon default under this Agreement, subject to the rights, if any, under Section 5.11(e) through (q), of the holders of Senior Indebtedness in respect of cash, property or securities of the Company received upon the exercise of any such remedy.

(k) Upon payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in Section 5.11(e) through (q), the Purchase Contract Agent and the Holders shall be entitled to rely upon any order or decree made by any court of competent jurisdiction in which any such dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization proceeding affecting the affairs of the Company is pending or upon a certificate of the trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidating trustee or Purchase Contract Agent or other person making any payment or distribution, delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent or to the Holders, 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 these Section 5.11(e) through (q).

(l) The Purchase Contract Agent shall be entitled to rely on the delivery to it of a written notice by a Person representing himself to be a holder of Senior Indebtedness (or a trustee or representative on behalf of such holder) to establish that such notice has been given by a holder of Senior Indebtedness or a trustee or representative on behalf of any such

holder or holders. In the event that the Purchase Contract Agent 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 Section 5.11(e) through (q), the Purchase Contract Agent may request such Person to furnish evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the Purchase Contract Agent as to the amount of Senior Indebtedness held by such Person, the extent to which such Person is entitled to participate in such payment or distribution and any other facts pertinent to the rights of such Person under Section 5.11(e) through (q), and, if such evidence is not furnished, the Purchase Contract Agent may defer payment to such Person pending judicial determination as to the right of such Person to receive such payment.

(m) Nothing contained in Section 5.11(e) through (q) shall affect the obligations of the Company to make, or prevent the Company from making, payment of the Purchase Contract Payments, except as otherwise provided in these Section 5.11(e) through (q).

(n) Each Holder of Securities, by his acceptance thereof, authorizes and directs the Purchase Contract Agent on his, her or its behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination provided in Section 5.11 (e) through (q) and appoints the Purchase Contract Agent his, her or its attorney-in-fact, as the case may be, for any and all such purposes.

(o) The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent of any fact known to the Company that would prohibit the making of any payment of moneys to or by the Purchase Contract Agent in respect of the Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.11(e) through (q) or any other provisions of this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts that would prohibit the making of any payment of moneys to or by the Purchase Contract Agent, or the taking of any other action by the Purchase Contract Agent, unless and until the Purchase Contract Agent shall have received written notice thereof mailed or delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent at its Institutional Trust Services department from the Company, any Holder, or the holder or representative of any Senior Indebtedness; provided that if at least two Business Days prior to the date upon which by the terms hereof any such moneys may become payable for any purpose, the Purchase Contract 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 Purchase Contract 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 that may be received by it within two Business Days prior to or on or after such date.

(p) The Purchase Contract Agent in its individual capacity shall be entitled to all the rights set forth in this Section with respect to any Senior Indebtedness at the time held by it, to the same extent as any other holder of Senior Indebtedness and nothing in this Agreement shall deprive the Purchase Contract Agent of any of its rights as such holder.

(q) No right of any present or future holder of any Senior Indebtedness to enforce the subordination herein shall at any time or in any way be prejudiced or impaired by any act or failure to act on the part of the Company or by any noncompliance by the Company with the terms, provisions and covenants of this Agreement, regardless of any knowledge thereof which any such holder may have or be otherwise charged with.

(r) Nothing in this Section 5.11 shall apply to claims of, or payments to, the Purchase Contract Agent under or pursuant to Section 7.07.

(s) With respect to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, (i) the duties and obligations of the Purchase Contract Agent shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Agreement; (ii) the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Agreement; (iii) no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Purchase Contract Agent; and (iv) the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be deemed to be a fiduciary as to such holders.

SECTION 5.12. Deferral of Purchase Contract Payments.

(a) The Company has the right to defer payment of all or part of the Purchase Contract Payments in respect of each Purchase Contract until no later than the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, but only if the Company shall give the Holders and the Purchase Contract Agent written notice of its election to defer such payment (specifying the amount to be deferred) at least ten Business Days prior to the earlier of (i) the next succeeding Payment Date or (ii) the date the Company is required to give notice of the Record Date or Payment Date with respect to payment of such Purchase Contract Payments to the NYSE or other applicable self-regulatory organization or to Holders of the Securities, but in any event not less than one Business Day prior to such Record Date. If the Company so elects to defer Purchase Contract Payments, the Company shall pay additional Purchase Contract Payments on such deferred installments of Purchase Contract Payments at a rate equal to 9.00% per annum, compounding quarterly, until such deferred installments are paid in full. Deferred Purchase Contract Payments shall be due on the next succeeding Payment Date except to the extent that payment is deferred pursuant to this

Section. No deferral period may end on a date other than a Payment Date. Except as otherwise provided in Section 5.11(d), in the case of any Security with respect to which Early Settlement of the underlying Purchase Contract is effected on an Early Settlement Date, the Holder will have no right to receive any accrued or deferred Purchase Contract Payments.

(b) In the event the Company elects to defer the payment of Purchase Contract Payments on the Purchase Contracts until the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, each Holder will receive on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date the aggregate amount of accrued and unpaid Purchase Contract Payments. The Company shall pay such amounts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in the manner described in Section 5.02(f).

(c) In the event the Company exercises its option to defer the payment of Purchase Contract Payments, then, until all deferred Purchase Contract Payments have been paid, the Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its subsidiaries to (a) make any payment of principal, interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities that rank junior to the Notes in the right of payment issued by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, or (b) make any guarantee payments with respect to any guarantee by the Company of any securities of any of its subsidiaries if such guarantee ranks junior to the Notes in the right of payment, (c) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on any of the Company's capital stock or (d) redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may (1) purchase or acquire its capital stock in connection with the satisfaction by it of its obligations under any employee benefit plans or pursuant to any contract or security outstanding on the first day of any such event requiring it to purchase its capital stock; (2) reclassify its capital stock or exchange or convert one class or series of its capital stock for another class or series of its capital stock; (3) purchase fractional interests in shares of its capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged; (4) declare dividends or distributions in its capital stock; and (5) redeem or repurchase any rights pursuant to a rights agreement.

ARTICLE 6 REMEDIES

SECTION 6.01. Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Purchase Contract Payments and to Purchase Shares of Common Stock.

Each Holder of a Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, (i) subject to the right of the Company to defer such payments in accordance with Section 5.12, to receive each Purchase Contract Payment with respect to the Purchase Contract comprising part of such Security on the respective Payment Date for such Security and (ii) except upon and following a Termination Event, to purchase shares of Common Stock pursuant to such Purchase Contract and, in each such case, to institute suit for the enforcement of any such right to receive Purchase Contract Payments and the right to purchase shares of Common Stock, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 6.02. Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

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

SECTION 6.03. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificates in the last paragraph of Section 3.10, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 6.04. Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of any Holder to exercise any right upon a default or remedy upon a default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such right. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by such Holders.

SECTION 6.05. Undertaking for Costs.

All parties to this Agreement agree, and each Holder of a Security, by its acceptance of such Security 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 Agreement, or in any suit against the Purchase

Contract Agent for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Purchase Contract Agent, 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 and costs 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; provided that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Purchase Contract Agent, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Securities, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of interest on any Notes or Purchase Contract Payments on or after the respective Payment Date therefor in respect of any Security held by such Holder, or for enforcement of the right to purchase shares of Common Stock under the Purchase Contracts constituting part of any Security held by such Holder.

SECTION 6.06. 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 law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Agreement; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Purchase Contract Agent or the Holders, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

ARTICLE 7 THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT

SECTION 7.01. Certain Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) The Purchase Contract Agent:

(1) undertakes to perform, with respect to the Securities, such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement and the Pledge Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or the Pledge Agreement against the Purchase Contract Agent; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith or gross negligence on its part, may, with respect to the Securities, conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Purchase Contract Agent and conforming to the requirements of this Agreement or the Pledge Agreement or the Remarketing Agreement, as applicable, but in the case of any certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Purchase Contract Agent, the Purchase Contract Agent shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Agreement or the Pledge Agreement, as applicable (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of the mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(b) No provision of this Agreement or the Pledge Agreement shall be construed to relieve the Purchase Contract Agent from liability for its own grossly negligent action, its own grossly negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(1) this Subsection shall not be construed to limit the effect of Subsection (a) of this Section;

(2) the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Purchase Contract Agent was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(3) no provision of this Agreement or the Pledge Agreement or the Remarketing Agreement shall require the Purchase Contract Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if indemnity satisfactory to the Purchase Contract Agent is not provided to it; and

(4) the Purchase Contract Agent 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 a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities.

(c) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Agreement, the Pledge Agreement and the Remarketing Agreement relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Purchase Contract Agent shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

(d) The Purchase Contract Agent is authorized to execute and deliver the Pledge Agreement and the Remarketing Agreement in its capacity as Purchase Contract Agent.

SECTION 7.02. Notice of Default.

Within 30 days after the occurrence of any default by the Company hereunder of which a Responsible Officer of the Purchase Contract Agent has actual knowledge, the Purchase Contract Agent shall transmit by mail to the Company and the Holders of Securities, as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register, notice of such default hereunder, unless such default shall have been cured or waived.

SECTION 7.03. Certain Rights of Purchase Contract Agent.

Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01:

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

(2) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate, Issuer Order or Issuer Request, and any resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

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

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

(5) the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Purchase Contract Agent, in its discretion, and at the expense of the Company, may make reasonable further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters related to the execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Contracts as it may see fit, and, if the Purchase Contract Agent shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be given a reasonable opportunity to examine the relevant books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation;

(6) the Purchase Contract Agent may execute any of the powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or an Affiliate and the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney or an Affiliate appointed with due care by it hereunder;

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

(8) the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Agreement;

(9) the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be deemed to have notice of any default hereunder unless a Responsible Officer of the Purchase Contract Agent has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Purchase Contract Agent at the Corporate Trust Office of the Purchase Contract Agent, and such notice references the Securities and this Agreement;

(10) the Purchase Contract Agent may request that the Company deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Agreement, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded;

(11) the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Purchase Contract Agent, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Purchase Contract Agent in each of its capacities hereunder, and to each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder; and

(12) The Purchase Contract Agent shall not be required to initiate or conduct any litigation or collection proceedings hereunder and shall have no responsibilities with respect to any default hereunder except as expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 7.04. Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained herein and in the Certificates shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Purchase Contract Agent assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. The Purchase Contract Agent makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of either this Agreement or of the Securities, or of the Pledge Agreement or the Pledge or the Collateral and shall have no responsibility for perfecting or maintaining the perfection of any security interest in the Collateral. The Purchase Contract Agent shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the proceeds in respect of the Purchase Contracts.

SECTION 7.05. May Hold Securities.

Any Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, or the Purchase Contract Agent and its Affiliates, in their individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company, the Collateral Agent or any other Person with the same rights it would have if it were not Security Registrar or such other agent, or the Purchase Contract Agent. The Company may become the owner or pledgee of Securities.

SECTION 7.06. Money Held in Custody.

Money held by the Purchase Contract Agent in custody hereunder need not be segregated from the other funds except to the extent required by law or provided herein. The Purchase Contract Agent shall be under no obligation to invest or pay interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise provided hereunder or agreed in writing with the Company.

SECTION 7.07. Compensation and Reimbursement.

The Company agrees:

(1) to pay to the Purchase Contract Agent compensation for all services rendered by it hereunder, under the Pledge Agreement and under the Remarketing Agreement as the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent shall from time to time agree in writing;

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

(3) to indemnify the Purchase Contract Agent and any predecessor Purchase Contract Agent for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties hereunder and under the Pledge Agreement and the Remarketing Agreement, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company, a Holder or any other person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder or thereunder.

The provisions of this Section shall survive the resignation and removal of the Purchase Contract Agent and the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 7.08. Corporate Purchase Contract Agent Required; Eligibility.

There shall at all times be a Purchase Contract Agent hereunder which shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having (or being a member of a bank holding company having) a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority and having a corporate trust office in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, if there be such a corporation in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, qualified and eligible under this Article and willing to act on reasonable terms. If such corporation 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 corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Purchase Contract Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

SECTION 7.09. Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Purchase Contract Agent and no appointment of a successor Purchase Contract Agent pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Purchase Contract Agent in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 7.10.

(b) The Purchase Contract Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Company 60 days prior to the effective date of such resignation. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Purchase Contract Agent required by Section 7.10 shall not have been delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Purchase Contract Agent may petition, at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Purchase Contract Agent.

(c) The Purchase Contract Agent may be removed at any time by Act of the Holders of a majority in number of the Outstanding Securities delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Purchase Contract Agent required by Section 7.10 shall not have been delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent within 30 days after such Act, the Purchase Contract Agent being removed may petition, at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Purchase Contract Agent.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Purchase Contract Agent fails to comply with Section 310(b) of the TIA, as if the Purchase Contract Agent were an indenture trustee under an indenture qualified under the TIA, after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months;

(2) the Purchase Contract Agent shall cease to be eligible under Section 7.08 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder; or

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

then, in any such case, (i) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Purchase Contract Agent, or (ii) any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Purchase Contract Agent and the appointment of a successor Purchase Contract Agent.

(e) If the Purchase Contract Agent shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Purchase Contract Agent for any cause, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Purchase Contract Agent and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 7.10. If no successor Purchase Contract Agent shall have been so appointed by the Company and accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 7.10, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, or the Purchase Contract Agent may petition at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Purchase Contract Agent.

(f) The Company shall give, or shall cause such successor Purchase Contract Agent to give, notice of each resignation and each removal of the Purchase Contract Agent and each appointment of a successor Purchase Contract Agent by mailing written notice of such event by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to all Holders as their names and addresses appear in the applicable Security Register. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Purchase Contract Agent and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

SECTION 7.10. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

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

(b) Upon request of any such successor Purchase Contract Agent, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly

vesting in and confirming to such successor Purchase Contract Agent all such rights, powers and agencies referred to in paragraph 7.10(a) of this Section.

(c) No successor Purchase Contract Agent shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Purchase Contract Agent shall be qualified and eligible under this Article.

SECTION 7.11. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any corporation into which the Purchase Contract 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 the Purchase Contract Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Purchase Contract Agent, shall be the successor of the Purchase Contract Agent hereunder, provided that such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Certificates shall have been authenticated and executed on behalf of the Holders, but not delivered, by the Purchase Contract Agent then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such Purchase Contract Agent may adopt such authentication and execution and deliver the Certificates so authenticated and executed with the same effect as if such successor Purchase Contract Agent had itself authenticated and executed such Securities.

SECTION 7.12. Preservation of Information; Communications to Holders.

(a) The Purchase Contract Agent shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, the names and addresses of Holders received by the Purchase Contract Agent in its capacity as Security Registrar.

(b) If three or more Holders (herein referred to as "Applicants") apply in writing to the Purchase Contract Agent, and furnish to the Purchase Contract Agent reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Security 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 with respect to their rights under this Agreement or under the Securities and is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then the Purchase Contract Agent shall mail to all the Holders copies of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to the Purchase Contract Agent of the materials to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of such mailing.

SECTION 7.13. No Obligations of Purchase Contract Agent.

Except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent assumes no obligations and shall not be subject to any liability under this Agreement, the Pledge Agreement or any Purchase Contract in respect of the obligations of the Holder of any Security thereunder. The Company agrees, and each Holder of a Certificate, by his or her acceptance thereof, shall be deemed to have agreed, that the Purchase Contract Agent's execution of the Certificates on behalf of the Holders shall be solely as agent and attorney-in-fact for the Holders, and that the Purchase Contract Agent shall have no obligation to perform such Purchase Contracts on behalf of the Holders, except to the extent expressly provided in Article Five hereof. Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Purchase Contract Agent or its officers, employees or agents be liable under this Agreement to any third party for indirect, special, punitive, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever, including lost profits, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was known to the Purchase Contract Agent and regardless of the form of action.

SECTION 7.14. Tax Compliance.

(a) The Company and the Purchase Contract Agent will comply with all applicable certification, information reporting and withholding (including "backup" withholding) requirements imposed by applicable tax laws, regulations or administrative practice with respect to (i) in the case of the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent, any payments made with respect to the Securities or (ii) in the case of the Company, the issuance, delivery, holding, transfer, redemption or exercise of rights under the Securities. Such compliance shall include, without limitation, the preparation and timely filing of required returns and the timely payment of all amounts required to be withheld to the appropriate taxing authority or its designated agent.

(b) The Purchase Contract Agent shall comply in accordance with the terms hereof with any written direction received from the Company with respect to the execution or certification of any required documentation and the application of such requirements to particular payments or Holders or in other particular circumstances, and may for purposes of this Agreement conclusively rely on any such direction in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.01(a)(2) hereof.

(c) The Purchase Contract Agent shall maintain all appropriate records documenting compliance with such requirements, and shall make such records available, on written request, to the Company or its authorized representative within a reasonable period of time after receipt of such

request.

ARTICLE 8
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

SECTION 8.01. Supplemental Agreements Without Consent of Holders.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Purchase Contract Agent, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more agreements supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent, to:

- (1) evidence the succession of another Person to the Company, and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Company herein and in the Certificates;
- (2) evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Purchase Contract Agent;
- (3) add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders, or surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company;
- (4) make provision with respect to the rights of Holders pursuant to the requirements of Section 5.04(b); or
- (5) except as provided for in Section 5.04, cure any ambiguity, correct or supplement any provisions herein which may be inconsistent with any other provisions herein, or make any other provisions with respect to such matters or questions arising under this Agreement, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect.

SECTION 8.02. Supplemental Agreements with Consent of Holders.

With the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority of the outstanding Securities voting together as one class, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Purchase Contract Agent may enter into an agreement or agreements supplemental hereto for the purpose of modifying in any manner the terms of the Purchase Contracts, or the provisions of this Agreement or the rights of the Holders in respect of the Securities; provided, however, that, except as contemplated herein, no such supplemental agreement shall, without the unanimous consent of the Holders of each outstanding Purchase Contract affected thereby,

- (1) change any Payment Date;
- (2) change the amount or the type of Collateral required to be Pledged to secure a Holder's obligations under the Purchase Contract, impair the right of the Holder of any Purchase Contract to receive distributions on the related Collateral or otherwise adversely affect the Holder's rights in or to such Collateral or adversely alter the rights in or to such Collateral;
- (3) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any Purchase Contract, any Purchase Contract Payments or any deferred Purchase Contract Payments;
- (4) reduce the number of shares of Common Stock or the amount of any other property to be purchased pursuant to any Purchase Contract, increase the price to purchase shares of Common Stock or any other property upon settlement of any Purchase Contract or change the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or the right to Early Settlement following a Cash Merger or otherwise adversely affect the Holder's rights under the Purchase Contract;
- (5) reduce any Purchase Contract Payments or deferred Purchase Contract Payments or change any place where, or the coin or currency in which, any Purchase Contract Payment is payable; or
- (6) reduce the percentage of the outstanding Purchase Contracts the consent of whose Holders is required for any modification or amendment to the provisions of this Agreement, the Purchase Contracts or the Pledge Agreement;

provided that if any amendment or proposal referred to above would adversely affect only the Income PACS or the Growth PACS, then only the affected class of Holders as of the record date for the Holders entitled to vote thereon will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal, and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the consent of Holders of not less than a majority of such class; and provided, further, that the unanimous consent of the Holders of each outstanding Purchase Contract of such class affected thereby shall be required to approve any amendment or proposal specified in clauses (1) through (6) above.

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

shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

SECTION 8.03. Execution of Supplemental Agreements.

In executing, or accepting the additional agencies created by, any supplemental agreement permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the agencies created by this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent shall be provided, and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental agreement is authorized or permitted by this Agreement and that any and all conditions precedent to the execution and delivery of such supplemental agreement have been satisfied. The Purchase Contract Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental agreement which affects the Purchase Contract Agent's own rights, duties or immunities under this Agreement or otherwise.

SECTION 8.04. Effect of Supplemental Agreements.

Upon the execution of any supplemental agreement under this Article, this Agreement shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental agreement shall form a part of this Agreement for all purposes; and every Holder of Certificates theretofore or thereafter authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered hereunder, shall be bound thereby.

SECTION 8.05. Reference to Supplemental Agreements.

Certificates authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered after the execution of any supplemental agreement pursuant to this Article may, and shall if required by the Purchase Contract Agent, bear a notation in form approved by the Purchase Contract Agent as to any matter provided for in such supplemental agreement. If the Company shall so determine, new Certificates so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company, to any such supplemental agreement may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered by the Purchase Contract Agent in exchange for outstanding Certificates.

ARTICLE 9

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 9.01. Covenant Not to Consolidate, Merge, Convey, Transfer or Lease Property Except under Certain Conditions.

The Company covenants that it will not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, unless:

(i) either the Company shall be the continuing corporation, or the successor (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 or the District of Columbia and such corporation shall expressly assume all the obligations of the Company under the Purchase Contracts, this Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Indenture (including any supplement thereto) and the Remarketing Agreement by one or more supplemental agreements in form reasonably satisfactory to the Purchase Contract Agent and the Collateral Agent, executed and delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent and the Collateral Agent by such corporation; and

(ii) the Company or such successor corporation, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease, be in default in the performance of any covenant or condition hereunder, under any of the Securities or under the Pledge Agreement or this Agreement.

SECTION 9.02. Rights and Duties of Successor Corporation.

