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WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION	New York	16-0968385
FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II	Delaware	Applied for
(Exact name of registrants specified in their charters)	State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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

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

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Offering Price	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Proposed Title of each of securities to be registered	4,000,000	\$25.00	\$100,000,000	\$30,303

___% Capital Securities of First Empire Capital Trust II

___% Junior Subordinated Debentures of First Empire State Corporation(2)

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, exclusive of accrued interest and dividends, if any.
- (2) The Junior Subordinated Debentures will be purchased by First Empire Capital Trust II (the "Issuer Trust") with the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities. Such securities may later be distributed for no additional consideration to the holders of the Capital Securities upon the dissolution of the Issuer Trust and the distribution of its assets.
- (3) This Registration Statement is deemed to cover the Guarantee. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act, no separate registration fee is payable for the Guarantee.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The prospectus contained in this Registration Statement will be used in connection with the offering of the following securities: (1) ___% Capital Securities of First Empire Capital Trust II; (2) ___% Junior Subordinated Debentures of First Empire State Corporation; and (3) a Guarantee of First Empire State Corporation of certain obligations under the Capital Securities.

Information contained herein is subject to completion or amendment. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any State in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 2, 1997

PROSPECTUS

\$100,000,000
 First Empire Capital Trust II
 _____% Capital Securities
 (Liquidation Amount \$25 per Capital Security)
 fully and unconditionally guaranteed, to the extent described herein, by
 First Empire State Corporation

The Capital Securities offered hereby represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of First Empire Capital Trust II, a statutory business trust created under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Issuer Trust"). First Empire State Corporation (the "Company") will initially be the holder of all of the beneficial interests

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SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE ____ HEREOF FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION RELEVANT TO AN INVESTMENT IN THE CAPITAL SECURITIES.

THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY ARE NOT DEPOSITS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER INSURER OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

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

	Price to Public(1)	Underwriting Commissions and Discount(2)	Proceeds to Issuer Trust(3)(4)
Per Capital Security	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$

- (1) Plus accrued Distributions, if any, from _____, 1997.
- (2) The Company and the Issuer Trust have each agreed to Indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. See "Underwriting."
- (3) In view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities will be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Company has agreed to pay to the Underwriters, as compensation for their arranging the investment therein of such proceeds, \$_____ per Capital Security (or \$_____ in aggregate). See "Underwriting." (4) Before deduction of expenses payable to the Company estimated at \$350,000.

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represented by common securities of the Issuer Trust (the "Common Securities" and, together with the Capital Securities, the "Trust Securities"). The Issuer Trust exists for the sole purpose of issuing the Trust Securities and investing the proceeds thereof in _____% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures (the "Junior Subordinated Debentures," and together with the Trust Securities, the "Securities") to be issued by the Company. The Junior Subordinated Debentures will mature on _____, 2027 (the "Stated Maturity"). The Capital Securities will have a preference under certain circumstances over the Common Securities with respect to cash distributions and amounts payable on liquidation, redemption or otherwise. See "Description of Capital Securities--Subordination of Common Securities."

The Capital Securities will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, as depository (the "Depository" or "DTC"). Beneficial interests in the global securities will be shown on, and transfer thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository and its participants. Except as described under "Description of Capital Securities," Capital Securities in definitive form will not be issued and owners of beneficial interests in the global securities will not be considered holders of the Capital Securities.

Holders of the Capital Securities will be entitled to receive preferential cumulative cash distributions accumulating from _____, 1997 and payable quarterly in arrears on the _____ day of _____, _____ and _____ of each year, commencing _____, 1997, at the annual rate of _____% of the Liquidation Amount of \$25 per Capital Security ("Distributions"). The Company has the right to defer payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures at any time or from time to time for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods with respect to each deferral period (each, an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. No interest shall be due and payable during any Extension Period, except at the end thereof. Upon the termination of any such Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Company may elect to begin a new Extension Period subject to the requirements set forth herein. If interest payments on the Junior Subordinated Debentures are so deferred, Distributions on the Capital Securities will also be deferred and the Company will not be permitted, subject to certain exceptions described herein, to declare or pay any cash distributions with respect to the Company's capital stock or with respect to debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. During an Extension Period, interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures will continue to accrue (and the amount of Distributions to which holders of the Capital Securities are entitled will accumulate) at the rate of _____% per annum, compounded quarterly, and holders of Capital Securities will be required to accrue interest income for United States federal income tax purposes. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Option to Extend Interest Payment Period" and "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences--Interest Income and Original Issue Discount."

