

SECTION 5.02. The text of the coupon Bonds of the 1968 Series due 1987, the coupons appertaining thereto, the registered Bonds without coupons of said Series and the Trustee's authentication certificate on all Bonds are to be substantially in the following forms:

[FORM OF COUPON BOND]

No. M \$1,000**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.**

Incorporated under the laws of the State of New York

FIRST MORTGAGE 5½% BOND, 1968 SERIES DUE 1987

Due April 1, 1987

PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., a New York corporation (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received hereby promises to pay to the bearer or, in case this Bond be registered as to principal, then to the registered owner hereof, on April 1, 1987, at the principal office in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, of MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (hereinafter with its successor in the trusts under the Indenture mentioned below sometimes called the "Trustee"), or at the principal office of its successor in said trusts, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and to pay interest on said principal sum from the date hereof, at the rate of five and one-half per centum (5½%) per annum, at said office, in like coin or currency, semi-annually on the first day of April and on the first day of October in each year until the said principal sum shall have become due and payable and thereafter, if default be made in the payment of such principal sum, at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum until said principal sum shall be paid, but until the maturity hereof only upon presentation and surrender of the respective coupons attached hereto as they shall severally mature. Any overdue installment of interest on this Bond shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum to the extent that payment of such interest on overdue interest is enforceable under applicable law.