In case of any such merger, consolidation, share exchange, sale, assignment, transfer, lease or conveyance and upon any such assumption by a successor corporation in accordance with Section 9.01, 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 Company. Such successor corporation thereupon may cause to be signed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of The Williams Companies, Inc., any or all of the Certificates evidencing Securities issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent; and, upon the order of such successor corporation, instead of the Company, and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this Agreement prescribed, the Purchase Contract Agent shall authenticate and execute on behalf of the Holders and deliver any Certificates which previously shall have been signed and delivered by the officers of the Company to the Purchase Contract Agent for authentication and execution, and any Certificate evidencing Securities which such successor corporation thereafter shall cause to be signed and delivered to the Purchase Contract Agent for that purpose. All the Certificates issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Agreement as the Certificates theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Agreement as though all of such

Certificates had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

In case of any such merger, consolidation, share exchange, sale, assignment, transfer, lease or conveyance such change in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Certificates evidencing Securities thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

SECTION 9.03. Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel Given to Purchase Contract Agent.

The Purchase Contract Agent, subject to Sections 7.01 and 7.03, shall receive an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel as conclusive evidence that any such merger, consolidation, share exchange, sale, assignment, transfer, lease or conveyance, and any such assumption, complies with the provisions of this Article and that all conditions precedent to the consummation of any such merger, consolidation, share exchange, sale, assignment, transfer, lease or conveyance have been met.

ARTICLE 10 COVENANTS

SECTION 10.01. Performance under Purchase Contracts.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders from time to time of the Securities that it will duly and punctually perform its obligations under the Purchase Contracts in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contracts and this Agreement.

SECTION 10.02. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company will maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City an office or agency where Certificates may be presented or surrendered for acquisition of shares of Common Stock upon settlement of the Purchase Contracts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date or Early Settlement and for transfer of Collateral upon occurrence of a Termination Event, where Certificates may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, for a Collateral Substitution or reestablishment of Income PACS and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities and this Agreement may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. The Company initially designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Purchase Contract Agent as such office of the Company. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Purchase Contract Agent with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Company hereby appoints the Purchase Contract Agent as its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where Certificates 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 the Borough of Manhattan, New York City for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency. The Company hereby designates as the place of payment for the Securities the Corporate Trust Office and appoints the Purchase Contract Agent at its Corporate Trust Office as paying agent in such city.

SECTION 10.03. Company to Reserve Common Stock.

The Company shall at all times prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date reserve and keep available, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued Common Stock the full number of shares of Common Stock issuable against tender of payment in respect of all Purchase Contracts constituting a part of the Securities evidenced by Outstanding Certificates.

SECTION 10.04. Covenants as to Common Stock.

The Company covenants that all shares of Common Stock which may be issued against tender of payment in respect of any Purchase Contract constituting a part of the Outstanding Securities will, upon issuance, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

SECTION 10.05. Statements of Officers of the Company as to Default.

The Company will deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company (which as of the date hereof is December 31) ending after the date hereof, an Officers' Certificate (one of the signers of which shall be the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer of the Company), stating whether or not to the knowledge of the signers thereof the Company is in default in the performance and observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof, and if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they may have

knowledge.

SECTION 10.06. ERISA.

Each Holder from time to time of the Securities that is a Plan or who used assets of a Plan to purchase Securities hereby represents that its acquisition of the Income PACS and the holding of the same satisfies the applicable fiduciary requirements of ERISA and that it is entitled to exemption relief from the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and the Code in accordance with one or more prohibited transaction exemptions or otherwise will not result in a nonexempt prohibited transaction.

SECTION 10.07. Tax Treatment. The Company covenants and agrees to treat each Holder as the owner, for United States federal income tax purposes, of the applicable interest in the Collateral Account, including the Notes and Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio or the Treasury Securities.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/James G. Ivey

Name: James G. Ivey
Title: Treasurer

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
as Purchase Contract Agent

By: /s/Joanne Adamis

Name: Joanne Adamis
Title: Vice President

EXHIBIT A

(FORM OF FACE OF Income PACS CERTIFICATE)

[For inclusion in Global Certificates only - THIS CERTIFICATE IS A GLOBAL CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., AS THE NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (THE "DEPOSITARY"), THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY. THIS CERTIFICATE IS EXCHANGEABLE FOR CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITARY OR ITS NOMINEE ONLY IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY) MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY 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 THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT HEREON IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.]

No. _____ CUSIP No. _____
Number of Income PACS: _____

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.
Income PACS

This Income PACS Certificate certifies that _____ is the registered Holder of the number of Income PACS set forth above [For inclusion in Global Certificates only - or such other number of Income PACS reflected in the Schedule of Increases or Decreases in Global Certificate attached hereto]. Each Income PACS consists of (i) either (a) the beneficial ownership by the Holder of \$25 principal amount of 6.50% Senior Notes due 2007 (the "Notes") of The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), subject to the Pledge of such Note by such Holder pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, or (b) upon the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption prior to the Purchase

Contract Settlement Date or a Successful Initial Remarketing, the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio by such Holder pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, and (ii) the rights and obligations of the Holder under one Purchase Contract with the Company. All capitalized terms used herein which are defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement (as defined on the reverse hereof) have the meaning set forth therein.

Pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, the Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, constituting part of each Income PACS evidenced hereby have been pledged to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Company, to secure the obligations of the Holder under the Purchase Contract comprising part of such Income PACS.

The Pledge Agreement provides that all payments of the principal amount with respect to any of the Pledged Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, or interest on any Pledged Notes (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, constituting part of the Income PACS received by the Securities Intermediary shall be paid by wire transfer in same day funds (i) in the case of (A) interest on Pledged Notes or cash distributions with respect to the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, and (B) any payments of the principal amount of any Notes or liquidation amount with respect to the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, that have been released from the Pledge pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, to the Purchase Contract Agent to the account designated by the Purchase Contract Agent, no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Business Day such payment is received by the Securities Intermediary (provided that in the event such payment is received by the Securities Intermediary on a day that is not a Business Day or after 12:30 p.m., New York City time, on a Business Day, then such payment shall be made no later than 10:30 a.m., New York City time, on the next succeeding Business Day) and (ii) in the case of payments of the principal amount of the Notes or the liquidation amount with respect to the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, to the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date (as described herein) in accordance with the terms of the Pledge Agreement, in full satisfaction of the respective obligations of the Holders of the Income PACS of which such Pledged Notes or the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, are a part under the Purchase Contracts forming a part of such Income PACS. Interest on the Notes and distributions on the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, forming part of an Income PACS evidenced hereby, which are payable quarterly in arrears on February 16, May 16, August 16, and November 16 of each year, commencing May 16, 2002 (a "Payment Date"), shall, subject to receipt thereof by the Purchase Contract Agent from the Securities Intermediary, be paid to the Person in whose name this Income PACS Certificate (or a Predecessor Income PACS Certificate) is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such Payment Date.

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby obligates the Holder of this Income PACS Certificate to purchase, and the Company to sell, on February 16, 2005 (the "Purchase Contract Settlement Date"), at a price equal to \$25 (the "Stated Amount"), a number of newly issued shares of Common Stock, par value \$1.00 ("Common Stock"), of the Company, equal to the Settlement Rate, unless on or prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date there shall have occurred a Termination Event or an Early Settlement with respect to the Income PACS of which such Purchase Contract is a part, all as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement and more fully described on the reverse hereof. The purchase price (the "Purchase Price") for the shares of Common Stock purchased pursuant to each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby, if not paid earlier, shall be paid on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date by application of payment received in respect of the principal amount with respect to any Pledged Notes pursuant to the Remarketing or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, pledged to secure the obligations under such Purchase Contract of the Holder of the Income PACS of which such Purchase Contract is a part.

The Company shall pay, on each Payment Date, in respect of each Purchase Contract forming part of an Income PACS evidenced hereby, an amount (the "Purchase Contract Payments") equal to 2.5% per year of the Stated Amount. Such Purchase Contract Payments shall be payable to the Person in whose name this Income PACS Certificate is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such Payment Date. The Company may, at its option, defer such Purchase Contract Payments.

Interest on the Notes and distributions on the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) and the Purchase Contract Payments will be payable at the office of the Purchase Contract Agent in New York City or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address appears on the Security Register.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Purchase Contract Agent by manual signature, this Income PACS Certificate shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Pledge Agreement or the Purchase Contract Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

HOLDER SPECIFIED ABOVE (as to obligations of such Holder under the Purchase Contracts)

By: JPMorgan Chase Bank,
not individually but solely as
Attorney-in-Fact of such Holder

By: _____
Authorized Officer

DATED: _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION
OF PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT

This is one of the Income PACS Certificates referred to in the within mentioned Purchase Contract Agreement.

By: JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Purchase Contract Agent

By: _____
Authorized Officer

Dated: _____

(FORM OF REVERSE OF Income PACS CERTIFICATE)

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby is governed by a Purchase Contract Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (as may be supplemented from time to time, the "Purchase Contract Agreement"), between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent (including its successors hereunder, the "Purchase Contract Agent"), to which Purchase Contract Agreement and supplemental agreements thereto reference is hereby made for a description of the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Purchase Contract Agent, the Company, and the Holders and of the terms upon which the Income PACS Certificates are, and are to be, executed and delivered.

Unless a Cash Settlement or an Early Settlement has occurred, each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby obligates the Holder of this Income PACS Certificate to purchase, and the Company to sell, on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date at a price equal to the Stated Amount (the "Purchase Price"), a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Settlement Rate, unless, prior to or on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, there shall have occurred a Termination Event with respect to the Security of which such Purchase Contract is a part or an Early Settlement shall have occurred. The "Settlement Rate" is equal to:

(1) if the Applicable Market Value (as defined below) is greater than \$41.25 (the "Appreciation Cap Price"), the number of newly issued shares of Common Stock per Purchase Contract having a value, based on the Applicable Market Value, equal to 1.0000 multiplied by the quotient of the Appreciation Cap Price divided by the Applicable

Market Value; and

(2) if the Applicable Market Value is less than or equal to the Appreciation Cap Price, 1.0000 share of Common Stock per Purchase Contract,

in each case subject to adjustment as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement (and in each case rounded upward or downward to the nearest 1/10,000th of a share).

No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon settlement of Purchase Contracts, as provided in Section 5.09 of the Purchase Contract Agreement.

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby, which is settled either through Early Settlement or Cash Settlement, shall obligate the Holder of the related Income PACS to purchase at the Purchase Price, and the Company to sell, a number of newly issued shares of Common Stock equal to the Settlement Rate.

The "Applicable Market Value" means the average of the Closing Price per share of Common Stock on each of the 20 consecutive Trading Days ending on the third Trading Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

The "Closing Price" per share of Common Stock on any date of determination means:

(1) the closing sale price as of the close of the principal trading session (or, if no closing price is reported, the last reported sale price) per share on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "NYSE") on such date;

(2) if Common Stock is not listed for trading on the NYSE on any such date, the closing sale price per share as reported in the composite transactions for the principal United States securities exchange on which Common Stock is so listed;

(3) if Common Stock is not so listed on a United States national or regional securities exchange, the closing sale price per share as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market;

(4) if Common Stock is not so reported, the last quoted bid price for Common Stock in the over-the-counter market as reported by the National Quotation Bureau or similar organization; or

(5) if such bid price is not available, the market value of Common Stock on such date as determined by a nationally recognized independent investment banking firm retained for this purpose by the Company.

A "Trading Day" means a day on which Common Stock (1) is not suspended from trading on any national or regional securities exchange or association or over-the-counter market at the close of business and (2) has traded at least once on the national or regional securities exchange or association or over-the-counter market that is the primary market for the trading of Common Stock.

In accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Holder of this Income PACS Certificate may pay the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock purchased pursuant to each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby by effecting a Cash Settlement or an Early Settlement following a Cash Merger or from the proceeds of the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio or a Remarketing of the related Pledged Notes. Unless a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred, a Holder of Income PACS who does not (1) on or prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, notify the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to effect a Cash Settlement, (2) on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth Business Day prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, make an effective Early Settlement following a Cash Merger, shall pay the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be delivered under the related Purchase Contract from the proceeds of the sale of the related Pledged Notes held by the Collateral Agent. Unless a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred, such sale will be made by the Remarketing Agent pursuant to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement on the third Business Day prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. If a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred, a Holder of Income PACS who does not notify the Purchase Contract Agent, on or prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, of its intention to effect a Cash Settlement or an Early Settlement following a Cash Merger, shall pay the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be delivered under the related Purchase Contract from the proceeds at maturity of the Applicable Ownership Interests (as defined in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio.

If, as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement, (i) upon the occurrence of a Failed Secondary Remarketing or (ii) if a Holder notifies the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to effect a Cash Settlement but fails

to deliver the purchase price in cash on or prior to the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Company, exercises its rights as a secured creditor with respect to the Pledged Notes related to this Income PACS certificate, any accrued and unpaid interest on such Pledged Notes will become payable by the Company to the holder of this Income PACS Certificate in the manner provided for in the Purchase Contract Agreement.

The Company shall not be obligated to issue any shares of Common Stock in respect of a Purchase Contract or deliver any certificates therefor to the Holder unless it shall have received payment of the aggregate Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased thereunder in the manner herein set forth.

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby and all obligations and rights of the Company and the Holder thereunder shall terminate if a Termination Event shall occur. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Company shall give written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent and to the Holders, at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register. Upon and after the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Collateral Agent shall release the Pledged Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio forming a part of each Income PACS from the Pledge. An Income PACS shall thereafter represent the right to receive the Note or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio forming a part of such Income PACS in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement.

Under the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent will be entitled to exercise the voting and any other consensual rights pertaining to the Pledged Notes. Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which holders of Notes are entitled to vote or upon the solicitation of consents, waivers or proxies of holders of Notes, the Purchase Contract Agent shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail to the Income PACS Holders a notice:

(1) containing such information as is contained in the notice or solicitation;

(2) stating that each Income PACS Holder on the record date set by the Purchase Contract Agent therefor (which, to the extent possible, shall be the same date as the record date for determining the holders of Notes entitled to vote) shall be entitled to instruct the Purchase Contract Agent as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the Notes constituting a part of such Holder's Income PACS; and

(3) stating the manner in which such instructions may be given.

Upon the written request of the Income PACS Holders on such record date, the Purchase Contract Agent shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests, the maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which any particular voting instructions are received. In the absence of specific instructions from the Holder of an Income PACS, the Purchase Contract Agent shall abstain from voting the Note evidenced by such Income PACS.

Upon the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, an amount equal to the Redemption Amount plus any accumulated and unpaid interest payable on the Tax Event Redemption Date with respect to the principal amount of the Notes that are components of the Income PACS shall be deposited in the Collateral Account in exchange for the Pledged Notes. Thereafter, pursuant to the terms of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall cause the Securities Intermediary to apply an amount equal to the Redemption Amount of such funds to purchase on behalf of the Holders of Income PACS, the Treasury Portfolio and promptly (a) transfer the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio to the Collateral Account to secure the obligations of each Holder of Income PACS to purchase shares of Common Stock under the Purchase Contracts constituting a part of such Income PACS, (b) transfer the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the Holders of such Income PACS and (C) remit the remaining portion of such funds to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of such Income PACS.

Upon the occurrence of a Successful Initial Remarketing, pursuant to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, the Remarketing Agent will apply an amount equal to the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price to purchase on behalf of the Holders of Income PACS, the Treasury Portfolio, and, after deducting the Remarketing Fee to the extent permitted under the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, promptly remit the remaining portion of such proceeds of the Successful Initial Remarketing to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of such Income PACS.

Following the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, or following a Successful Initial Remarketing, the Holders of Income PACS and the Collateral Agent shall have such security interest rights and obligations with respect to the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio as the Holder of Income PACS and the Collateral

Agent had in respect of the Notes, as the case may be, subject to the Pledge thereof as provided in the Pledge Agreement and any reference herein to the Notes shall be deemed to be a reference to such Treasury Portfolio.

The Income PACS Certificates are issuable only in registered form and only in denominations of a single Income PACS and any integral multiple thereof. The transfer of any Income PACS Certificate will be registered and Income PACS Certificates may be exchanged as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement. The Security Registrar may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents permitted by the Purchase Contract Agreement. No service charge shall be required for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. A Holder who elects to substitute a Treasury Security for a Note, thereby creating Growth PACS, shall be responsible for any fees or expenses payable in connection therewith. Except as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement, for so long as the Purchase Contract underlying an Income PACS remains in effect, such Income PACS shall not be separable into its constituent parts, and the rights and obligations of the Holder of such Income PACS in respect of the Notes and Purchase Contract constituting such Income PACS may be transferred and exchanged only as an Income PACS.

The Holder of Income PACS may substitute for the Pledged Notes securing such Holder's obligations under the related Purchase Contracts Treasury Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Pledged Notes in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement. From and after such Collateral Substitution, each Security for which such Pledged Treasury Securities secures the Holder's obligation under the Purchase Contract shall be referred to as a "Growth PACS". A Holder may make such Collateral Substitution only in integral multiples of 40 Income PACS for 40 Growth PACS.

If the Treasury Portfolio has replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing, an Income PACS Holder may make such Collateral Substitutions only in integral multiples of 32,000 Income PACS.

A Holder of Growth PACS may recreate Income PACS by delivering to the Securities Intermediary Notes with an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Pledged Treasury Securities in exchange for the release of such Pledged Treasury Securities in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement. A Holder may recreate Income PACS only in integral multiples of 40 Growth PACS for 40 Income PACS.

If the Treasury Portfolio has replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing, a Growth PACS Holder may recreate Income PACS only in integral multiples of 32,000 Growth PACS.

The Company shall pay, on each Payment Date, the Purchase Contract Payments payable in respect of each Purchase Contract to the Person in whose name the Income PACS Certificate evidencing such Purchase Contract is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such Payment Date. Purchase Contract Payments will be payable at the office of the Purchase Contract Agent in New York City or, at the option of the Holder, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto at such address as it appears on the Security Register.

The Company has the right to defer payment of all or part of the Purchase Contract Payments in respect of each Purchase Contract until no later than the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. If the Company so elects to defer Purchase Contract Payments, the Company shall pay additional Purchase Contract Payments on such deferred installments of Purchase Contract Payments at a rate equal to 9.00% per annum, compounding quarterly, until such deferred installments are paid. In the event that the Company elects to defer the payment of Purchase Contract Payments on the Purchase Contracts until the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, each Holder will receive on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date the aggregate amount of accrued and unpaid Purchase Contract Payments.

The Purchase Contracts and all obligations and rights of the Company and the Holders thereunder, including, without limitation, the rights of the Holders to receive and the obligation of the Company to pay any Purchase Contract Payments, shall immediately and automatically terminate, without the necessity of any notice or action by any Holder, the Purchase Contract Agent or the Company, if, on or prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a Termination Event shall have occurred. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Company shall promptly but in no event later than two Business Days thereafter give written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Holders, at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register. Upon and after the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Collateral Agent shall release the Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, from the Pledge in accordance with the provisions of the Pledge Agreement.

Upon the occurrence of a Cash Merger, a Holder of Income PACS may effect Early Settlement of the Purchase Contract underlying such Income PACS

pursuant to the terms of Section 5.04(b)(2) of the Purchase Contract Agreement. Upon Early Settlement of Purchase Contracts by a Holder of the related Income PACS, the Pledged Notes or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio underlying such Income PACS shall be released from the Pledge as provided in the Pledge Agreement.

Upon registration of transfer of this Income PACS Certificate, the transferee shall be bound (without the necessity of any other action on the part of such transferee, except as may be required by the Purchase Contract Agent pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement), under the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Purchase Contracts evidenced hereby and the transferor shall be released from the obligations under the Purchase Contracts evidenced by this Income PACS Certificate. The Company covenants and agrees, and the Holder, by its acceptance hereof, likewise covenants and agrees, to be bound by the provisions of this paragraph.

The Holder of this Income PACS Certificate, by its acceptance hereof, authorizes the Purchase Contract Agent to enter into and perform the related Purchase Contracts forming part of the Income PACS evidenced hereby on its behalf as its attorney-in-fact, expressly withholds any consent to the assumption (i.e., affirmation) of the Purchase Contracts by the Company or its trustee in the event that the Company becomes the subject of a case under the Bankruptcy Code, agrees to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof, covenants and agrees to perform his obligations under such Purchase Contracts, consents to the provisions of the Purchase Contract Agreement, authorizes the Purchase Contract Agent to enter into and perform the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement on its behalf as its attorney-in-fact, and consents to the Pledge of the Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, underlying this Income PACS Certificate pursuant to the Pledge Agreement. The Holder further covenants and agrees that, to the extent and in the manner provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement, but subject to the terms thereof, payments in respect to the aggregate principal amount of the Pledged Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date shall be paid by the Collateral Agent to the Company in satisfaction of such Holder's obligations under such Purchase Contract and such Holder shall acquire no right, title or interest in such payments.

Subject to certain exceptions, the provisions of the Purchase Contract Agreement may be amended with the consent of the Holders of a majority of the Purchase Contracts.

The Purchase Contracts shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof.

Prior to due presentment of this Certificate for registration of transfer, the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent and its Affiliates and any agent of the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent may treat the Person in whose name this Income PACS Certificate is registered as the owner of the Income PACS evidenced hereby for the purpose of receiving payments of interest payable on the Notes, receiving payments of Purchase Contract Payments (subject to any applicable record date), performance of the Purchase Contracts and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not any payments in respect thereof be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, and neither the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

The Purchase Contracts shall not, prior to the settlement thereof, entitle the Holder to any of the rights of a holder of shares of Common Stock.

A copy of the Purchase Contract Agreement is available for inspection at the offices of the Purchase Contract Agent.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM: as tenants in common
UNIF GIFT _____ Custodian _____
MIN ACT: (cust) _____ (minor)
Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act of _____

TENANT: as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN: as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants
in common

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

(Please insert Social Security or Taxpayer I.D. or other Identifying Number of Assignee)

(Please Print or Type Name and Address Including Postal Zip Code of Assignee)

the within Income PACS Certificates and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing attorney _____, to transfer said Income PACS Certificates on the books of The Williams Companies, Inc., with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____ Signature _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Income PACS Certificates in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guarantee: _____

SETTLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The undersigned Holder directs that a certificate for shares of Common Stock deliverable upon settlement on or after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date of the Purchase Contracts underlying the number of Income PACS evidenced by this Income PACS Certificate be registered in the name of, and delivered, together with a check in payment for any fractional share, to the undersigned at the address indicated below unless a different name and address have been indicated below. If shares are to be registered in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay any transfer tax payable incident thereto.

Dated: _____

If shares are to be registered in the name of and delivered to a Person other than the Holder, please (i) print such Person's name and address and (ii) provide a guarantee of your signature:

Name

Address

Social Security or other Taxpayer Identification Number, if any

Signature Signature Guarantee: _____

(if assigned to another person)

REGISTERED HOLDER

Please print name and address of Registered Holder:

Name

Address

ELECTION TO SETTLE EARLY

The undersigned Holder of this Income PACS Certificate hereby irrevocably exercises the option to effect Early Settlement following a Cash Merger in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement with respect to the Purchase Contracts underlying the number of Income PACS evidenced by this Income PACS Certificate specified below. The undersigned Holder directs that a certificate for shares of Common Stock or other securities deliverable upon such Early Settlement be registered in the name of, and delivered, together with a check in payment for any fractional share and any Income PACS Certificate representing any Income PACS evidenced hereby as to which Early Settlement of the related Purchase Contracts is not effected, to the undersigned at the address indicated below unless a different name and address have been indicated below. Pledged Notes or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, deliverable upon such Early Settlement will be transferred in accordance with the transfer instructions set forth below. If shares are to be registered in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay any transfer tax payable incident thereto.

Dated: _____
Signature

Signature Guarantee: _____

Number of Securities evidenced hereby as to which Early Settlement of the related Purchase Contracts is being elected:

If shares of Common Stock or Income PACS Certificates are to be registered in the name of and delivered to and Pledged Notes or the Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, are to be transferred to a Person other than the Holder, please print such Person's name and address:

Name

Address

Social Security or other Taxpayer Identification

Number, if any REGISTERED HOLDER

Please print name and address of Registered Holder:

Name

Address

CERTIFICATE IS EXCHANGEABLE FOR CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITARY OR ITS NOMINEE ONLY IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY) MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY 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 THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT HEREON IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.]

No. _____ CUSIP No. _____
Number of Growth PACS: _____

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.
Growth PACS

This Growth PACS Certificate certifies that _____ is the registered Holder of the number of Growth PACS set forth above [For inclusion in Global Certificates only - or such other number of Growth PACS reflected in the Schedule of Increases or Decreases in Global Certificate attached hereto]. Each Growth PACS consists of (i) a 1/40 undivided beneficial ownership interest of a Treasury Security having a principal amount at maturity equal to \$1,000, subject to the Pledge of such Treasury Security by such Holder pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, and (ii) the rights and obligations of the Holder under one Purchase Contract with The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). All capitalized terms used herein which are defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement (as defined on the reverse hereof) have the meaning set forth therein.

Pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, the Treasury Securities constituting part of each Growth PACS evidenced hereby have been pledged to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Company, to secure the obligations of the Holder under the Purchase Contract comprising part of such Growth PACS. Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby obligates the Holder of this Growth PACS Certificate to purchase, and the Company, to sell, on February 16, 2005 (the "Purchase Contract Settlement Date"), at a price equal to \$25 (the "Stated Amount"), a number of newly issued shares of Common Stock, par value \$1.00 ("Common Stock"), of the Company, equal to the Settlement Rate, unless prior to or on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date there shall have occurred a Termination Event or an Early Settlement with respect to the Growth PACS of which such Purchase Contract is a part, all as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement and more fully described on the reverse hereof. The purchase price (the "Purchase Price") for the shares of Common Stock purchased pursuant to each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby, if not paid earlier, shall be paid on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date by application of the proceeds from the Treasury Securities at maturity pledged to secure the obligations of the Holder under such Purchase Contract of the Growth PACS of which such Purchase Contract is a part.

The Company shall pay, on each Payment Date, in respect of each Purchase Contract forming part of a Growth PACS evidenced hereby, an amount (the "Purchase Contract Payments") equal to 2.50% per year of the Stated Amount. Such Purchase Contract Payments shall be payable to the Person in whose name this Growth PACS Certificate is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such Payment Date. The Company may, at its option, defer such Purchase Contract Payments.

The Purchase Contract Payments will be payable at the office of the Purchase Contract Agent in New York City or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address appears on the Security Register.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Purchase Contract Agent by manual signature, this Growth PACS Certificate shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Pledge Agreement or the Purchase Contract Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: _____
Name:

Title:

HOLDER SPECIFIED ABOVE (as to obligations of such Holder under the Purchase Contracts)

By: JPMorgan Chase Bank, not individually but solely as Attorney-in-Fact of such Holder

By: _____ Authorized Officer

Dated: _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION OF PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT

This is one of the Growth PACS referred to in the within-mentioned Purchase Contract Agreement.

By: JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent

By: _____ Authorized Officer

Dated: _____

(REVERSE OF Growth PACS CERTIFICATE)

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby is governed by a Purchase Contract Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (as may be supplemented from time to time, the "Purchase Contract Agreement") between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent (including its successors thereunder, herein called the "Purchase Contract Agent"), to which the Purchase Contract Agreement and supplemental agreements thereto reference is hereby made for a description of the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Purchase Contract Agent, the Company and the Holders and of the terms upon which the Growth PACS Certificates are, and are to be, executed and delivered.

Unless a Cash Settlement or an Early Settlement has occurred, each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby obligates the Holder of this Growth PACS Certificate to purchase, and the Company to sell, on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date at a price equal to the Stated Amount (the "Purchase Price") a number of newly issued shares of Common Stock equal to the Settlement Rate, unless prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, there shall have occurred a Termination Event with respect to the Security of which such Purchase Contract is a part or an Early Settlement shall have occurred. The "Settlement Rate" is equal to:

(1) if the Applicable Market Value (as defined below) is greater than \$41.25 (the "Appreciation Cap Price"), the number of shares of Common Stock per Purchase Contract having a value, based on the Applicable Market Value, equal to 1.0000 multiplied by the quotient of the Appreciation Cap Price divided by the Applicable Market Value; and

(2) if the Applicable Market Value is less than or equal to the Appreciation Cap Price 1.0000 share of Common Stock per Purchase Contract,

in each case subject to adjustment as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement (and in each case rounded upward or downward to the nearest 1/10,000th of a share).

No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon settlement of Purchase Contracts, as provided in Section 5.09 of the Purchase Contract Agreement.

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby, which is settled either through Early Settlement or Cash Settlement, shall obligate the Holder of the related Growth PACS to purchase at the Purchase Price for cash, and the Company to sell, a number of newly issued shares of Common Stock equal to the Settlement Rate.

The "Applicable Market Value" means the average of the Closing Prices per share of Common Stock on each of the 20 consecutive Trading Days ending on the third Trading Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

The "Closing Price" per share of Common Stock on any date of determination means the:

(1) closing sale price as of the close of the principal trading session (or, if no closing price is reported, the last reported sale price) per share on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "NYSE") on such date;

(2) if the Common Stock is not listed for trading on the NYSE on any such date, the closing sale price per share as reported in the composite transactions for the principal United States securities exchange on which the Common Stock is so listed;

(3) if the Common Stock is not so listed on a United States national or regional securities exchange, the closing sale price per share as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market;

(4) if the Common Stock is not so reported, the last quoted bid price for the Common Stock in the over-the-counter market as reported by the National Quotation Bureau or similar organization; or

(5) if such bid price is not available, the market value of the Common Stock on such date as determined by a nationally recognized independent investment banking firm retained for this purpose by the Company.

A "Trading Day" means a day on which the Common Stock (1) is not suspended from trading on any national or regional securities exchange or association or over-the-counter market at the close of business and (2) has traded at least once on the national or regional securities exchange or association or over-the-counter market that is the primary market for the trading of the Common Stock.

In accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Holder of this Growth PACS shall pay the Purchase Price for the shares of the Common Stock purchased pursuant to each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby either by effecting a Cash Settlement or an Early Settlement of each such Purchase Contract or by applying a principal amount of the Pledged Treasury Securities underlying such Holder's Growth PACS equal to the Stated Amount of such Purchase Contract to the purchase of the Common Stock. A Holder of Growth PACS who does not, (1) on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, notify the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to effect a Cash Settlement, (2) on or prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, make an effective Early Settlement following a Cash Merger or (3) deliver the Purchase Price in cash on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date after notifying the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to effect a Cash Settlement, shall pay the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock to be issued under the related Purchase Contract from the proceeds of the Pledged Treasury Securities.

The Company shall not be obligated to issue any shares of Common Stock in respect of a Purchase Contract or deliver any certificates therefor to the Holder unless it shall have received payment of the aggregate purchase price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased thereunder in the manner herein set forth.

Each Purchase Contract evidenced hereby and all obligations and rights of the Company and the Holder thereunder shall terminate if a Termination Event shall occur. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Company shall give written notice to the Purchase Contract Agent and to the Holders, at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register. Upon and after the occurrence of a Termination Event, the Collateral Agent shall release the Pledged Treasury Securities (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) forming a part of each Growth PACS. A Growth PACS shall thereafter represent the right to receive the Proceeds of the Treasury Security forming a part of such Growth PACS, in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Pledge Agreement.

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the Holder of such Growth PACS in respect of the Treasury Security and the Purchase Contract constituting such Growth PACS may be transferred and exchanged only as a Growth PACS.

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tenants in common

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

(Please insert Social Security or Taxpayer I.D. or other Identifying Number of Assignee)

(Please Print or Type Name and Address Including Postal Zip Code of Assignee)

the within Growth PACS Certificates and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing attorney to transfer said Growth PACS Certificates on the books of The Williams Companies, Inc., with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____
Signature

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Growth PACS Certificates in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guarantee: -----

SETTLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The undersigned Holder directs that a certificate for shares of Common Stock deliverable upon settlement on or after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date of the Purchase Contracts underlying the number of Growth PACS evidenced by this Growth PACS Certificate be registered in the name of, and delivered, together with a check in payment for any fractional share, to the undersigned at the address indicated below unless a different name and address have been indicated below. If shares are to be registered in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay any transfer tax payable incident thereto.

Dated: -----

If shares are to be registered in the name of and delivered to a Person other than the Holder, please (i) print such Person's name and address and (ii) provide a guarantee of your signature:

Name

Address

Social Security or other Taxpayer Identification

Number, if any

Signature
Signature Guarantee: -----

(if assigned to another person)

REGISTERED HOLDER

Please print name and address of Registered Holder:

Name

Address

ELECTION TO SETTLE EARLY

The undersigned Holder of this Growth PACS Certificate hereby irrevocably exercises the option to effect Early Settlement following a Cash Merger in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement with respect to the Purchase Contracts underlying the number of Growth PACS evidenced by this Growth PACS Certificate specified below. The option to effect Early Settlement following a Cash Merger may be exercised only with respect to Purchase Contracts underlying Growth PACS with an aggregate Stated

Amount equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. The undersigned Holder directs that a certificate for shares of Common Stock or other securities deliverable upon such Early Settlement be registered in the name of, and delivered, together with a check in payment for any fractional share and any Growth PACS Certificate representing any Growth PACS evidenced hereby as to which Early Settlement of the related Purchase Contracts is not effected, to the undersigned at the address indicated below unless a different name and address have been indicated below. Pledged Treasury Securities deliverable upon such Early Settlement will be transferred in accordance with the transfer instructions set forth below. If shares are to be registered in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay any transfer tax payable incident thereto.

Dated: _____
Signature

Signature Guarantee: _____

Number of Securities evidenced hereby as to which Early Settlement of the related Purchase Contracts is being elected:

If shares of Common Stock or Growth PACS Certificates are to be registered in the name of and delivered to and Pledged Treasury Securities are to be transferred to a Person other than the Holder, please print such Person's name and address:

Name

Address

Social Security or other
Taxpayer Identification

Number, if any
REGISTERED HOLDER

Please print name and address of Registered Holder:

Name

Address

Transfer Instructions for Pledged Treasury Securities Transferable
Upon or Early Settlement or a Termination Event:

NOTICE TO SETTLE BY CASH

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: [Income PACS] [Growth PACS] of The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company")

The undersigned Holder hereby irrevocably notifies you in accordance with Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Purchase Contract Agreement"; unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement are used herein as defined therein), between the Company and you, as Purchase Contract Agent and as Attorney-in-Fact for the Holders of the Purchase Contracts, that such Holder has elected to pay to the Securities Intermediary for deposit in the Collateral Account, prior to or on 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date (in lawful money of the United States by certified or cashiers' check or wire transfer, in immediately available funds), \$ as the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock issuable to such Holder by the Company under the related Purchase Contracts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. The undersigned Holder hereby instructs you to notify promptly the Collateral Agent of the undersigned Holders' election to make such cash settlement with respect to the Purchase Contracts related to such Holder's [Income PACS] [Growth PACS].

Date: Signature

Signature Guarantee:

Please print name and address of Registered Holder:

NOTICE FROM PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT TO COLLATERAL AGENT

(Settlement of Purchase Contract through Remarketing)

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001
Attention: Institutional Trust Services
Telecopy: (212) 946-8154

Re: Income PACS of The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company")

Please refer to the Purchase Contract Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Purchase Contract Agreement"; unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement are used herein as defined therein), between the Company and the undersigned, as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the Holders of Income PACS from time to time.

In accordance with Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement and, based on notices of Cash Settlements received from Holders of Income PACS as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time), on the Business Day immediately preceding the [Initial Remarketing Date] [Secondary Remarketing Date], we hereby notify you that Notes are to be tendered for purchase in the Remarketing.

Date: By: []

Name: Title: Authorized Signatory

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

and

JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities
Intermediary

and

JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent

PLEDGE AGREEMENT

Dated as of January 14, 2002

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PLEDGE AGREEMENT

PLEDGE AGREEMENT, dated as of January 14, 2002, among THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, a New York banking corporation, as collateral agent (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Collateral Agent"), as custodial agent (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Custodial Agent"), as securities intermediary with respect to the Collateral Account (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Securities Intermediary"), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, a New York banking corporation, as purchase contract agent and as attorney-in-fact of the Holders from time to time of the Securities (as defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement) (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Purchase Contract Agent") under the Purchase Contract Agreement.

RECITALS

The Company and the Purchase Contract Agent are parties to the Purchase Contract Agreement dated as of the date hereof (as modified and supplemented and in effect from time to time, the "Purchase Contract Agreement"), pursuant to which 40,000,000 Income PACS (as defined herein) will be issued (46,000,000 Income PACS if the over-allotment option granted in the Underwriting Agreement (as defined herein) is exercised in full).

Each Income PACS, at issuance, consists of a unit comprised of (a) a stock purchase contract (a "Purchase Contract") under which the Holder will purchase from the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, for an amount equal to \$25 (the "Stated Amount"), a number of shares of The Williams Companies, Inc. common stock, par value \$1.00 ("Common Stock"),

equal to the Settlement Rate and (b) either beneficial ownership of a Note (as defined below) or an Applicable Ownership Interest in the Treasury Portfolio (as defined below).

Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Purchase Contracts, the Holders of the Securities have irrevocably authorized the Purchase Contract Agent, as attorney-in-fact of such Holders, among other things, to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of such Holders and to grant the pledge provided herein of the Collateral (as defined herein) to secure the Obligations (as defined herein).

Accordingly, the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary, the Custodial Agent and the Purchase Contract Agent, on its own behalf and as attorney-in-fact of the Holders from time to time of the Securities, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01. Definitions. For all purposes of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

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

(b) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section, Exhibit or other subdivision;

(c) the following terms which are defined in the UCC shall have the meanings set forth therein: "certificated security," "control," "financial asset," "entitlement order," "securities account" and "security entitlement";

(d) the following terms have the meanings assigned to them in the Purchase Contract Agreement: "Act", "Affiliate", "Applicable Ownership Interest", "Bankruptcy Code", "Board Resolution", "Business Day", "Cash Merger", "Cash Settlement", "Certificate", "Early Settlement", "Early Settlement Date", "Failed Initial Remarketing", "Failed Secondary Remarketing", "Growth PACS", "Holder", "Income PACS", "Initial Remarketing", "Initial Remarketing Date", "Notes", "Officers' Certificate", "Opinion of Counsel", "Outstanding Securities", "Purchase Contract", "Purchase Contract Settlement Date", "Purchase Price", "Quotation Agent", "Redemption Amount", "Remarketing Agent", "Remarketing Agreement", "Remarketing Fee", "Secondary Remarketing", "Security", "Settlement Rate", "Successful Initial Remarketing", "Tax Event", "Tax Event Redemption", "Tax Event Redemption Date", "Termination Event", "Treasury Portfolio", "Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price" and "Underwriting Agreement"; and

(e) the following terms have the meanings given to them in this Section 1.01(e):

"Agreement" means this Pledge Agreement, as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Cash" means any coin or currency of the United States as at the time shall be legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

"Collateral" means the collective reference to:

(i) all investment property and other financial assets from time to time credited to the Collateral Account, including, without limitation, (A) the Notes and security entitlements relating thereto that are a component of the Income PACS from time to time, (B) the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in Clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Holders with respect to the Treasury Portfolio which are a component of the Income PACS from time to time; (C) any Treasury Securities and security entitlements relating thereto delivered from time to time upon establishment of Growth PACS in accordance with Section 5.02 hereof and (E) payments made by Holders pursuant to Section 5.05 hereof;

(ii) all Proceeds of any of the foregoing (whether such Proceeds arise before or after the commencement of any proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, by or against the pledgor or with respect to the pledgor); and

(iii) all powers and rights now owned or hereafter acquired under or with respect to the Collateral.

"Collateral Account" means the securities account of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent, maintained by the Securities Intermediary and designated "JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent of The Williams Companies, Inc., as pledgee of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as the Purchase Contract Agent on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for the Holders".

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

"Growth PACS" means, following the substitution of Treasury Securities for Notes as collateral to secure a Holder's obligations under the Purchase Contract, the collective rights and obligations of a Holder of a Growth PACS Certificate in respect of such Treasury Securities, subject to the Pledge thereof, and the related Purchase Contract.

"Growth PACS Certificate" means a certificate evidencing the rights and obligations of a Holder in respect of the number of Growth PACS specified on such certificate.

"Income PACS" means the collective rights and obligations of a Holder of an Income PACS Certificate in respect of a Note or an appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, subject in each case to the Pledge thereof, and the related Purchase Contract; provided that the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio shall not be subject to the Pledge.

"Income PACS Certificate" means a certificate evidencing the rights and obligations of a Holder in respect of the number of Income PACS specified on such certificate.

"Obligations" means, with respect to each Holder, the collective reference to all obligations and liabilities of such Holder under such Holder's Purchase Contract, the Purchase Contract Agreement and this Agreement or any other document made, delivered or given in connection herewith or therewith, in each case whether on account of principal, interest (including, without limitation, interest accruing before and after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy, or the commencement of any insolvency, reorganization or like proceeding, relating to such Holder, whether or not a claim for post-filing or post-petition interest is allowed in such proceeding), fees, indemnities, costs, expenses or otherwise (including, without limitation, all fees and disbursements of counsel to the Company or the Collateral Agent or the Securities Intermediary that are required to be paid by the Holder pursuant to the terms of any of the foregoing agreements).

"Permitted Investments" means any one of the following which shall mature not later than the next succeeding Business Day:

(1) any evidence of indebtedness with an original maturity of 365 days or less issued, or directly and fully guaranteed or insured, by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support of the timely payment thereof or such indebtedness constitutes a general obligation of it);

(2) deposits, certificates of deposit or acceptances with an original maturity of 365 days or less of any institution which is a member of the Federal Reserve System having combined capital and surplus and undivided profits of not less than \$200.0 million at the time of deposit (and which may include the Collateral Agent);

(3) investments with an original maturity of 365 days or less of any Person that is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by a bank referred to in clause (2);

(4) repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements relating to marketable direct obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government or issued by any agency thereof and backed as to timely payment by the full faith and credit of the United States Government;

(5) investments in commercial paper, other than commercial paper issued by the Company or its affiliates, of any corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, which commercial paper has a rating at the time of purchase at least equal to "A-1" by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") or at least equal to "P-1" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"); and

(6) investments in money market funds (including, but not limited to, money market funds managed by the Collateral Agent or an affiliate of the Collateral Agent) registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, rated in the highest applicable rating category by S&P or Moody's.

"Person" means any legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Pledge" means the lien and security interest created by this

Agreement.

"Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests" means the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition thereof) of the Holders with respect to the Treasury Portfolio from time to time credited to the Collateral Account and not then released from the Pledge.

"Pledged Notes" means Notes and security entitlements with respect thereto from time to time credited to the Collateral Account and not then released from the Pledge.

"Pledged Securities" means the Pledged Notes, the Pledged Applicable Ownership Interest or the Pledged Treasury Securities, collectively.

"Pledged Treasury Securities" means Treasury Securities and security entitlements with respect thereto from time to time credited to the Collateral Account and not then released from the Pledge.

"Proceeds" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the UCC and includes, without limitation, all interest, dividends, cash, instruments, securities, financial assets (as defined in ss.8-102(a)(9) of the UCC) and other property received, receivable or otherwise distributed upon the sale, exchange, collection or disposition of any financial assets from time to time held in the Collateral Account.

"Purchase Contract Agent" has the meaning specified in the paragraph preceding the recitals of this Agreement.

"Separate Notes" means Notes which are not components of Income PACS.

"TRADES" means the Treasury/Reserve Automated Debt Entry System maintained by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York pursuant to the TRADES Regulations.

"TRADES Regulations" means the regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury, published at 31 C.F.R. Part 357, as amended from time to time. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms defined in the TRADES Regulations are used herein as therein defined.

"Transfer" means in the case of certificated securities in registered form, delivery as provided in ss.8-301(a) of the UCC, indorsed to the transferee or in blank by an effective endorsement; in the case of Treasury Securities, registration of the transferee as the owner of such Treasury Securities on TRADES; and in the case of security entitlements, including, without limitation, security entitlements with respect to Treasury Securities, a securities intermediary indicating by book entry that such security entitlement has been credited to the transferee's securities account.

"Treasury Securities" means zero-coupon U.S. treasury securities (CUSIP No. 912820BM8) which mature on February 15, 2005.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York from time to time.

"Value" means, with respect to any item of Collateral on any date, as to (1) Cash, the face amount thereof, (2) Treasury Securities or Notes, the aggregate principal amount thereof at maturity and (3) Applicable Ownership Interest, the appropriate percentage (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Treasury Portfolio.

ARTICLE 2 PLEDGE

SECTION 2.01. Pledge. Each Holder, acting through the Purchase Contract Agent as such Holder's attorney-in-fact, and the Purchase Contract Agent, acting as such attorney-in-fact, hereby pledges and grants to the Collateral Agent, as agent of and for the benefit of the Company, a continuing first priority security interest in and to, and a lien upon and right of set-off against, all of such Person's right, title and interest in and to the Collateral to secure the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations. The Collateral Agent shall have all of the rights, remedies and recourses with respect to the Collateral afforded a secured party by the UCC, in addition to, and not in limitation of, the other rights, remedies and recourses afforded to the Collateral Agent by this Agreement.

SECTION 2.02. Control; Financing Statement.

(a) The Collateral Agent shall have control of the Collateral Account pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 of this Agreement.

(b) Subsequent to the date of initial issuance of the Securities, the Purchase Contract Agent shall deliver to the Collateral Agent a copy of the financing statement prepared by the Company and filed in the Office of

the Secretary of State of the State of New York and any other jurisdictions which the Company deems necessary, authorized by the Purchase Contract Agent, as attorney-in-fact for the Holders, as Debtors, and describing the Collateral, such filing to be undertaken by the Company.

SECTION 2.03. Termination. As to each Holder, this Agreement and the Pledge created hereby shall terminate upon the satisfaction of such Holder's Obligations. Upon such termination, the Collateral Agent shall Transfer such Holder's portion of the Collateral to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder in accordance with his interest, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest created hereby.

ARTICLE 3 DISTRIBUTIONS ON PLEDGED COLLATERAL

SECTION 3.01. Income Distributions. All income distributions received by the Collateral Agent on account of the Pledged Notes, the Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio or Permitted Investments from time to time held in the Collateral Account shall be distributed to the Purchase Contract Agent (ABA No. 021000021, A/C No. 161352.1, Re: The Williams Companies, Inc.) for the benefit of the applicable Holders as provided in the Purchase Contracts or Purchase Contract Agreement.

SECTION 3.02. Principal Payments Following Termination Event. All payments received by the Collateral Agent following a Termination Event of (1) the aggregate principal amount of the Pledged Notes or securities entitlements thereto, or (2) the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition thereof) of the aggregate principal amount of the Treasury Portfolio, or (3) the principal amount of the Pledged Treasury Securities, shall be distributed to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the applicable Holders for distribution to such Holders in accordance with their respective interests.

SECTION 3.03. Principal Payments Prior to or on Purchase Contract Settlement Date.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Sections 5.06, 5.08 and 7.03, and except as provided in clause 3.03(b) below, if no Termination Event shall have occurred, all payments received by the Collateral Agent of (1) the aggregate principal amount with respect to the Pledged Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto, (2) the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition thereof) of the aggregate principal amount of the Treasury Portfolio or (3) the principal amount of Pledged Treasury Securities, shall be held and invested in Permitted Investments until the Purchase Contract Settlement Date and on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date distributed to the Company as provided in Section 5.07 hereof. Any balance remaining in the Collateral Account shall be distributed to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the applicable Holders for distribution to such Holders in accordance with their respective interests. The Company shall instruct the Collateral Agent as to the type of Permitted Investments in which any payments made under this Section shall be invested, provided, however, that if the Company fails to deliver such instructions by 10:30 a.m. (New York City time), the Collateral Agent shall invest such payments in the Permitted Investments described in clause (6) of the definition of Permitted Investments.

(b) All payments received by the Collateral Agent of (1) the aggregate principal amount with respect to the Pledged Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto, (2) the aggregate principal amount of the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition thereof) of the Treasury Portfolio, or (3) the principal amount of Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto, that, in each case, have been released from the Pledge shall be distributed to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the applicable Holders for distribution to such Holders in accordance with their respective interests.

SECTION 3.04. Payments to Purchase Contract Agent. The Collateral Agent shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to deliver payments to the Purchase Contract Agent hereunder to the account designated by the Purchase Contract Agent for such purpose not later than 12:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day such payment is received by the Collateral Agent; provided, however, that if such payment is received on a day that is not a Business Day or after 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on a Business Day, then the Collateral Agent shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to deliver such payment no later than 10:30 a.m. (New York City time) on the next succeeding Business Day.

SECTION 3.05. Assets Not Properly Released. If the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder shall receive any principal payments on account of financial assets credited to the Collateral Account and not released therefrom in accordance with this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent or such Holder shall hold the same as trustee of an express trust for the benefit of the Company and, upon receipt of an Officers' Certificate of the Company so directing, promptly deliver the same to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account or to the Company for application to the Obligations of the Holders, and the Purchase Contract Agent and Holders shall acquire no right, title or interest in any such payments of principal amounts so received.

ARTICLE 4
CONTROL

SECTION 4.01. Establishment of Collateral Account. The Securities Intermediary hereby confirms that:

(a) the Securities Intermediary has established the Collateral Account;

(b) the Collateral Account is a securities account;

(c) subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Securities Intermediary shall identify in its records the Collateral Agent as the entitlement holder entitled to exercise the rights that comprise any financial asset credited to the Collateral Account;

(d) all property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Agreement or the Purchase Contract Agreement will be credited promptly to the Collateral Account;

(e) all securities or other property underlying any financial assets credited to the Collateral Account shall be registered in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent and indorsed to the Collateral Agent or in blank, registered in the name of the Collateral Agent or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Collateral Account.

SECTION 4.02. Treatment as Financial Assets. Each item of property (whether investment property, financial asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to the Collateral Account shall be treated as a financial asset.

SECTION 4.03. Sole Control by Collateral Agent. Except as provided in Section 6.01, at all times prior to the termination of the Pledge, the Collateral Agent shall have sole control of the Collateral Account, and the Securities Intermediary shall take instructions and directions with respect to the Collateral Account solely from the Collateral Agent. If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive an entitlement order issued by the Collateral Agent and relating to the Collateral Account, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder or any other Person. Until termination of the Pledge, the Securities Intermediary will not comply with any entitlement orders issued by the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder.

SECTION 4.04. Securities Intermediary's Location. The Collateral Account, and the rights and obligations of the Securities Intermediary, the Collateral Agent, the Purchase Contract Agent and the Holders with respect thereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. Regardless of any provision in any other agreement, for purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary's location.

SECTION 4.05. No Other Claims. Except for the claims and interest of the Collateral Agent and of the Purchase Contract Agent and the Holders in the Collateral Account, the Securities Intermediary (without making any investigation) does not know of any claim to, or interest in, the Collateral Account or in any financial asset credited thereto. If any Person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Collateral Account or in any financial asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Collateral Agent and the Purchase Contract Agent.

SECTION 4.06. Investment and Release. All proceeds of financial assets from time to time deposited in the Collateral Account shall be invested and reinvested as provided in this Agreement. At all times prior to termination of the Pledge, no property shall be released from the Collateral Account except in accordance with this Agreement or upon written instructions of the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 4.07. Statements and Confirmations. The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Collateral Account and any financial assets credited thereto simultaneously to each of the Purchase Contract Agent and the Collateral Agent at their addresses for notices under this Agreement.

SECTION 4.08. Tax Allocations. The Purchase Contract Agent shall file with the Internal Revenue Service and deliver to the Holders Forms 1099 (or successor or comparable forms), to the extent required by law, with respect to payments received by the Holders. Neither the Securities Intermediary nor the Collateral Agent shall have any tax reporting duties hereunder.

SECTION 4.09. No Other Agreements. The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and prior to the termination of the Pledge will not enter into, any agreement with any other Person relating to the Collateral Account or any financial assets credited thereto, including, without

limitation, any agreement to comply with entitlement orders of any Person other than the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 4.10. Powers Coupled with an Interest. The rights and powers granted in this Article 4 to the Collateral Agent have been granted in order to perfect its security interests in the Collateral Account, are powers coupled with an interest and will be affected neither by the bankruptcy of the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder nor by the lapse of time. The obligations of the Securities Intermediary under this Article 4 shall continue in effect until the termination of the Pledge.

ARTICLE 5

INITIAL DEPOSIT; ESTABLISHMENT OF GROWTH PACS AND REESTABLISHMENT OF INCOME PACS

SECTION 5.01. Initial Deposit of Notes. (a) Prior to or concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agent, on behalf of the initial Holders of the Income PACS, shall Transfer to the Collateral Agent, for credit to the Collateral Account, the Notes or security entitlements relating thereto, and, in the case of security entitlements, the Securities Intermediary shall indicate by book-entry that a securities entitlement to such Notes has been credited to the Collateral Account.

(b) Prior to any Event of Default, the Collateral Agent agrees to hold any Notes or security interests relating thereto, constituting a portion of the Collateral registered in the name of the Purchase Contract Agent with appropriate indorsement in the form delivered to it and shall not re-register such Notes or security interests relating thereto prior to an Event of Default.

SECTION 5.02. Establishment of Growth PACS.

(a) So long as the Treasury Portfolio has not replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption, at any time prior to or on the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a Holder of Income PACS shall have the right to establish or reestablish Growth PACS by substitution of Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto for the Pledged Notes comprising a part of such Holder's Income PACS in integral multiples of 40 Income PACS by:

(i) Transferring to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto having a Value equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Pledged Notes to be released, accompanied by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit C to the Purchase Contract Agreement, whereupon the Purchase Contract Agent shall deliver to the Collateral Agent a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, (A) stating that such Holder has Transferred Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account, (B) stating the Value of the Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto Transferred by such Holder and (C) requesting that the Collateral Agent release from the Pledge the Pledged Notes that are a component of such Income PACS; and

(ii) delivering the related Income PACS to the Purchase Contract Agent.

Upon receipt of such notice and confirmation that Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto have been credited to the Collateral Account as described in such notice, the Collateral Agent shall instruct the Securities Intermediary by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, to release such Pledged Notes from the Pledge by Transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest created hereby.

(b) If the Treasury Portfolio has replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption, at any time prior to or on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a Holder of Income PACS shall have the right to establish or reestablish Growth PACS by substitution of Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto for the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio comprising a part of such Holder's Income PACS in integral multiples of 32,000 Income PACS by:

(i) Transferring to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto having a Value equal to the Value of the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio to be released, accompanied by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit C to the Purchase Contract Agreement, whereupon the Purchase Contract Agent shall deliver to the Collateral Agent a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit A

hereto, (A) stating that such Holder has Transferred Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account, (B) stating the Value of the Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto Transferred by such Holder and (C) requesting that the Collateral Agent release from the Pledge the Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests that are a component of such Income PACS; and

(ii) delivering the related Income PACS to the Purchase Contract Agent.

Upon receipt of such notice and confirmation that Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto have been credited to the Collateral Account as described in such notice, the Collateral Agent shall instruct the Securities Intermediary by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, to release such Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests from the Pledge by Transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest created hereby.

(c) Upon credit to the Collateral Account of Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto delivered by a Holder of Income PACS and receipt of the related instruction from the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary shall release such Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests and shall promptly transfer the same to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest created hereby.

SECTION 5.03. Reestablishment of Income PACS.

(a) So long as the Treasury Portfolio has not replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption, at any time on or prior to the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a Holder of Growth PACS shall have the right to reestablish Income PACS by substitution of Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto for Pledged Treasury Securities in integral multiples of 40 Growth PACS by:

(i) Transferring to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto having a principal amount equal to the Value of the Pledged Treasury Securities to be released, accompanied by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit C to the Purchase Contract Agreement, whereupon the Purchase Contract Agent shall deliver to the Collateral Agent a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, stating that such Holder has Transferred the Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto to the Collateral Account for credit to the Collateral Account and requesting that the Collateral Agent release from the Pledge the Pledged Treasury Securities related to such Growth PACS; and

(ii) delivering the related Growth PACS to the Purchase Contract Agent.

Upon receipt of such notice and confirmation that Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto have been credited to the Collateral Account as described in such notice, the Collateral Agent shall instruct the Securities Intermediary by a notice in the form provided in Exhibit D to release such Pledged Treasury Securities from the Pledge by Transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest created hereby.

(b) If the Treasury Portfolio has replaced the Notes as a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption, at any time prior to or on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, a holder of a Growth PACS shall have the right to reestablish an Income PACS by substitution of Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto for the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio comprising a part of such Holder's Growth PACS in integral multiples of 32,000 Growth PACS by:

(i) Transferring to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio having a Value equal to the Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto to be released, accompanied by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit C to the Purchase Contract Agreement, whereupon the Purchase Contract Agent shall deliver to the Collateral Agent a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, (A) stating that such Holder has Transferred Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account, (B) stating the Value of the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio Transferred by such Holder and (C) requesting that the Collateral Agent release from the Pledge the Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto that are a component of such Growth PACS; and

(ii) delivering the related Growth PACS to the Purchase Contract Agent.

Upon receipt of such notice and confirmation that the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio have been credited to the Collateral Account as described in such notice, the Collateral Agent shall instruct the Securities Intermediary by a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, to release the Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto from the Pledge by Transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest created hereby.

SECTION 5.04. Termination Event.

(a) Upon receipt by the Collateral Agent of written notice from the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent that a Termination Event has occurred, the Collateral Agent shall release all Collateral from the Pledge and shall promptly Transfer:

(i) any Pledged Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests (if the Treasury Portfolio has become a component of the Income PACS as a result of a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption);

(ii) any Pledged Treasury Securities, and

(iii) payments by Holders (or the Permitted Investments of such payments) pursuant to Section 5.05 hereof,

to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the Holders for distribution to such Holders in accordance with their respective interests, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest or other interest created hereby; provided, however, if any Holder shall be entitled to receive less than \$1,000 with respect to his interest in the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, the Purchase Contract Agent shall have the right to dispose of such interest for cash and deliver to such Holder cash in lieu of delivering the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio.

(b) If such Termination Event shall result from the Company's becoming a debtor under the Bankruptcy Code, and if the Collateral Agent shall for any reason fail promptly to effectuate the release and Transfer of all Pledged Notes, the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, the Pledged Treasury Securities or payments by Holders (or the Permitted Investments of such payments) pursuant to Section 5.05 hereof, as the case may be, as provided by this Section 5.04, the Purchase Contract Agent shall:

(i) use its best efforts to obtain an opinion of a nationally recognized law firm reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent to the effect that, as a result of the Company's being the debtor in such a bankruptcy case, the Collateral Agent will not be prohibited from releasing or Transferring the Collateral as provided in this Section 5.04, and shall deliver such opinion to the Collateral Agent within ten days after the occurrence of such Termination Event, and if (A) the Purchase Contract Agent shall be unable to obtain such opinion within ten days after the occurrence of such Termination Event or (B) the Collateral Agent shall continue, after delivery of such opinion, to refuse to effectuate the release and Transfer of all Pledged Notes, Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, the Pledged Treasury Securities, the payments by Holders (or the Permitted Investments of such payments) pursuant to Section 5.05 hereof or the Proceeds of any of the foregoing, as the case may be, as provided in this Section 5.04, then the Purchase Contract Agent shall within fifteen days after the occurrence of such Termination Event commence an action or proceeding in the court having jurisdiction of the Company's case under the Bankruptcy Code seeking an order requiring the Collateral Agent to effectuate the release and transfer of all Pledged Notes, Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, the Pledged Treasury Securities, or the payments by Holders (or the Permitted Investments of such payments) pursuant to Section 5.05 hereof, or as the case may be, as provided by this Section 5.04; or

(ii) commence an action or proceeding like that described in clause 5.04(b)(i) hereof within ten days after the occurrence of such Termination Event.

SECTION 5.05. Cash Settlement.

(a) Upon receipt by the Collateral Agent of (1) a notice from the Purchase Contract Agent promptly after the receipt by the Purchase Contract

Agent of a notice from a Holder of Income PACS or Growth PACS that such Holder has elected, in accordance with the procedures specified in Section 5.02(b)(i) or (e)(i) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, respectively, to effect a Cash Settlement and (2) payment by such Holder of Income PACS or Growth PACS by deposit in the Collateral Account prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date of the Purchase Price in lawful money of the United States by certified or cashier's check or wire transfer of immediately available funds payable to or upon the order of the Securities Intermediary, then the Collateral Agent shall:

(i) instruct the Securities Intermediary promptly to invest any such Cash in Permitted Investments;

(ii) instruct the Securities Intermediary to release from the Pledge the Income PACS holder's or the Growth PACS holder's related Pledged Notes, Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, or Pledged Treasury Securities, as applicable, as to which such Holder has effected a Cash Settlement pursuant to this Section 5.05(a); and

(iii) instruct the Securities Intermediary to Transfer all such Pledged Notes, Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, or the Pledged Treasury Securities, as the case may be, to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of such Holder, in each case free and clear of the Pledge created hereby, for distribution to such Holder.

The Company shall instruct the Collateral Agent in writing as to the type of Permitted Investments in which any such Cash shall be invested; provided, however, that if the Company fails to deliver such written instructions by 10:30 a.m. (New York City time), the Collateral Agent shall invest such Cash in the Permitted Investments described in clause (6) of the definition of Permitted Investments.

Upon receipt of the proceeds upon the maturity of the Permitted Investments on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Collateral Agent shall (A) pay the portion of such proceeds and deliver any certified or cashier's checks received, in an aggregate amount equal to the Purchase Price, to the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, and (B) release any amounts in excess of the Purchase Price earned from such Permitted Investments to the Purchase Contract Agent for distribution to such Holder.

(b) If a Holder of Income PACS (unless a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing shall have occurred) (i) fails to notify the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to make a Cash Settlement as provided in paragraph 5.02(b)(i) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, such Holder shall be deemed to have consented to the disposition of such Holder's Pledged Notes in accordance with paragraph 5.02(b)(iii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement or (ii) does notify the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to pay the Purchase Price in cash, but fails to make such payment as required by paragraph 5.02(b)(ii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, such Holder shall be deemed to have consented to the disposition of such Holder's Pledged Notes in accordance with paragraph 5.02(d) of the Purchase Contract Agreement.

(c) If a Holder of a Growth PACS or a Holder of Income PACS (if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing shall have occurred) (i) fails to notify the Purchase Contract Agent of its intention to make a Cash Settlement as provided in paragraph 5.02(e)(i) of the Purchase Contract Agreement or (ii) does notify the Purchase Contract Agent as provided in paragraph 5.02(e)(ii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement of its intention to pay the Purchase Price in cash, but fails to make such payment as required by paragraph 5.02(e)(ii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, such Holder shall be deemed to have elected to pay the Purchase Price in accordance with paragraph 5.02(e)(iii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement.

(d) As soon as practicable after 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Collateral Agent shall deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent a notice, substantially in the form of Exhibit E hereto, stating (i) the amount of cash that it has received with respect to the Cash Settlement of Income PACS and (ii) the amount of Cash that it has received with respect to the Cash Settlement of Growth PACS.

SECTION 5.06. Early Settlement upon a Cash Merger. Upon receipt by the Collateral Agent of a notice from the Purchase Contract Agent that a Holder of Securities has elected to effect Early Settlement of its obligations under the Purchase Contracts forming a part of such Securities in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contracts and Section 5.04(b)(2) of the Purchase Contract Agreement (which notice shall set forth the number of such Purchase Contracts as to which such Holder has elected to effect Early Settlement), and that the Purchase Contract Agent has received from such Holder, and paid to the Company as confirmed in writing by the Company, the related Purchase Price pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Contracts and the Purchase Contract Agreement and that all conditions to such Early Settlement have been satisfied, then the Collateral Agent shall release from the Pledge, (1) Pledged Notes or the

appropriate Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio in the case of a Holder of Income PACS or (2) Pledged Treasury Securities, in the case of a Holder of Growth PACS, in each case with a Value equal to the product of (x) the Stated Amount times (y) the number of Purchase Contracts as to which such Holder has elected to effect Early Settlement, and shall instruct the Securities Intermediary to Transfer all such Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests or Pledged Notes or Pledged Treasury Securities, as the case may be, to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of such Holder, in each case free and clear of the Pledge created hereby, for distribution to such Holder. A Growth PACS holder may settle early only in integral multiples of 40 Purchase Contracts and an Income PACS holder, if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred, may settle early only in integral multiples of 32,000 Purchase Contracts.

SECTION 5.07. Application of Proceeds in Settlement of Purchase Contracts.

(a) If a Holder of Income PACS (unless a Successful Initial Remarketing or a Tax Event Redemption has occurred) has not elected to make an effective Cash Settlement by notifying the Purchase Contract Agent in the manner provided for in Section 5.02(b)(i) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, such Holder shall be deemed to have elected to pay for the shares of Common Stock to be issued under such Purchase Contracts from the Proceeds of the remarketing of the related Pledged Notes. Upon written notice of such event from the Purchase Contract Agent, the Collateral Agent shall instruct the Securities Intermediary to Transfer the related Pledged Notes to the Remarketing Agent for remarketing. Upon receiving such Pledged Notes, the Remarketing Agent, pursuant to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, will use reasonable efforts to remarket such Pledged Notes. The Remarketing Agent will deposit the Proceeds of such Secondary Remarketing (less, to the extent permitted by the Remarketing Agreement, the Remarketing Fee) in the Collateral Account, and the Collateral Agent shall invest the Proceeds of the remarketing in Permitted Investments set forth in clause (6) of the definition of Permitted Investments. On the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Purchase Contract Agent shall give written direction to the Collateral Agent specifying the instruction the Collateral Agent shall give to the Securities Intermediary in order to apply a portion of the Proceeds from such remarketing equal to the aggregate principal amount of such Pledged Notes to satisfy in full such Holder's obligations to pay the Purchase Price to purchase the shares of Common Stock under the related Purchase Contracts and the balance of the Proceeds from the remarketing, if any, that shall be transferred to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of such Holder for distribution to such Holder.

If (i) the Remarketing Agent advises the Collateral Agent in writing that there has been a Failed Secondary Remarketing or (ii) a Holder of Income PACS has given notice of its intention to make a Cash Settlement in the manner provided for in Section 5.02(b)(i) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, but failed to deliver the required cash prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, thus, in each case, resulting in an event of default under the Purchase Contract Agreement and hereunder, the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Company shall, at the written direction of the Company, exercise its rights as a secured party with respect to the Pledged Notes and use commercially reasonable efforts to dispose of the Pledged Notes in accordance with applicable law and apply the proceeds from such disposition in full satisfaction of such Holder's obligations to pay the Purchase Price for the shares of Common Stock.

(b) If a Holder of a Growth PACS or a Holder of Income PACS (if a Tax Event Redemption or a Successful Initial Remarketing has occurred) has not elected to make an effective Cash Settlement by notifying the Purchase Contract Agent in the manner provided for in Section 5.02(e)(i) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, or has given such notice but failed to make such payment in the manner required by Section 5.02(e)(ii) of the Purchase Contract Agreement, such Holder shall be deemed to have elected to pay for the shares of Common Stock to be issued under such Purchase Contracts from the Proceeds of the related Pledged Treasury Securities or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, as the case may be. Promptly, after 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Collateral Agent shall invest the Cash Proceeds of the maturing Pledged Treasury Securities or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, as the case may be, in Permitted Investments set forth in clause 6 of the definition of Permitted Investments, unless prior to 10:30 a.m. (New York City time), the Company shall otherwise instruct the Collateral Agent as to the type of Permitted Investments in which any such Cash Proceeds shall be invested. Without receiving any instruction from any such Holder, the Collateral Agent shall apply the Proceeds of the related Pledged Treasury Securities or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, as the case may be, to the settlement of such Purchase Contracts on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. In the event the sum of the Proceeds from the related Pledged Treasury Securities or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, as the case may be, and the investment earnings from the investment in Permitted Investments exceeds the aggregate Purchase Price of the Purchase Contracts being settled thereby, the Collateral Agent shall instruct the Securities Intermediary to distribute such excess, when received, to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of such Holder for distribution to such Holder.

(c) Under the Remarketing Agreement and subject to the terms of any supplemental remarketing agreement, on or prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date or the Secondary Remarketing Date, as applicable, but no earlier than the Payment Date immediately preceding the date, Holders of Separate Notes may elect to have their Separate Notes remarketed by delivering their Separate Notes, along with a notice of such election, substantially in the form of Exhibit F hereto, to the Custodial Agent. The Custodial Agent shall hold Separate Notes in an account separate from the Collateral Account in which the Pledged Securities shall be held. Holders of Notes electing to have their Separate Notes remarketed will also have the right to withdraw that election by written notice to the Custodial Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit G hereto, on or prior to the second Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date or the Secondary Remarketing Date, as applicable, upon which notice the Custodial Agent shall return such Separate Notes to such Holder.

On the Business Day immediately preceding Initial Remarketing Date or the Secondary Remarketing Date, as applicable, the Custodial Agent shall notify the Remarketing Agent of the aggregate principal amount of the Separate Notes to be remarketed and will deliver to the Remarketing Agent for remarketing all Separate Notes delivered to the Custodial Agent pursuant to this Section 5.07(c) and not withdrawn pursuant to the terms hereof prior to such date. After deducting the Remarketing Fee to the extent permitted under the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, the Remarketing Agent will remit to the Custodial Agent the remaining portion of the proceeds of such Remarketing for the benefit of such Holders. In the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing or a Failed Secondary Remarketing, the Remarketing Agent will promptly return such Separate Notes to the Custodial Agent for redelivery to such Holders.

SECTION 5.08. Tax Event Redemption. If the Collateral Agent receives written notice that a Tax Event Redemption has occurred while Notes are still credited to the Collateral Account, the Collateral Agent shall apply the Redemption Amount to purchase the Treasury Portfolio and the Collateral Agent shall credit the Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio to the Collateral Account and shall transfer the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (B) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio to the Purchase Contract Agent for the benefit of the Holders of the Income PACS. Upon credit to the Collateral Account of the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio having a Value equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Pledged Notes, the Collateral Agent shall cause the Securities Intermediary to release the Pledged Notes from the Collateral Account and shall promptly transfer the Pledged Notes to the Company.

ARTICLE 6 VOTING RIGHTS - PLEDGED NOTES

SECTION 6.01. Voting Rights. The Purchase Contract Agent may exercise, or refrain from exercising, any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Pledged Notes or any part thereof for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement; provided, that the Purchase Contract Agent shall not exercise or shall not refrain from exercising such right, as the case may be, if, in the judgment of the Purchase Contract Agent, such action would impair or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the value of all or any of the Pledged Notes; and provided, further, that the Purchase Contract Agent shall give the Company and the Collateral Agent at least five Business Days' prior written notice of the manner in which it intends to exercise, or its reasons for refraining from exercising, any such right. Upon receipt of any notices and other communications in respect of any Pledged Notes, including notice of any meeting at which holders of the Notes are entitled to vote or solicitation of consents, waivers or proxies of holders of the Notes, the Collateral Agent shall use reasonable efforts to send promptly to the Purchase Contract Agent such notice or communication, and as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of a written request therefor from the Purchase Contract Agent, execute and deliver to the Purchase Contract Agent such proxies and other instruments in respect of such Pledged Notes (in form and substance satisfactory to the Collateral Agent) as are prepared by the Purchase Contract Agent with respect to the Pledged Notes.

ARTICLE 7 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

SECTION 7.01. Rights and Remedies of the Collateral Agent.

(a) In addition to the rights and remedies specified in Section 5.07 hereof or otherwise available at law or in equity, after an event of default (as specified in Section 7.01(b) below) hereunder, the Collateral Agent shall have all of the rights and remedies with respect to the Collateral of a secured party under the UCC (whether or not the UCC is in effect in the jurisdiction where the rights and remedies are asserted) and the TRADES Regulations and such additional rights and remedies to which a

secured party is entitled under the laws in effect in any jurisdiction where any rights and remedies hereunder may be asserted. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such remedies may include, to the extent permitted by applicable law, (1) retention of the Pledged Notes, Pledged Treasury Securities or the appropriate Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests in full satisfaction of the Holders' obligations under the Purchase Contracts and the Purchase Contract Agreement or (2) sale of the Pledged Notes, Pledged Treasury Securities or the appropriate Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests in one or more public or private sales.

(b) Without limiting any rights or powers otherwise granted by this Agreement to the Collateral Agent, in the event the Collateral Agent is unable to make payments to the Company on account of the appropriate Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, or on account of principal payments of any Pledged Treasury Securities as provided in Article 3 hereof, in satisfaction of the Obligations of the Holder of the Securities of which such appropriate Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests or such Pledged Treasury Securities, as applicable, are a part under the related Purchase Contracts, the inability to make such payments shall constitute an event of default hereunder and the Collateral Agent shall have and may exercise, with reference to such Pledged Treasury Securities or Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests, as applicable, any and all of the rights and remedies available to a secured party under the UCC and the TRADES Regulations after default by a debtor, and as otherwise granted herein or under any other law.

(c) Without limiting any rights or powers otherwise granted by this Agreement to the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent is hereby irrevocably authorized to receive and collect all payments of (i) the principal amount of the Pledged Notes, (ii) the principal amount of the Pledged Treasury Securities and (iii) the principal amount of the Pledged Applicable Ownership Interest, subject, in each case, to the provisions of Article 3 hereof, and as otherwise granted herein.

(d) The Purchase Contract Agent and each Holder of Securities agrees that, from time to time, upon the written request of the Collateral Agent or the Purchase Contract Agent, such Holder shall execute and deliver such further documents and do such other acts and things as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request in order to maintain the Pledge, and the perfection and priority thereof, and to confirm the rights of the Collateral Agent hereunder. The Purchase Contract Agent shall have no liability to any Holder for executing any documents or taking any such acts requested by the Collateral Agent hereunder, except for liability for its own grossly negligent acts, its own grossly negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct.

SECTION 7.02. Tax Event Redemption. Upon the occurrence of a Tax Event Redemption while Notes are still credited to the Collateral Account, the Redemption Amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest payable on the Tax Event Redemption Date with respect to the principal amount of the Pledged Notes shall be credited to the Collateral Account by the Indenture Trustee, on or prior to 12:30 p.m., New York City time on such Tax Event Redemption Date, by federal funds check or wire transfer of immediately available funds. The Collateral Agent is hereby authorized to present the Pledged Notes for payment as may be required by their respective terms. Upon receipt of such funds, the Pledged Notes shall be released from the Collateral Account. In the event such funds are credited to the Collateral Account, the Collateral Agent, at the written direction of the Company, shall instruct the Securities Intermediary to (a) apply an amount equal to the Redemption Amount of such funds to purchase the Treasury Portfolio from the Quotation Agent for credit to the Collateral Account and (b) promptly remit the remaining portion of such funds, if any, to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of Income PACS.

SECTION 7.03. Initial Remarketing. The Collateral Agent shall, by 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Business Day immediately preceding the Initial Remarketing Date, without any instruction from any Holder of Income PACS, present the related Pledged Notes to the Remarketing Agent for remarketing. Upon receiving such Pledged Notes, the Remarketing Agent, pursuant to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, will use its reasonable efforts to remarket such Pledged Notes on the Initial Remarketing Date at a price of approximately 100.5% (but not less than 100%) of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price. After deduction as the Remarketing Fee of an amount not exceeding 25 basis points (.25%) of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price from any amount of such Proceeds in excess of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price, the Remarketing Agent will remit the entire amount of the Proceeds of such remarketing to the Collateral Agent on or prior to 12:00 p.m., New York City time, by check or wire transfer in immediately available funds at such place and at such account as may be designated by the Collateral Agent in exchange for the Pledged Notes. In the event the Collateral Agent receives such Proceeds, the Collateral Agent will, at the written direction of the Company, apply an amount equal to the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price to purchase from the Quotation Agent the Treasury Portfolio and promptly remit the remaining portion of such Proceeds to the Purchase Contract Agent for payment to the Holders of Income PACS. The Collateral Agent shall Transfer the Treasury Portfolio to the Collateral Account to secure the obligation of all Holders of Income PACS to purchase Common Stock of the Company under the Purchase Contracts constituting a part of such Income PACS, in substitution for the Pledged Notes, which shall be released from the Collateral Account. In the event of

a Failed Initial Remarketing, the Notes presented to the Remarketing Agent pursuant to this Section 7.03 for Remarketing shall be redeposited into the Collateral Account.

SECTION 7.04. Substitutions. Whenever a Holder has the right to substitute Treasury Securities, Notes or security entitlements for any of them or the appropriate Applicable Ownership Interests of the Treasury Portfolio, as the case may be, for financial assets held in the Collateral Account, such substitution shall not constitute a novation of the security interest created hereby.

ARTICLE 8 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES; COVENANTS

SECTION 8.01. Representations and Warranties. Each Holder from time to time, acting through the Purchase Contract Agent as attorney-in-fact (it being understood that the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be liable for any representation or warranty made by or on behalf of a Holder), hereby represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent (with respect to such Holder's interest in the Collateral), which representations and warranties shall be deemed repeated on each day a Holder Transfers Collateral that:

(a) such Holder has the power to grant a security interest in and lien on the Collateral;

(b) such Holder is the sole beneficial owner of the Collateral and, in the case of Collateral delivered in physical form, is the sole holder of such Collateral and is the sole beneficial owner of, or has the right to transfer, the Collateral it Transfers to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account, free and clear of any security interest, lien, encumbrance, call, liability to pay money or other restriction other than the security interest and lien granted under Article 2 hereof;

(c) upon the Transfer of the Collateral to the Collateral Agent for credit to the Collateral Account, the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Company, will have a valid and perfected first priority security interest therein (assuming that any central clearing operation or any securities intermediary or other entity not within the control of the Holder involved in the Transfer of the Collateral, including the Collateral Agent and the Securities Intermediary, gives the notices and takes the action required of it hereunder and under applicable law for perfection of that interest and assuming the establishment and exercise of control pursuant to Article 4 hereof); and

(d) the execution and performance by the Holder of its obligations under this Agreement will not result in the creation of any security interest, lien or other encumbrance on the Collateral other than the security interest and lien granted under Article 2 hereof or violate any provision of any existing law or regulation applicable to it or of any mortgage, charge, pledge, indenture, contract or undertaking to which it is a party or which is binding on it or any of its assets.

SECTION 8.02. Covenants. The Holders from time to time, acting through the Purchase Contract Agent as their attorney-in-fact (it being understood that the Purchase Contract Agent shall not be liable for any covenant made by or on behalf of a Holder), hereby covenant to the Collateral Agent that for so long as the Collateral remains subject to the Pledge:

(a) neither the Purchase Contract Agent nor such Holders will create or purport to create or allow to subsist any mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or any other security interest whatsoever over the Collateral or any part of it other than pursuant to this Agreement; and

(b) neither the Purchase Contract Agent nor such Holders will sell or otherwise dispose (or attempt to dispose) of the Collateral or any part of it except for the beneficial interest therein, subject to the Pledge hereunder, transferred in connection with the Transfer of the Securities.

ARTICLE 9 THE COLLATERAL AGENT, THE CUSTODIAL AGENT AND THE SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY

It is hereby agreed as follows:

SECTION 9.01. Appointment, Powers and Immunities. The Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary shall act as agent for the Company hereunder with such powers as are specifically vested in the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, by the terms of this Agreement, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary shall:

(a) have no duties or responsibilities except those expressly set forth in this Agreement and no implied covenants or obligations shall be inferred from this Agreement against the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary, nor shall the Collateral Agent, the

Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary be bound by the provisions of any agreement by any party hereto beyond the specific terms hereof;

(b) not be responsible for any recitals contained in this Agreement, or in any certificate or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by it under, this Agreement, the Securities or the Purchase Contract Agreement, or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement (other than as against the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be), the Securities, any Collateral or the Purchase Contract Agreement or any other document referred to or provided for herein or therein or for any failure by the Company or any other Person (except the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be) to perform any of its obligations hereunder or thereunder or for the perfection, priority or, except as expressly required hereby, maintenance of any security interest created hereunder;

(c) not be required to initiate or conduct any litigation or collection proceedings hereunder (except pursuant to directions furnished under Section 9.02 hereof, subject to Section 9.06 hereof);

(d) not be responsible for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it hereunder or under any other document or instrument referred to or provided for herein or in connection herewith or therewith, except for its own negligence or willful misconduct; and

(e) not be required to advise any party as to selling or retaining, or taking or refraining from taking any action with respect to, any securities or other property deposited hereunder.

Subject to the foregoing, during the term of this Agreement, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary shall take all reasonable action in connection with the safekeeping and preservation of the Collateral hereunder.

No provision of this Agreement shall require the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder. In no event shall the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary be liable for any amount in excess of the Value of the Collateral. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary in its individual capacity hereby waives any right of setoff, bankers' lien, liens or perfection rights as securities intermediary or any counterclaim with respect to any of the Collateral.

SECTION 9.02. Instructions of the Company. The Company shall have the right, by one or more written instruments executed and delivered to the Collateral Agent, to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for the realization of any right or remedy available to the Collateral Agent, or of exercising any power conferred on the Collateral Agent, or to direct the taking or refraining from taking of any action authorized by this Agreement; provided, however, that (i) such direction shall not conflict with the provisions of any law or of this Agreement or involve the Collateral Agent in personal liability and (ii) the Collateral Agent shall be adequately indemnified as provided herein. Nothing contained in this Section 9.02 shall impair the right of the Collateral Agent in its discretion to take any action or omit to take any action which it deems proper and which is not inconsistent with such direction.

SECTION 9.03. Reliance by Collateral Agent and Securities Intermediary. Each of the Securities Intermediary, the Custodial Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to rely upon any certification, order, judgment, opinion, notice or other written communication (including, without limitation, any thereof by e-mail or similar electronic means, telecopy, telex or facsimile) believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed or sent by or on behalf of the proper Person or Persons (without being required to determine the correctness of any fact stated therein) and consult with and rely upon advice, opinions and statements of legal counsel and other experts selected by the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary, as the case may be. As to any matters not expressly provided for by this Agreement, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, hereunder in accordance with instructions given by the Company in accordance with this Agreement.

SECTION 9.04. Rights in Other Capacities. The Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary and their affiliates may (without having to account therefor to the Company) accept deposits from, lend money to, make their investments in and generally engage in any kind of banking, trust or other business with the Purchase Contract Agent, any other Person interested herein and any Holder of Securities (and any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates) as if it were not acting as the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, and the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and their affiliates may accept fees and other consideration from the Purchase Contract Agent and any Holder of Securities without having to account for the same to the Company; provided that each

of the Securities Intermediary, the Custodial Agent and the Collateral Agent covenants and agrees with the Company that it shall not accept, receive or permit there to be created in favor of itself and shall take no affirmative action to permit there to be created in favor of any other Person, any security interest, lien or other encumbrance of any kind in or upon the Collateral other than the lien created by the Pledge.

SECTION 9.05. Non-Reliance on Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary. None of the Securities Intermediary, the Custodial Agent or the Collateral Agent shall be required to keep itself informed as to the performance or observance by the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder of Securities of this Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Securities or any other document referred to or provided for herein or therein or to inspect the properties or books of the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder of Securities. None of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary shall have any duty or responsibility to provide the Company with any credit or other information concerning the affairs, financial condition or business of the Purchase Contract Agent or any Holder of Securities (or any of their respective affiliates) that may come into the possession of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary or any of their respective affiliates.

SECTION 9.06. Compensation and Indemnity. The Company agrees to:

(a) pay the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary from time to time such compensation as shall be agreed in writing between the Company and the Collateral Agent or the Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, for all services rendered by them hereunder;

(b) indemnify and hold harmless the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and each of their respective directors, officers, agents and employees (collectively, the "Indemnitees"), harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) (collectively, "Losses" and individually, a "Loss") that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against, the Indemnitees or any of them for following any instructions or other directions upon which either the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary is entitled to rely pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and

(c) in addition to and not in limitation of paragraph (b) immediately above, indemnify and hold the Indemnitees and each of them harmless from and against any and all Losses that may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against, the Indemnitees or any of them in connection with or arising out of the Collateral Agent's, the Custodial Agent's or the Securities Intermediary's acceptance or performance of its powers and duties under this Agreement, provided the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary has not acted with negligence or engaged in willful misconduct or bad faith with respect to the specific Loss against which indemnification is sought.

The provisions of this Section and Section 11.07 shall survive the resignation or removal of the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary and the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.07. Failure to Act. In the event of any ambiguity in the provisions of this Agreement or any dispute between or conflicting claims by or among the parties hereto or any other Person with respect to any funds or property deposited hereunder, then at its sole option, each of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary shall be entitled, after prompt notice to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent, to refuse to comply with any and all claims, demands or instructions with respect to such property or funds so long as such dispute or conflict shall continue, and the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary shall not be or become liable in any way to any of the parties hereto for its failure or refusal to comply with such conflicting claims, demands or instructions. The Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary shall be entitled to refuse to act until either:

(a) such conflicting or adverse claims or demands shall have been finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or settled by agreement between the conflicting parties as evidenced in a writing satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary; or

(b) the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary shall have received security or an indemnity satisfactory to it sufficient to save it harmless from and against any and all loss, liability or reasonable out-of-pocket expense which it may incur by reason of its acting. The Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary may in addition elect to commence an interpleader action or seek other judicial relief or orders as the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary may deem necessary. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, none of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary shall be required to take any action that is in its opinion contrary to law or to the terms of

this Agreement, or which would in its opinion subject it or any of its officers, employees or directors to liability.

SECTION 9.08. Resignation of Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary.

(a) Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary as provided below:

(i) if the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary is the same Person and the Purchase Contract Agent and an event of default occurs under the Purchase Contract Agreement or this Agreement, except an event of default as a result of (x) a Failed Secondary Remarketing or (y) the event referred to in clause (ii) of the second paragraph of Section 5.07(a) hereof, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary shall resign immediately;

(ii) the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary may resign at any time by giving notice thereof to the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent as attorney-in-fact for the Holders of Securities;

(iii) the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary may be removed at any time by the Company; and

(iv) if the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary fails to perform any of its material obligations hereunder in any material respect for a period of not less than 20 days after receiving written notice of such failure by the Purchase Contract Agent and such failure shall be continuing, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary may be removed by the Purchase Contract Agent, acting at the direction of the Holders of Securities.

The Purchase Contract Agent shall promptly notify the Company of any removal of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary pursuant to clause (iv) of this Section 9.08(a). Upon any such resignation or removal, the Company shall have the right to appoint a successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, which, in the case of a resignation pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 9.08(a), shall not be an Affiliate of the Purchase Contract Agent. If no successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Collateral Agent's, Custodial Agent's or Securities Intermediary's giving of notice of resignation or the Company's or the Purchase Contract Agent's giving notice of such removal, then the retiring Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary. The Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary shall each be a bank or a national banking association which has an office (or an agency office) in New York City with a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary hereunder by a successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, such successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, and the retiring Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, as the case may be, shall take all appropriate action, subject to payment of any amounts owed to it hereunder, to transfer any money and property held by it hereunder (including the Collateral) to such successor. The retiring Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary shall, upon such succession, be discharged from its duties and obligations as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary hereunder. After any retiring Collateral Agent's, Custodial Agent's or Securities Intermediary's resignation hereunder as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, the provisions of this Article 9 shall continue in effect for its benefit in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was acting as the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary. Any resignation or removal of the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary hereunder, at a time when such Person is acting as the Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent or Securities Intermediary, shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement as the simultaneous resignation or removal of the Collateral Agent, Securities Intermediary or Custodial Agent, as the case may be.

SECTION 9.09. Right to Appoint Agent or Advisor. The Collateral Agent shall have the right to appoint agents or advisors in connection with any of its duties hereunder, and the Collateral Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted by, or in reliance upon the advice of, such agents or advisors selected in good faith. The appointment of agents pursuant to this Section 9.09 shall be subject to prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 9.10. Survival. The provisions of this Article 9 shall survive termination of this Agreement and the resignation or removal of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary.

SECTION 9.11. Exculpation. Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary or their officers, directors, employees or agents be liable under this Agreement to any third party for indirect, special, punitive, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever, including, but not limited to, lost profits, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was known to the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent or the Securities Intermediary, or any of them and regardless of the form of action.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT

SECTION 10.01. Amendment Without Consent of Holders. Without the consent of any Holders, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent the Securities Intermediary and the Purchase Contract Agent, at any time and from time to time, may amend this Agreement, in form satisfactory to the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Purchase Contract Agent, to:

(a) evidence the succession of another Person to the Company and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Company;

(b) evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent, Securities Intermediary or Purchase Contract Agent;

(c) add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders, or surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company, provided such covenants or such surrender do not adversely affect the validity, perfection or priority of the Pledge created hereunder; or

(d) cure any ambiguity (or formal defect), correct or supplement any provisions herein which may be inconsistent with any other such provisions herein, or make any other provisions with respect to such matters or questions arising under this Agreement, provided such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect.

SECTION 10.02. Amendment with Consent of Holders. With the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority of the Purchase Contracts at the time outstanding, by Act of such Holders delivered to the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, the Company, when duly authorized by a Board Resolution, the Purchase Contract Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Collateral Agent may amend this Agreement for the purpose of modifying in any manner the provisions of this Agreement or the rights of the Holders in respect of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental agreement shall, without the unanimous consent of the Holders of each Outstanding Security adversely affected thereby in any material respect:

(a) change the amount or type of Collateral underlying a Security (except for the rights of holders of Income PACS to substitute the Treasury Securities for the Pledged Notes or the Pledged Applicable Ownership Interest, as the case may be, or the rights of Holders of Growth PACS to substitute Notes or the Applicable Ownership Interest (as specified in clause (A) of such term) of the Treasury Portfolio, as applicable, for the Pledged Treasury Securities), impair the right of the Holder of any Security to receive distributions on the underlying Collateral or otherwise adversely affect the Holder's rights in or to such Collateral; or

(b) otherwise effect any action that would require the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement if such action were effected by a modification or amendment of the provisions of the Purchase Contract Agreement; or

(c) reduce the percentage of Purchase Contracts the consent of whose Holders is required for the modification or amendment of the provisions of this Agreement;

provided that if any amendment or proposal referred to above would adversely affect only the Income PACS or only the Growth PACS, then only the affected class of Holders as of the record date for the Holders entitled to vote thereon will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal, and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the consent of Holders of not less than a majority of such class; provided, further, that the unanimous consent of the Holders of each outstanding Purchase Contract of such class affected thereby shall be required to approve any amendment or proposal specified in clauses (a) through (c) above.

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, but it

shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

SECTION 10.03. Execution of Amendments. In executing any amendment permitted by this Section, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Purchase Contract Agent shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01 of the Purchase Contract Agreement with respect to the Purchase Contract Agent) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amendment is authorized or permitted by this Agreement and that all conditions precedent, if any, to the execution and delivery of such amendment have been satisfied. The Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent, Securities Intermediary and Purchase Contract Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such amendment which affects their own respective rights, duties or immunities under this Agreement or otherwise.

SECTION 10.04. Effect of Amendments. Upon the execution of any amendment under this Section, this Agreement shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such amendment shall form a part of this Agreement for all purposes; and every Holder of Certificates theretofore or thereafter authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered under the Purchase Contract Agreement shall be bound thereby.

SECTION 10.05. Reference of Amendments. Certificates authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered after the execution of any amendment pursuant to this Section may, and shall if required by the Collateral Agent or the Purchase Contract Agent, bear a notation in form approved by the Purchase Contract Agent and the Collateral Agent as to any matter provided for in such amendment. If the Company shall so determine, new Security Certificates so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Collateral Agent, the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company, to any such amendment may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated, executed on behalf of the Holders and delivered by the Purchase Contract Agent in accordance with the Purchase Contract Agreement in exchange for Certificates representing Outstanding Securities.

ARTICLE 11 MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 11.01. No Waiver. No failure on the part of the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary or any of their respective agents to exercise, and no course of dealing with respect to, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise by the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Securities Intermediary or any of their respective agents of any right, power or remedy hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. The remedies herein are cumulative and are not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

SECTION 11.02. Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. The Company, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Holders from time to time of the Securities, acting through the Purchase Contract Agent as their attorney-in-fact, hereby submit to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and of any New York state court sitting in New York City for the purposes of all legal proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. The Company, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Holders from time to time of the Securities, acting through the Purchase Contract Agent as their attorney-in-fact, irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection which they may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such proceeding brought in such a court and any claim that any such proceeding brought in such a court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 11.03. Notices. All notices, requests, consents and other communications provided for herein (including, without limitation, any modifications of, or waivers or consents under, this Agreement) shall be given or made in writing (including, without limitation, by telecopy) delivered to the intended recipient at the "Address for Notices" specified below its name on the signature pages hereof or, as to any party, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a notice to the other parties. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all such communications shall be deemed to have been duly given when transmitted by telecopier or personally delivered or, in the case of a mailed notice, upon receipt, in each case given or addressed as aforesaid.

SECTION 11.04. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the Company, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary and the Purchase Contract Agent, and the Holders from time to time of the Securities, by their acceptance of the same, shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the provisions hereof and to have ratified the agreements of, and the grant of the Pledge hereunder by, the Purchase Contract Agent.

SECTION 11.05. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any of the parties hereto may execute this Agreement by signing any such counterpart.

SECTION 11.06. Severability. If any provision hereof is invalid and unenforceable in any jurisdiction, then, to the fullest extent permitted by law, (i) the other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect in such jurisdiction and shall be liberally construed in order to carry out the intentions of the parties hereto as nearly as may be possible and (ii) the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision hereof in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 11.07. Expenses, Etc.. The Company agrees to reimburse the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary for:

(a) all reasonable costs and expenses of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary), in connection with (i) the negotiation, preparation, execution and delivery or performance of this Agreement and (ii) any modification, supplement or waiver of any of the terms of this Agreement;

(b) all reasonable costs and expenses of the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) in connection with (i) any enforcement or proceedings resulting or incurred in connection with causing any Holder of Securities to satisfy its obligations under the Purchase Contracts forming a part of the Securities and (ii) the enforcement of this Section 11.07;

(c) all transfer, stamp, documentary or other similar taxes, assessments or charges levied by any governmental or revenue authority in respect of this Agreement or any other document referred to herein and all costs, expenses, taxes, assessments and other charges incurred in connection with any filing, registration, recording or perfection of any security interest contemplated hereby;

(d) all fees and expenses of any agent or advisor appointed by the Collateral Agent and consented to by the Company under Section 9.09 of this Agreement; and

(e) any other out-of-pocket costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent and the Securities Intermediary in connection with the performance of their duties hereunder.

SECTION 11.08. Security Interest Absolute. All rights of the Collateral Agent and security interests hereunder, and all obligations of the Holders from time to time hereunder, shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of:

(a) any lack of validity or enforceability of any provision of the Purchase Contracts or the Securities or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;

(b) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or any other term of, or any increase in the amount of, all or any of the obligations of Holders of the Securities under the related Purchase Contracts, or any other amendment or waiver of any term of, or any consent to any departure from any requirement of, the Purchase Contract Agreement or any Purchase Contract or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto; or

(c) any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or discharge of, a borrower, a guarantor or a pledger.

SECTION 11.09. Notice of Tax Event, Tax Event Redemption and Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of a Tax Event, a Tax Event Redemption or a Termination Event, the Company shall deliver written notice to the Collateral Agent and the Securities Intermediary. Upon the written request of the Collateral Agent or the Securities Intermediary, the Company shall inform such party whether or not a Tax Event, a Tax Event Redemption or a Termination Event has occurred.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, as
Purchase Contract Agent and
as attorney-in-fact of the Holders
from time to time of the Securities

By: /s/ James G. Ivey

Name: James G. Ivey
Title: Treasurer

Address for Notices:

The Williams Companies, Inc.
The Williams Companies, Inc.
One Williams Center, Suite 5000
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172
Telecopier No.: (918) 573-2065
Attention: Treasurer
Telecopier No.:(918) 573-4503
Attention: General Counsel

With a copy to:
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Four Times Square
New York, New York 10036
Telecopier No.: (212) 735-2000
Attention: John Osborn, Esq.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and
Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Joanne Adamis

Name: Joanne Adamis
Title: Vice President

Address for Notices:

450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001
Telecopier No.: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

By: /s/ Joanne Adamis

Name: Joanne Adamis
Title: Vice President

Address for Notices:

450 W. 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001
Telecopier No.: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust
Services

EXHIBIT A

INSTRUCTION
FROM PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT
TO COLLATERAL AGENT
(Establishment of Growth PACS)

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: _____ Income PACS of The Williams Companies, Inc.
(the "Company")

The securities account of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as
Collateral Agent, maintained by the Securities
Intermediary and designated "JPMorgan Chase Bank, as
Collateral Agent of The Williams Companies, Inc., as
pledgee of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as the Purchase Contract
Agent on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for the
Holders" (the "Collateral Account")

Please refer to the Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002
(the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company, you, as Collateral Agent, as
Securities Intermediary and as Custodial Agent and the undersigned, as
Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the holders of Income
PACS from time to time. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall
have the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

We hereby notify you in accordance with Section 5.02 of the Pledge
Agreement that the holder of securities named below (the "Holder") has
elected to substitute \$_____ Value of Treasury Securities or security
entitlements with respect thereto in exchange for an equal Value of
[Pledged Notes] [Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests] relating to
_____ Income PACS and has delivered to the undersigned a notice stating
that the Holder has Transferred such Treasury Securities or security
entitlements with respect thereto to the Securities Intermediary, for
credit to the Collateral Account.

We hereby request that you instruct the Securities Intermediary,
upon confirmation that such Treasury Securities or security entitlements

thereto have been credited to the Collateral Account, to release to the undersigned an equal Value of [Pledged Notes] [Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests] in accordance with Section 5.02 of the Pledge Agreement.

Date: JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Purchase Contract Agent and as
attorney-in-fact of the Holders from
time to time of the Securities

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Please print name and address of Holder electing to substitute Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto for the [Pledged Notes] [Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests]:

Name Social Security or other
Taxpayer Identification Number,
if any

Address

EXHIBIT B

INSTRUCTION
FROM COLLATERAL AGENT
TO SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY
(Establishment of Growth PACS)

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: _____ Income PACS of The Williams Companies, Inc. (the
"Company")

The securities account of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent, maintained by the Securities Intermediary and designated "JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent of The Williams Companies, Inc., as pledgee of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as the Purchase Contract Agent on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for the Holders" (the "Collateral Account")

Please refer to the Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company, you, as Securities Intermediary, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the holders of Income PACS from time to time, and the undersigned, as Collateral Agent. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

When you have confirmed that \$_____ Value of Treasury Securities or security entitlements thereto has been credited to the Collateral Account by or for the benefit of _____, as Holder of Growth PACS (the "Holder"), you are hereby instructed to release from the Collateral Account an equal Value of [Pledged Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto] [Pledged Applicable Ownership Interests] relating to _____ Income PACS of the Holder by Transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent.

JPMorgan Chase Bank
as Collateral Agent

Dated: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Please print name and address of Holder:

Name	Social Security or other Taxpayer Identification Number, if any
Address	

EXHIBIT C

INSTRUCTION
FROM PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT
TO COLLATERAL AGENT
(Reestablishment of Income PACS)

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: _____ Growth PACS of The Williams Companies, Inc. (the
"Company")

Please refer to the Pledge Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company, you, as Collateral Agent, as Securities Intermediary, as Custodial Agent and the undersigned, as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the holders of Income PACS from time to time. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

We hereby notify you in accordance with Section 5.03[(a)][(b)] of the Pledge Agreement that the holder of securities listed below (the "Holder") has elected to substitute \$ Value of [Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto] [Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term] in exchange for \$_____ Value of Pledged Treasury Securities and has delivered to the undersigned a notice stating that the holder has Transferred such [Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto] [Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term] to the Securities Intermediary, for credit to the Collateral Account.

We hereby request that you instruct the Securities Intermediary, upon confirmation that such [Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto] [Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term] have been credited to the Collateral Account, to release to the undersigned \$_____ Value of Treasury Securities or security entitlements with respect thereto related to _____ Growth PACS of such Holder in accordance with Section 5.03(a) of the Pledge Agreement.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Purchase Contract Agent

Dated: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Please print name and address of Holder electing to substitute [Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto] [Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term] for Pledged Treasury Securities:

Name	Social Security or other Taxpayer Identification Number, if any
Address	

EXHIBIT D

INSTRUCTION
FROM COLLATERAL AGENT
TO SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY
(Reestablishment of Income PACS)

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: _____ Growth PACS of The Williams Companies, Inc. (the
"Company")

The securities account of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent, maintained by the Securities Intermediary and designated "JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Collateral Agent of The Williams Companies, Inc., as pledgee of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as the Purchase Contract Agent on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for the Holders" (the "Collateral Account")

Please refer to the Pledge Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company, you, as Securities Intermediary, Custodial Agent and Collateral Agent and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the holders of Income PACS from time to time, and the undersigned, as Collateral Agent. Capitalized terms used herein but no defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

When you have confirmed that \$ _____ Value of [Notes or security entitlements with respect thereto] [Applicable Ownership Interests (as specified in clause (A) of the definition of such term) has been credited to the Collateral Account by or for the benefit of _____, as Holder of Income PACS (the "Holder"), you are hereby instructed to release from the Collateral Account \$ _____ Value of Treasury Securities or security entitlements thereto by Transfer to the Purchase Contract Agent.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Collateral Agent

Dated: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Name

Social Security or other
Taxpayer Identification Number,
if any

Address

EXHIBIT E

NOTICE OF CASH SETTLEMENT FROM COLLATERAL
AGENT TO PURCHASE CONTRACT AGENT
(Cash Settlement Amounts)

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: _____ Income PACS of The Williams Companies, Inc. (the
"Company")
_____ Growth PACS of the Company

Please refer to the Pledge Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), by and among you, the Company, and JPMorgan Chase

Bank, as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Pledge Agreement are used herein as defined therein.

In accordance with Section 5.05(d) of the Pledge Agreement, we hereby notify you that as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day immediately preceding _____, we have received (i) \$ _____ in immediately available funds paid in an aggregate amount equal to the Purchase Price due to the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date with respect to _____ Income PACS and (ii) \$ _____ in immediately available funds paid in an aggregate amount equal to the Purchase Price due to the Company on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date with respect to _____ Growth PACS.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
as Collateral Agent,

Dated: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:

EXHIBIT F

INSTRUCTION TO CUSTODIAL AGENT REGARDING
REMARKETING

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: Notes of The Williams Companies, Inc. (the "Company")

The undersigned hereby notifies you in accordance with Section 5.07(c) of the Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company, you, as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary, the Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the holders of Income PACS from time to time, that the undersigned elects to deliver \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of Separate Notes for delivery to the Remarketing Agent on the Business Day immediately preceding the [Initial Remarketing Date] [Secondary Remarketing Date] for remarketing pursuant to Section 5.07(c) of the Pledge Agreement. The undersigned will, upon request of the Remarketing Agent, execute and deliver any additional documents deemed by the Remarketing Agent or by the Company to be necessary or desirable to complete the sale, assignment and transfer of the Separate Notes tendered hereby. Capitalized terms used herein but no defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

The undersigned hereby instructs you, upon receipt of the Proceeds of such remarketing from the Remarketing Agent to deliver such Proceeds to the undersigned in accordance with the instructions indicated herein under "A. Payment Instructions." The undersigned hereby instructs you, in the event of a Failed [Initial] [Secondary] Remarketing, upon receipt of the Separate Notes tendered herewith from the Remarketing Agent, to be delivered to the person(s) and the address(es) indicated herein under "B. Delivery Instructions."

With this notice, the undersigned hereby (i) represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to tender, sell, assign and transfer the Separate Notes tendered hereby and that the undersigned is the record owner of any Notes tendered herewith in physical form or a participant in The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and the beneficial owner of any Notes tendered herewith by book-entry transfer to your account at DTC and (ii) agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of Section 5.07(c) of the Pledge Agreement.

Date: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Signature Guarantee: _____

Name

Social Security or other Taxpayer
Identification Number, if any

Address

A. PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Proceeds of the remarketing should be paid by check in the name of the person(s) set forth below and mailed to the address set forth below.

Name(s)

(Please Print)

Address

(Please Print)

(Zip Code)

(Tax Identification or Social Security Number)

B. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

In the event of a failed remarketing, Notes which are in physical form should be delivered to the person(s) set forth below and mailed to the address set forth below.

Name(s)

(Please Print)

Address

(Please Print)

(Zip Code)

(Tax Identification or Social Security Number)

In the event of a failed remarketing, Notes which are in book-entry form should be credited to the account at The Depository Trust Company set forth below.

DTC Account Number

Name of Account Party: _____

EXHIBIT G

INSTRUCTION TO CUSTODIAL AGENT REGARDING
WITHDRAWAL FROM REMARKETING

JPMorgan Chase Bank
450 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
Telecopier No: (212) 946-8154
Attention: Institutional Trust Services

Re: Notes of The Williams Companies, Inc. (the "Company")

The undersigned hereby notifies you in accordance with Section 5.07(c) of the Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge Agreement"), among the Company and you, as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary, and as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact for the holders of Income PACS from time to time, that the undersigned elects to withdraw the \$_____ aggregate principal amount of Separate Notes delivered to the Custodial Agent on _____, 200_ for remarketing pursuant to Section 5.07(c) of the Pledge Agreement. The undersigned hereby instructs you to return such Notes to the undersigned in accordance with the undersigned's instructions. With this notice, the Undersigned hereby agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of

Section 5.07(c) of the Pledge Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Pledge Agreement.

Date: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Signature Guarantee: _____

Name

Social Security or other Taxpayer
Identification Number, if any

Address

REMARKETING AGREEMENT

REMARKETING AGREEMENT, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Agreement") by and between The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, a New York banking corporation, not individually but solely as Purchase Contract Agent (the "Purchase Contract Agent") and as attorney-in-fact of the holders of Purchase Contracts (as defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement (as defined herein)), and Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Remarketing Agent").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company will issue \$1,000,000,000 (or up to \$1,150,000,000 if the underwriters' overallotment option is exercised in full) aggregate Stated Amount of its FELINE PACS (the "FELINE PACS") under the Purchase Contract Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002, by and between the Purchase Contract Agent and the Company (the "Purchase Contract Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the FELINE PACS will initially consist of 40,000,000 (or 46,000,000 if the underwriters' overallotment option is exercised in full) units referred to as "Income PACS;"

WHEREAS, the Company will issue concurrently in connection with the issuance of the FELINE PACS \$1,000,000,000 (or up to \$1,150,000,000 if the underwriters' overallotment option is exercised in full) aggregate principal amount of 6.50% Senior Notes due 2007 (the "Notes") of the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Notes forming a part of the Income PACS will be pledged pursuant to the Pledge Agreement (the "Pledge Agreement"), dated as of January 14, 2002, by and among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as collateral agent (the "Collateral Agent") and the Purchase Contract Agent, to secure an Income PACS holder's obligations under the related Purchase Contract on the Purchase Contract Settlement Date; and

WHEREAS, the Notes of the Income PACS holders and of the Note holders electing to have their Notes remarketed will be remarketed by the Remarketing Agent on the third Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004 (the "Initial Remarketing Date"); and

WHEREAS, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, the Notes of the Note holders electing to have their Notes remarketed and of the Income PACS holders who have elected not to settle the Purchase Contracts related to their Income PACS by Cash Settlement will be remarketed by the Remarketing Agent on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a Successful Initial Remarketing, the applicable interest rate on the Notes will be reset on the Initial Remarketing Date, to the Reset Rate to be determined by the Reset Agent as the rate that such Notes should bear in order for the Applicable Principal Amount of the Notes to have an approximate aggregate market value of 100.5% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price on the Initial Remarketing Date, provided that in the determination of such Reset Rate, the Company shall, if applicable, limit the Reset Rate to the maximum rate permitted by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, the applicable interest rate on the Notes that remain outstanding on and after the Purchase Contract Settlement Date will be reset on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, to the Reset Rate to be determined by the Reset Agent as the rate that such Notes should bear in order to have an approximate market value of 100.5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, provided that in the determination of such Reset Rate, the Company shall, if applicable, limit the Reset Rate to the maximum rate permitted by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch") to act as the Reset Agent and as the Remarketing Agent, and as such to perform the services described herein; and

WHEREAS, Merrill Lynch is willing to act as Reset Agent and Remarketing Agent and as such to perform such duties on the terms and conditions expressly set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants herein made, and subject to the conditions herein set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used and not defined in this Agreement, in the recitals hereto or in the paragraph preceding such recitals shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Purchase Contract Agreement or, if not therein defined, the Pledge Agreement.

Section 2. Appointment and Obligations of Remarketing Agent. (a)

The Company hereby appoints Merrill Lynch and Merrill Lynch hereby accepts such appointment, (i) as the Reset Agent to determine in consultation with the Company, in the manner provided for herein and in the Indenture (as defined in Schedule I hereto) (as in effect on the date of this Remarketing Agreement) with respect to the Notes, (1) the Reset Rate that, in the opinion of the Reset Agent, will, when applied to the Notes, enable the Applicable Principal Amount of the Notes to have an approximate aggregate market value of 100.5% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price as of the Initial Remarketing Date, and (2) in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, the Reset Rate that, in the opinion of the Reset Agent, will, when applied to the Notes, enable a Note to have an approximate market value of 100.5% of its principal amount as of the third Business Day preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, provided, in each case, that the Company, by notice to the Reset Agent prior to the tenth Business Day preceding (x) November 16, 2004, in the case of the Initial Remarketing (as defined below), or (y) the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing (as defined below), shall, if applicable, limit the Reset Rate so that it does not exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law and (ii) as the exclusive Remarketing Agent (subject to the right of Merrill Lynch to appoint additional remarketing agents hereunder as described below) to (1) remarket the Notes of the Note holders electing to have their Notes remarketed and of the Income PACS holders on the Initial Remarketing Date, for settlement on November 16, 2004 and (2) in the case of a Failed Initial Remarketing, remarket the Notes of the Note holders electing to have their Notes remarketed or of the Income PACS holders who have failed to notify the Purchase Contract Agent, on or prior to the fifth Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, of their intention to settle the related Purchase Contracts through Cash Settlement. In connection with the remarketing contemplated hereby, the Remarketing Agent will enter into a Supplemental Remarketing Agreement (the "Supplemental Remarketing Agreement") with the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent, which shall either be (i) substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (with such changes as the Company and the Remarketing Agent may agree upon, it being understood that changes may be necessary in the representations, warranties, covenants and other provisions of the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement due to changes in law or facts and circumstances or in the event that Merrill Lynch is not the sole remarketing agent, and with such further changes therein as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request), or (ii) in such other form as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request, subject to the approval of the Company (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld). Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Merrill Lynch shall not be obligated to act as Remarketing Agent or Reset Agent hereunder unless the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement is in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Merrill Lynch. The Company agrees that Merrill Lynch shall have the right, on 15 Business Days notice to the Company, to appoint one or more additional remarketing agents so long as any such additional remarketing agents shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company. Upon any such appointment, the parties shall enter into an appropriate amendment to this Agreement to reflect the addition of any such remarketing agent.

(b) Pursuant to the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, the Remarketing Agent, either as sole remarketing agent or as representative of a group of remarketing agents appointed as aforesaid, will agree, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and therein, to use its reasonable efforts to (i) remarket, on the Initial Remarketing Date, the Notes that the Custodial Agent (as such term is defined in the Pledge Agreement) and the Purchase Contract Agent shall have notified the Remarketing Agent have been tendered for, or otherwise are to be included in, the Initial Remarketing, at a price per Note such that the aggregate price for the Applicable Principal Amount of the Notes is approximately 100.5% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price and (ii) in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, remarket, on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, the Notes that the Custodial Agent and the Purchase Contract Agent shall have notified the Remarketing Agent have been tendered for, or otherwise are to be included in, the Secondary Remarketing, at a price of approximately 100.5% of the aggregate principal amount of such Notes.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Remarketing Agent shall not remarket any Notes for a price per Note that is less than the price necessary for the Applicable Principal Amount of the Notes to have an aggregate price equal to 100% of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price (the "Minimum Initial Remarketing Price"), in the case of the Initial Remarketing, or the aggregate principal amount of such Notes, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing. After deducting the fee specified in Section 3 below, the proceeds of such Initial Remarketing or Secondary Remarketing, as the case may be, shall be paid to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Pledge Agreement and Section 5.02 of the Purchase Contract Agreement (each of which Sections are incorporated herein by reference). The right of each holder of Notes or Income PACS to have Notes tendered for the Initial Remarketing or the Secondary Remarketing, as the case may be, shall be limited to the extent that (i) the Remarketing Agent conducts an Initial Remarketing and, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, a Secondary Remarketing pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (ii) Notes tendered have not been called for redemption, (iii) the Remarketing Agent is able to find a purchaser or purchasers for

tendered Notes at a price of not less than the Minimum Initial Remarketing Price, in the case of the Initial Remarketing, and 100% of the principal amount thereof, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing and (iv) such purchaser or purchasers deliver the purchase price therefor to the Remarketing Agent as and when required.

(c) It is understood and agreed that neither the Remarketing Agent nor the Reset Agent shall have any obligation whatsoever to purchase any Notes, whether in the Initial Remarketing, Secondary Remarketing or otherwise, and shall in no way be obligated to provide funds to make payment upon tender of Notes for remarketing or to otherwise expend or risk their own funds or incur or be exposed to financial liability in the performance of their respective duties under this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, and, without limitation of the foregoing, the Remarketing Agent shall not be deemed an underwriter of the remarketed Notes. The Company shall not be obligated in any case to provide funds to make payment upon tender of Notes for remarketing.

Section 3. Fees. In the event of a Successful Initial Remarketing, the Remarketing Agent shall retain as a remarketing fee (the "Remarketing Fee") an amount not exceeding 25 basis points (0.25%) of the Minimum Initial Remarketing Price from any amount received in connection with such Initial Remarketing in excess of the Minimum Initial Remarketing Price. In the event of a Successful Secondary Remarketing, the Remarketing Agent shall retain as the Remarketing Fee an amount not exceeding 25 basis points (0.25%), of the principal amount of the remarketed Notes from any amount received in connection with such Secondary Remarketing in excess of the aggregate principal amount of such remarketed Notes. In addition, the Reset Agent shall, in either case, receive from the Company a reasonable and customary fee (the "Reset Agent Fee"); provided, however, that if the Remarketing Agent shall also act as the Reset Agent, then the Reset Agent shall not be entitled to receive any such Reset Agent Fee. Payment of such Reset Agent Fee shall be made by the Company on the Initial Remarketing Date, in the case of a Successful Initial Remarketing, or on the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of a Successful Secondary Remarketing, in immediately available funds or, upon the instructions of the Reset Agent, by certified or official bank check or checks or by wire transfer.

Section 4. Replacement and Resignation of Remarketing Agent. (a) The Company may in its absolute discretion replace Merrill Lynch as the Remarketing Agent and as the Reset Agent hereunder by giving notice prior to 3:00 p.m., New York City time (i) on the eleventh Business Day immediately prior to November 16, 2004, or (ii) in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, prior to 3:00 p.m., New York City time on the eleventh Business Day immediately prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, provided, in either case, that the Company must replace Merrill Lynch both as Remarketing Agent and as Reset Agent unless Merrill Lynch shall otherwise agree. Any such replacement shall become effective upon the Company's appointment of a successor to perform the services that would otherwise be performed hereunder by the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent. Upon providing such notice, the Company shall use all reasonable efforts to appoint such a successor and to enter into a remarketing agreement with such successor as soon as reasonably practicable. The Company shall notify the Purchase Contract Agent and the Collateral Agent of the appointment of any such successor.

(b) Merrill Lynch may resign at any time and be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder as the Remarketing Agent and/or as the Reset Agent by giving notice prior to 3:00 p.m., New York City time (i) on the eleventh Business Day immediately prior to November 16, 2004, or (ii) in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, on the eleventh Business Day immediately prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date. Any such resignation shall become effective upon the Company's appointment of a successor to perform the services that would otherwise be performed hereunder by the Remarketing Agent and/or the Reset Agent. Upon receiving notice from the Remarketing Agent and/or the Reset Agent that it wishes to resign hereunder, the Company shall appoint such a successor and enter into a remarketing agreement with it as soon as reasonably practicable.

Section 5. Dealing in the Securities. Each of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent, when acting hereunder or, in the case of the Remarketing Agent, under the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, or when acting in its individual or any other capacity, may, to the extent permitted by law, buy, sell, hold or deal in any of the Notes, Growth PACS, Income PACS or any other securities of the Company. With respect to any Notes, Growth PACS Units, Income PACS or any other securities of the Company owned by it, each of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent may exercise any vote or join in any action with like effect as if it did not act in any capacity hereunder. Each of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent, in its individual capacity, either as principal or agent, may also engage in or have an interest in any financial or other transaction with the Company as freely as if it did not act in any capacity hereunder. The Company may, to the extent permitted by law, purchase any Notes that are remarketed by any Remarketing Agent.

Section 6. Registration Statement and Prospectus. (a) In connection with the Initial Remarketing, if and to the extent required in the view of counsel (which need not be an opinion) for either the Remarketing Agent or the Company by applicable law, regulations or

interpretations in effect at the time of such Initial Remarketing, the Company (i) shall use its reasonable efforts to have a registration statement relating to the Notes effective under the Securities Act of 1933 prior to the third Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004, (ii) if requested by the Remarketing Agent shall furnish a current preliminary prospectus and, if applicable, a current preliminary prospectus supplement to be used by the Remarketing Agent in the Initial Remarketing not later than seven Business Days prior to November 16, 2004 (or such earlier date as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request) and in such quantities as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request, and (iii) shall furnish a current final prospectus and, if applicable, a final prospectus supplement to be used by the Remarketing Agent in the Initial Remarketing not later than the third Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004 in such quantities as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request, and shall pay all expenses relating thereto.

(b) In the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing and in connection with the Secondary Remarketing, if and to the extent required in the view of counsel (which need not be an opinion) for either the Remarketing Agent or the Company by applicable law, regulations or interpretations in effect at the time of such Secondary Remarketing, the Company (i) shall use its reasonable efforts to have a registration statement relating to the Notes effective under the Securities Act of 1933 prior to the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, (ii) if requested by the Remarketing Agent, shall furnish a current preliminary prospectus and, if applicable, a current preliminary prospectus supplement to be used by the Remarketing Agent in the Secondary Remarketing not later than seven Business Days prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date (or such earlier date as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request) and in such quantities as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request, and (iii) shall furnish a current final prospectus and, if applicable, a final prospectus supplement to be used by the Remarketing Agent in the Secondary Remarketing not later than the third Business Day immediately preceding the Purchase Contract Settlement Date in such quantities as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request, and shall pay all expenses relating thereto.

(c) If in connection with the Initial Remarketing or, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, the Secondary Remarketing, it shall not be possible, in the view of counsel (which need not be an opinion) for either the Remarketing Agent or the Company, under applicable law, regulations or interpretations in effect at the time of such Initial Remarketing or such Secondary Remarketing to register the offer and sale by the Company of the Notes under the Securities Act of 1933 as otherwise contemplated by this Section 6, the Company (i) shall use its reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all action and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper and advisable to permit and effectuate the offer and sale of the Notes in connection with the Initial Remarketing or the Secondary Remarketing, as the case may be, without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to an exemption therefrom, if available, including the exemption afforded by Rule 144A under the rules and regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933 by the Securities and Exchange Commission, (ii) if requested by the Remarketing Agent shall furnish a current preliminary remarketing memorandum to be used by the Remarketing Agent in the Initial Remarketing or the Secondary Remarketing, as the case may be, not later than seven Business Days prior to November 16, 2004, in the case of the Initial Remarketing, or the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing (or in either case such earlier date as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request) and in such quantities as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request and (iii) shall furnish a current final remarketing memorandum to be used by the Remarketing Agent in the Initial Remarketing or the Secondary Remarketing, as the case may be, not later than the third Business Day immediately preceding November 16, 2004, in the case of the Initial Remarketing, or the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing, in such quantities as the Remarketing Agent may reasonably request, and shall pay all expenses relating thereto.

(d) The Company shall also use its reasonable effort to take all such actions as may (upon advice of counsel to the Company or the Remarketing Agent) be necessary or desirable under state securities or blue sky laws in connection with the Initial Remarketing and the Secondary Remarketing.

Section 7. Conditions to the Remarketing Agent's Obligations. (a) The obligations of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent under this Agreement and, in the case of the Remarketing Agent, the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, including, without limitation, the following conditions: (i) the Notes tendered for, or otherwise to be included in the Initial Remarketing or Secondary Remarketing, as the case may be, have not been called for redemption, (ii) the Remarketing Agent is able to find a purchaser or purchasers for tendered Notes (1) in the case of the Initial Remarketing, at a price not less than Minimum Initial Remarketing Price, and (2) in the case of the Secondary Remarketing, at a price per Note not less than 100% of the principal amount thereof, (iii) the Purchase Contract Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Custodial Agent, the Securities Intermediary, the Company and the Trustee shall have performed their respective obligations in connection with the Initial Remarketing and, in the event of a Failed Initial Remarketing, in connection with the Secondary Remarketing, in each case

pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Indenture, this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement (including, without limitation, the Quotation Agent giving the Remarketing Agent notice of the Treasury Portfolio Purchase Price no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the fourth Business Day prior to November 16, 2004, in the case of the Initial Remarketing, and the Purchase Contract Agent giving the Remarketing Agent notice of the aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Notes to be remarketed, no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the fourth Business Day prior to the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing, and, in each case, the Collateral Agent and the Custodial Agent concurrently delivering the Notes to be remarketed to the Remarketing Agent), (iv) no Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) shall have occurred and be continuing, (v) the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company included and incorporated by reference in this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement or in certificates of any officer of the Company delivered pursuant to the provisions included or incorporated by reference in this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, (vi) the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations included and incorporated by reference in this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, and (vii) the satisfaction of the other conditions set forth and incorporated by reference in this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement.

(b) If at any time during the term of this Agreement, any Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) or event that with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would become an Indenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the Indenture, then the obligations and duties of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent under this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement shall be suspended until such default or event has been cured. The Company will promptly give the Remarketing Agent notice of all such defaults and events of which the Company is aware.

Section 8. Termination of Remarketing Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate as to any Remarketing Agent or Reset Agent that is replaced on the effective date of its replacement pursuant to Section 4(a) hereof or pursuant to Section 4(b) hereof. Notwithstanding any such termination, the obligations set forth in Section 3 hereof shall survive and remain in full force and effect until all amounts payable under said Section 3 shall have been paid in full; provided, however, that if any Reset Agent resigns prior to a successful remarketing, then the obligations set forth in Section 3 hereof shall not survive the termination of this Agreement and no fee shall be payable to such Reset Agent in such capacity. In addition, each former Remarketing Agent and Reset Agent shall be entitled to the rights and benefits under Section 10 of this Agreement, notwithstanding the replacement or resignation of such Remarketing Agent or Reset Agent.

Section 9. Remarketing Agent's Performance; Duty of Care. The duties and obligations of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Agreement and, in the case of the Remarketing Agent, the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement. No implied covenants or obligations of or against the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent shall be read into this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement. In the absence of bad faith on the part of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent, as the case may be, the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent each may conclusively rely upon any document furnished to it which purports to conform to the requirements of this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, as the case may be, as to the truth of the statements expressed therein. Each of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent shall be protected in acting upon any document or communication reasonably believed by it to be signed, presented or made by the proper party or parties. Neither the Remarketing Agent nor the Reset Agent shall have any obligation to determine whether there is any limitation under applicable law on the Reset Rate on the Notes or, if there is any such limitation, the maximum permissible Reset Rate on the Notes, and they shall rely solely upon written notice from the Company (which the Company agrees to provide prior to the tenth Business Day before November 16, 2004, in the case of the Initial Remarketing, and prior to the tenth Business Day before Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of the Secondary Remarketing) as to whether or not there is any such limitation and, if so, the maximum permissible Reset Rate. Neither the Remarketing Agent nor the Reset Agent shall incur any liability under this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement to any beneficial owner or holder of Notes, or other securities, either in its individual capacity or as Remarketing Agent or Reset Agent, as the case may be, for any action or failure to act in connection with the Remarketing or otherwise in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, except to the extent that it shall have been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment that such liability has resulted from the willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent or by their failure to fulfill in any material respect their express obligations hereunder or, in the case of the Remarketing Agent, under the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement. The provisions of this Section 9 shall survive any termination of this Agreement and shall also continue to apply to every Remarketing Agent and Reset Agent notwithstanding their resignation or removal.

Section 10. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company

agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Remarketing Agent, the Reset Agent and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates and each person, if any, who controls the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), or Section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act") (the Remarketing Agent, the Reset Agent and each such person or entity being an "Agent Indemnified Party"), as follows:

(i) from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses whatsoever, joint or several, as incurred, to which such Agent Indemnified Party may become subject under any applicable federal or state law, or otherwise, and related to, arising out of, or based on (A) the failure to have an effective Registration Statement (as defined in the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement) under the 1933 Act relating to the Notes, as the case may be, if required, or the failure to satisfy the prospectus delivery requirements of the 1933 Act because the Company failed to provide the Remarketing Agent with a Prospectus (as defined in the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement) for delivery, or (B) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto (including any information deemed to be a part of the Registration Statement at the time it became effective pursuant to paragraph (b) of Rule 430A under the 1933 Act, if applicable), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (C) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (D) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary remarketing memorandum or any final remarketing memorandum, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (E) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any other information (whether oral or written) or documents (including, without limitation, any documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in any such information or documents) provided by the Company for use in connection with the remarketing of the Notes or any of the transactions related thereto, or (F) any breach by the Company of any of the representations, warranties or agreements included or incorporated by reference in this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, or (G) any failure by the Company to make or consummate the remarketing of the Notes (including, without limitation, any Failed Initial Remarketing or Failed Secondary Remarketing) or the withdrawal, recession, termination, amendment or extension of the terms of such remarketing, or (H) any failure on the part of the Company to comply, or any breach by the Company of, any of the provisions included or incorporated by reference in this Agreement, the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Income PACS, the Growth PACS, the Pledge Agreement, the Indenture or the Notes (collectively, the "Operative Documents") or (I) the remarketing of the Notes, as the case may be, or any other transaction contemplated by any of the Operative Documents, or the engagement of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent pursuant to, or the performance by the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent of the respective services contemplated by, this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, whether or not the Initial Remarketing or the Secondary Remarketing or the reset of the interest rate on the Notes as contemplated herein actually occur;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever related to, arising out of or based on any matter described in (i) above; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by Merrill Lynch), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever related to, arising out of or based on any matter described in (i) above, whether or not such Agent Indemnified Party is a party and whether or not such claim, action or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of the Company to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable under clause (i) (B), (i) (C), (i) (D) or (i) (E) to the extent any such loss, claim,

damage, liability or expense arises out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or any preliminary or final remarketing memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or any other documents used in connection with remarketing of the Notes, as the case may be; provided, further, that with respect to any untrue statement or omission of a material fact made in any preliminary prospectus, the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 10(a) shall not inure to the benefit of the Remarketing Agent to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability of the Remarketing Agent occurs under the circumstance where (w) the Company had previously furnished copies of the Prospectus to Merrill Lynch, (x) delivery of the Prospectus was required to be made to such person, (y) the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission of a material fact contained in the preliminary prospectus was corrected in the Prospectus, and (z) there was not sent or given to such person, at or prior to the written confirmation of the sale of Notes to such person, a copy of the Prospectus and the delivery thereof would have constituted a complete defense to such person's claim in respect of such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission; provided, further, that the Company shall not be liable under clause (i)(G) or (i)(I) to the extent that such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense has, by final judicial determination, resulted from the willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent or by their failure to fulfill, in any material respect, their express obligations hereunder or, in the case of the Remarketing Agent, under the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement.

Other than as set forth in Section 10(b) below, the Company agrees that no Agent Indemnified Party shall have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract or tort or otherwise) to the Company or its respective security holders or creditors relating to or arising out of the engagement of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent pursuant to, or the performance by the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent of their respective services contemplated by, this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement except to the extent that any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense is found in a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent, as the case may be.

The Company agrees that, without Merrill Lynch's prior written consent, it will not settle, compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any action or claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 10(a) (whether or not Merrill Lynch or any other Agent Indemnified Party is an actual or potential party to such claim, action or proceeding), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each Agent Indemnified Party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding, action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of an Agent Indemnified Party.

(b) The Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent, severally and not jointly, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors and its officers who sign the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act (the "Company Indemnified Parties") to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to the Agent Indemnified Parties, but only with reference to information relating to such Remarketing Agent and Reset Agent furnished to the Company in writing by such Remarketing Agent and Reset Agent expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto or any other documents used in connection with the Remarketing of the Notes, as the case may be.

Each of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent agrees that, without the Company's prior written consent, it will not settle, compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any action or claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 10(b) (whether or not the Company or any other Company Indemnified Party is an actual or potential party to such claim, action or proceeding), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each Company Indemnified Party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding, action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of a Company Indemnified Party.

(c) If the indemnification provided for in Section 10(a) or 10(b) hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless any party seeking indemnification thereunder (an "Indemnified Party") in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then the Company, on the one hand, and the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent on the other hand, shall contribute to the aggregate amount

of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such Indemnified Party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent on the other hand from the remarketing of the Notes contemplated hereby or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent on the other hand in connection with the statements, omissions or other matters which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent on the other hand in connection with the remarketing of the Notes contemplated hereby shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the aggregate principal amount of the Notes which are or are to be remarketed bears to the aggregate fees actually received by the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent under Section 3 hereof. The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent on the other hand (i) in the case of an untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or by the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent on the other hand and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission and (ii) in the case of any other action or omission shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether such action or omission was taken or omitted to be taken by the Company on the one hand, or by the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to prevent or correct such action or omission. The Company, the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 10(c) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 10(c). The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an Indemnified Party and referred to above in this Section 10(c) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses incurred by such Indemnified Party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or any such omission or alleged omission or any other such action or omission; provided, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent be required to contribute any amount which, in the aggregate, exceeds the aggregate fees received by them under Section 3 of this Agreement. No investigation or failure to investigate by any Indemnified Party shall impair the foregoing indemnification and contribution agreement or any rights an Indemnified Party may have. 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.

(d) Promptly after receipt by any Indemnified Party of written notice of any claim or commencement of an action or proceeding with respect to which indemnification may be sought hereunder, such party will notify the party from whom indemnification is sought (the "Indemnifying Party") in writing of such claim or of the commencement of such action or proceeding, but failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party will not relieve the Indemnifying Party from any liability which it may have to such party seeking indemnification under this indemnification and contribution agreement, and in any event will not relieve the Indemnifying Party from any other liability that it may have to such party. The Indemnified Party (or Merrill Lynch in the case of any Agent Indemnified Party) shall have the right to select counsel in connection with any transaction for which any Indemnified Party may be entitled to indemnification or contribution hereunder, provided that in no event shall the Indemnifying Parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel, for all Indemnified Parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances.

(e) Anything herein or in the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of this Section 10, and the rights of the Company, the Remarketing Agent, the Reset Agent and the other Indemnified Parties hereunder, shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any rights or benefits (including, without limitation, rights to indemnification or contribution) which the Company, the Remarketing Agent, the Reset Agent or any other Indemnified Party may have under any other instrument or agreement.

Section 11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would require the application of the law of any other jurisdiction.

Section 12. Term of Agreement. (a) Unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof and except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date hereof until the first day thereafter on which no Notes are outstanding, or, if earlier, the Business Day immediately following November 16, 2004, in the case of a Successful Initial Remarketing, or the Business Day immediately following the Purchase Contract Settlement Date, in the case of a Successful Secondary Remarketing. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of the last section of Section 8 hereof and the provisions of Sections 3, 9, 10 and 12(b) hereof shall survive any termination of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect; provided, however, that if any Reset Agent resigns prior to a successful remarketing, then the obligations set forth in Section 3 hereof shall not survive the termination of this Agreement and no fee shall be payable to such Reset Agent in such capacity.

(b) All representations and warranties included or incorporated by reference in this Agreement, or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, or contained in certificates of officers of the Company submitted pursuant hereto or thereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the Remarketing Agent, the Reset Agent or any of their controlling persons, or by or on behalf of the Company or the Purchase Contract Agent, and shall survive the remarketing of the Notes.

Section 13. Successors and Assigns. Except in the case of a succession pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement, the rights and obligations of the Company and the Purchase Contract Agent (both in its capacity as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact) hereunder may not be assigned or delegated to any other person without the prior written consent of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld and, except with respect to the Purchase Contract Agent, in connection with the appointment of a successor thereof pursuant to the Purchase Contract Agreement. The rights and obligations of the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent hereunder may not be assigned or delegated to any other person without the prior written consent of the Company, except that the Remarketing Agent shall have the right to appoint additional remarketing agents as provided herein. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent, the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent and their respective successors and assigns and the other Indemnified Parties (as defined in Section 10 hereof) and the successors, assigns, heirs and legal representatives of the Indemnified Parties. The terms "successors" and "assigns" shall not include any purchaser of Notes or Notes merely because of such purchase.

Section 14. Headings. Section headings have been inserted in this Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement as a matter of convenience of reference only, and it is agreed that such section headings are not a part of this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement and will not be used in the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement.

Section 15. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be invalid, inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any or all jurisdictions because it conflicts with any provisions of any constitution, statute, rule or public policy or for any other reason, then, to the extent permitted by law, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question invalid, inoperative or unenforceable in any other case, circumstances or jurisdiction, or of rendering any other provision or provisions of this Agreement or the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, as the case may be, invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever.

Section 16. Counterparts. This Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document.

Section 17. Amendments. This Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement may be amended by any instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto. The Company and the Purchase Contract Agent (except with respect to the Indenture and the Notes, to which it is not a party) agree that they will not enter into, cause or permit any amendment or modification of the Purchase Contract Agreement, the Indenture, the Pledge Agreement, the Notes, the FELINE PACS or any other instruments or agreements relating to the Notes or the FELINE PACS which would adversely affect the rights, duties or obligations of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent without the prior written consent of the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent, as the case may be.

Section 18. Notices. Unless otherwise specified, any notices, requests, consents or other communications given or made hereunder or pursuant hereto shall be made in writing or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication, including telephone or teletype, and confirmed in writing. All written notices and confirmations of notices by telecommunication shall be deemed to have been validly given or made when delivered or mailed, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid. All such notices, requests, consents or other

communications shall be addressed as follows: if to the Company, to The Williams Companies, Inc., One Williams Center, Suite 5000, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172 Attention: Treasurer, with a copy to Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Four Times Square, New York, New York 10036, Attention John Osborn, Esq.; if to the Remarketing Agent or Reset Agent, to Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, at World Financial Center, North Tower, New York, New York 10281, Attention: [Hugh Sullivan], with a copy to Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017, Attention: John Brandow; and if to the Purchase Contract Agent, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, 450 West 33rd Street, New York, New York 10001, or to such other address as any of the above shall specify to the other in writing.

Section 19. Information. The Company agrees to furnish the Remarketing Agent and the Reset Agent with such information and documents as the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent may reasonably request in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Remarketing Agreement and the Supplemental Remarketing Agreement, and make reasonably available to the Remarketing Agent, the Reset Agent and any accountant, attorney or other advisor retained by the Remarketing Agent or the Reset Agent such information that parties would customarily require in connection with a due diligence investigation conducted in accordance with applicable securities laws and cause the Company's officers, directors, employees and accountants to participate in all such discussions and to supply all such information reasonably requested by any such person in connection with such investigation.

WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent and the Remarketing Agent has caused this Agreement to be executed in its name and on its behalf by one of its duly authorized signatories as of the date first above written.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ James G. Ivey

Name: James G. Ivey
Title: Treasurer

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED:

MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER
& SMITH INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Fred Brady Parish

Authorized Signatory

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK
not individually but solely as
Purchase Contract Agent and as
attorney-in-fact for the holders
of the Purchase Contracts

By: /s/ Joanne Adamis

Name: Joanne Adamis
Title: Vice President

Exhibit A to
Remarketing Agreement

Form of Supplemental Remarketing Agreement

Supplemental Remarketing Agreement dated _____, _____ among The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Remarketing Agent"), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent and attorney-in-fact for the Holders of the Purchase Contracts (as such terms are defined in the Purchase Contract Agreement referred to in Schedule I hereto).

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants herein made, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Remarketing Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Remarketing Agreement") among the Company, the Purchase Contract Agent and Merrill Lynch & Co. and

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or, if not defined in the Remarketing Agreement, the meanings assigned to them in the Purchase Contract Agreement (as defined in Schedule I hereto).

2. Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and there has become effective, a registration statement on Form S-3, including a prospectus, relating to the Notes (as such term is defined on Schedule I hereto). Such Registration Statement, as amended, and including the information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, are hereinafter called, collectively, the "Registration Statement"; (the related preliminary prospectus dated _____, including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, [and preliminary prospectus supplemented dated _____] are hereinafter called, [collectively] the "preliminary prospectus";) and the related prospectus dated _____, including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, [and prospectus supplement dated _____] are hereinafter called, [collectively,] the "Prospectus." The Company has provided copies of the Registration Statement [, the preliminary prospectus] and the Prospectus to the Remarketing Agent, and hereby consents to the use of the [preliminary prospectus] and the Prospectus in connection with the remarketing of the Notes. (IN THE EVENT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE OR NOT REQUIRED, INSERT THE FOLLOWING: The Company has provided to the Remarketing Agent, for use in connection with remarketing of the Notes (as such term is defined on Schedule I hereto), a [preliminary remarketing memorandum and] remarketing memorandum and [describe other materials, if any]. Such remarketing memorandum (including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, [and] [describe other materials] are hereinafter called, collectively, the "Prospectus," [and such preliminary marketing memorandum (including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) is hereinafter called a "preliminary prospectus"]]. The Company hereby consents to the use of the Prospectus [and the preliminary prospectus] in connection with the remarketing of the Notes]. All references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement [, the preliminary prospectus] or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement [, the preliminary prospectus] or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

3. Provisions Incorporated by Reference.

(a) Subject to Section 3(b), the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement (other than [Section 2, Section 3, Section 4, Section 6, Section 8 and Section 9] thereof) are incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis, and the Company hereby makes the representations and warranties, and agrees to comply with the covenants and obligations, set forth in the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement incorporated by reference herein, as modified by the provisions of Section 3(b) hereof.

(b) With respect to the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement incorporated herein, for the purposes hereof, (i) all references therein to the "Underwriter" or "Underwriters" shall be deemed to refer to the Remarketing Agent and all references to the "Representative" or the "Representatives" shall be deemed to refer to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch"); (ii) all references therein to the "Notes" or "Initial Notes" shall be deemed to refer to the Notes as defined herein; (iii) all references therein to the "Closing Date" shall be deemed to refer to the Remarketing Closing Date specified in Schedule I hereto; (iv) all references therein to the "Registration Statement" [, the "preliminary prospectus"] or the "Final Prospectus" shall be deemed to refer to the Registration Statement[, the preliminary prospectus] and the Prospectus, respectively, as defined herein; (v) all references therein to this "Agreement," the "Underwriting Agreement," "hereof," "herein" and all references of similar import, shall be deemed to mean and refer to this Supplemental Remarketing Agreement; (vi) all references therein to "the date hereof," "the date of this Agreement" and all similar references shall be deemed to refer to the date of this Supplemental Remarketing Agreement; (vii) all references therein to any "settlement date" shall be disregarded; and (viii) [other changes, including changes relating to the offer and sale of the Notes in connection with the Remarketing without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 in reliance upon an exemption therefrom (including the exemption afforded by Rule 144A)].]

4. Remarketing. Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth or incorporated by reference herein and in the Remarketing Agreement, the Remarketing Agent agrees to use its reasonable efforts to remarket, in the manner set forth in Section 2(b) of the Remarketing Agreement, the aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Notes set forth in Schedule I hereto at a purchase price not less than 100% of the [Minimum Initial Remarketing Price] [aggregate principal amount of the Notes]. In connection therewith, the registered holder or holders thereof agree, in the manner specified in Section 5 hereof, to pay to the Remarketing Agent a Remarketing Fee equal to an amount not exceeding 25 basis points (0.25%) of [the Minimum Initial Remarketing Price] [such aggregate principal amount,] payable by deduction from any amount received in connection from such

[Initial] [Secondary] Remarketing in excess of the [Minimum Initial Remarketing Price] [aggregate principal amount of the Notes]. The right of each holder of Notes to have Notes tendered for purchase shall be limited to the extent set forth in the last sentence of Section 2(b) of the Remarketing Agreement (which is incorporated by reference herein). As more fully provided in Section 2 (c) of the Remarketing Agreement (which is incorporated by reference herein), the Remarketing Agent is not obligated to purchase any Notes in the remarketing or otherwise, and neither the Company nor the Remarketing Agent shall be obligated in any case to provide funds to make payment upon tender of Notes for remarketing.

5. Delivery and Payment. Delivery of payment for the remarketed Notes by the purchasers thereof identified by the Remarketing Agent and payment of the Remarketing Fee shall be made on the Remarketing Closing Date at the location and time specified in Schedule I hereto (or such later date not later than five Business Days after such date as the Remarketing Agent shall designate), which date and time may be postponed by agreement between the Remarketing Agent and the Company. Delivery of the remarketed Notes and payment of the Remarketing Fee shall be made to the Remarketing Agent against payment by the respective purchasers of the remarketed Notes of the consideration therefor as specified herein, which consideration shall be paid to the Collateral Agent for the account of the persons entitled thereto by certified or official bank check or checks drawn on or by a New York Clearing House bank and payable in immediately available funds or in immediately available funds by wire transfer to an account or accounts designated by the Collateral Agent.

If the Notes are not represented by a Global Security held by or on behalf of The Depository Trust Company, certificates for the Notes shall be registered in such names and denominations as the Remarketing Agent may request not less than one full Business Day in advance of the Remarketing Closing Date, and the Company, the Collateral Agent and the registered holder or holders thereof agree to have such certificates available for inspection, packaging and checking by the Remarketing Agent in New York, New York not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day prior to the Remarketing Closing Date.

6. Notices. Unless otherwise specified, any notices, requests, consents or other communications given or made hereunder or pursuant hereto shall be made in writing or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication, including telephone or telecopy, and confirmed in writing. All written notices and confirmations of notices by telecommunication shall be deemed to have been validly given or made when delivered or mailed, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid. All such notices, requests, consents or other communications shall be addressed as follows: if to the Company, to The Williams Companies, Inc., One Williams Center, Suite 5000, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172 Attention: Treasurer, with a copy to Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Four Times Square, New York, New York 10036, Attention John Osborn, Esq.; if to the Remarketing Agent or Reset Agent, to Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, at World Financial Center, North Tower, New York, New York 10281, Attention: Hugh Sullivan, with a copy to Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017, Attention: John Brandow; and if to the Purchase Contract Agent, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, 450 West 33rd Street, New York, New York 10001 or to such other address as any of the above shall specify to the other in writing.

7. Conditions to Obligations of Remarketing Agent. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the parties hereto agree (and the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes will be deemed to agree) that the obligations of the Remarketing Agent under this Agreement and the Remarketing Agreement are subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 7 of the Remarketing Agreement (which are incorporated herein by reference), and to the satisfaction, on the Remarketing Closing Date, of the conditions incorporated by reference herein from Section 6 of the Underwriting Agreement as modified by Section 3(b) hereof (including, without limitation, the delivery of opinions of counsel, officers' certificates and accountants' comfort letters in form and substance satisfactory to the Remarketing Agent, the accuracy as of the Remarketing Closing Date of the representations and warranties of the Company included and incorporated by reference herein and the performance by the Company of its obligations under the Remarketing Agreement and this Agreement as and when required hereby and thereby). In addition, anything herein or in the Remarketing Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Remarketing Agreement and this Agreement may be terminated by the Remarketing Agent, by notice to the Company at any time prior to the time of settlement on the Remarketing Closing Date, if any of the events or conditions set forth in Section 10 of the Underwriting Agreement, as modified by Section 3(b) hereof, shall have occurred or shall exist.

8. Indemnity and Contribution. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Remarketing Agent shall be entitled to indemnity and contribution on the terms and conditions set forth in the Remarketing Agreement.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company and the Remarketing Agent.

Very truly yours,

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED:

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

[Add other Remarketing Agents, if any]

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK
not individually but solely as Purchase
Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact
for the holders of the Purchase Contracts

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SCHEDULE I

Notes subject to the remarketing: 6.50% Senior Notes due 2007 of
the Company (the "Notes").

Purchase Contract Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the
"Purchase Contract Agreement") by and between The Williams Companies, Inc.,
a Delaware corporation, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, a New York banking
corporation.

Pledge Agreement dated as of January 14, 2002 (the "Pledge
Agreement") by and between The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware
corporation, JPMorgan Chase Bank, a New York banking corporation, as
Purchase Contract Agent and JPMorgan Chase Bank, a New York banking
corporation, as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities
Intermediary.

Indenture dated as of November 10, 1997 (the "Base Indenture") by
and between The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Bank
One National Association (as successor in interest to the First National
Bank of Chicago).

Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 14, 2002 (the
"Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Base Indenture, the
"Indenture") by and between The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware
corporation, and Bank One Trust Company, National Association (as successor
in interest to the First National Bank of Chicago).

[Minimum Initial Remarketing Price]
[Aggregate Principal Amount of Notes: \$ _____]

Underwriting Agreement, dated January 7, 2002 (the "Underwriting
Agreement") among The Williams Companies, Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co.,
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Salomon Smith Barney
Inc. and the other underwriters named therein.

Remarketing Closing Date, Time and Location:

[Letterhead of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP]

January 14, 2002

The Williams Companies, Inc.
One Williams Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172

Re: Offering of FELINE PACS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation of the Prospectus Supplement, dated January 7, 2002 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), relating to certain investment units (the "FELINE PACS"), initially comprised of purchase contracts to purchase shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$1.00 per share, and senior notes due 2007 (the "Notes") issued by the Company.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (i) the Underwriting Agreement, dated January 7, 2002, among Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and the Company, (ii) the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-73326) of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on November 14, 2001 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Amendment No. 1 thereto, filed with the Commission on December 24, 2001 under the Securities Act, (iii) the Prospectus of the Company, dated December 27, 2001, (iv) the Prospectus Supplement, (v) the Indenture, dated November 10, 1997, between the Company and Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 14, 2002, between the Company and the Trustee, (vi) the Purchase Contract Agreement, dated January 14, 2002, between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Purchase Contract Agent, and (vii) such other documents, certificates, and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinion set forth herein. We have also relied upon statements and representations made to us by representatives of the Company. For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed the validity and the initial and continuing accuracy of the documents, certificates, records, statements, and representations referred to above.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. In making our examination of documents executed, or to be executed, by the parties indicated therein, we have assumed that each party has, or will have, the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder, and we have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and execution and delivery by each party indicated in the documents and that such documents constitute, or will constitute, valid and binding obligations of each party.

In rendering our opinion, we have considered the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Treasury Department regulations promulgated thereunder, pertinent judicial authorities, interpretive rulings of the Internal Revenue Service, and such other authorities as we have considered relevant. It should be noted that statutes, regulations, judicial decisions, and administrative interpretations are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. There can be no assurance, moreover, that the opinion expressed herein will be accepted by the Internal Revenue Service or, if challenged, by a court of law. A change in the authorities or the accuracy or completeness of any of the information, documents, certificates, records, statements, representations, covenants, or assumptions on which our opinion is based could affect our conclusions. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we are under no obligation to supplement or revise our opinion to reflect any changes (including changes that have retroactive effect) in applicable law or any information, document, certificate, record, statement, representation, covenant, or assumption relied upon herein that becomes incorrect or untrue.

Based upon the foregoing and in reliance thereon, and subject to the qualifications, exceptions, assumptions, and limitations contained therein, we are of the opinion that:

(1) although the discussion set forth in the Prospectus Supplement under the heading "CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES" does not purport to discuss all possible United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the FELINE PACS, such discussion constitutes, in all material respects,

a fair and accurate summary of the United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the FELINE PACS, based upon current United States federal income tax law; and

(2) the Notes will be treated as indebtedness of the Company for United States federal income tax purposes.

We express no opinion concerning any tax consequences associated with the FELINE PACS other than those specifically set forth herein.

This opinion is delivered to you solely for use in connection with the Prospectus Supplement and is not to be used, circulated, quoted, or otherwise referred to for any other purpose, or relied upon by any other person, without our express written permission. In accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(23) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, we hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Prospectus Supplement and to the reference to our firm in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules or regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Skadden, Arps, Slate,
Meagher & Flom LLP