The Company has, through the Guarantee, the Trust Agreement, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Junior Subordinated Indenture (each as defined herein), taken together, fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed all the Issuer Trust's obligations under the Capital Securities as described below. See "Relationship Among the Capital Securities, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee--Full and Unconditional Guarantee." The Guarantee of the Company guarantees the payment of Distributions and payments on liquidation or redemption of the Capital Securities, but only in each case to the extent of funds held by the Issuer Trust, as

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described herein (the "Guarantee"). See "Description of Guarantee." If the Company does not make payments on the Junior Subordinated Debentures held by the Issuer Trust, the Issuer Trust may have insufficient funds to pay Distributions on the Capital Securities. The Guarantee does not cover payment of Distributions when the Issuer Trust does not have sufficient funds to pay such Distributions. In such event, a holder of Capital Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company to enforce payment of such Distributions to such holder. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Enforcement of Certain Rights by Holders of Capital Securities." The obligations of the Company under the Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Debentures are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness (as defined in "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Subordination") of the Company, and will be pari passu with \$150 million of obligations of the Company associated with the 8.234% Capital Securities issued by First Empire Capital I (the "Outstanding Capital Securities").

The Capital Securities are subject to mandatory redemption (i) in whole, but not in part, upon repayment of the Junior Subordinated Debentures at Stated Maturity or their earlier redemption in whole upon the occurrence of a Tax Event, an Investment Company Event or a Capital Treatment Event (each as defined herein) and (ii) in whole or in part at any time on or after _____, 2002 contemporaneously with the optional redemption by the Company of the Junior Subordinated Debentures in whole or in part. The Junior Subordinated Debentures are redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the Company (i) on or after _____, 2002, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, or (ii) in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence and continuation of a Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event, in each case at a redemption price set forth herein, which includes the accrued and unpaid interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures so redeemed to the date fixed for redemption. The ability of the Company to exercise its rights to redeem the Junior Subordinated Debentures or to cause the redemption of the Capital Securities prior to the Stated Maturity may be subject to prior regulatory approval by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"), if then required under applicable Federal Reserve capital guidelines or policies. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Redemption" and "Description of Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution."

The holders of the outstanding Common Securities have the right at any time to dissolve the Issuer Trust and, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, to cause the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be distributed to the holders of the Capital Securities and Common Securities in liquidation of the Issuer Trust. The ability of the Company to dissolve the Issuer Trust may be subject to prior regulatory approval of the Federal Reserve, if then required under applicable Federal Reserve capital guidelines or policies. See "Description of Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution."

In the event of the Dissolution of the Issuer Trust, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, the holders of the Capital Securities will be entitled to receive a Liquidation Amount of \$25 per Capital Security plus accumulated and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment, subject to certain exceptions, which may be in the form of a distribution of such amount in Junior Subordinated Debentures. See "Description of Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution."

The Junior Subordinated Debentures are unsecured and subordinated to all Senior Indebtedness of the Company. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Subordination."

IF THE PURCHASER IS USING FOR ITS PURCHASE OF THE CAPITAL SECURITIES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA") OR OF A PLAN OR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE" AND ANY SUCH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, PLAN OR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT, AN "ERISA PLAN"), THE PURCHASE SHALL CONSTITUTE A REPRESENTATION BY SUCH PERSON AS TO CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING, GENERALLY, TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE COMPANY TO THE ERISA PLAN AND THE

AVAILABILITY OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION RULES UNDER ERISA AND THE CODE. SEE "CERTAIN ERISA CONSIDERATIONS."

THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES ARE DIRECT AND UNSECURED OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY, DO NOT EVIDENCE DEPOSITS AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER INSURER OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

CERTAIN PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS OFFERING MAY ENGAGE IN TRANSACTIONS THAT STABILIZE, MAINTAIN, OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE PRICE OF THE CAPITAL SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY, INCLUDING OVER-ALLOTING CAPITAL SECURITIES AND BIDDING FOR AND PURCHASING SUCH CAPITAL SECURITIES AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACTIVITIES, SEE "UNDERWRITING." SUCH STABILIZING TRANSACTIONS, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

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

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith, files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities of the Commission at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and at the regional offices of the Commission located at 7 World Trade Center, 13th Floor, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048 and Suite 1400, Citicorp Center, 14th Floor, 500 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661. Copies of such material can also be obtained at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Such material also may be accessed electronically by means of the Commission's home page on the Internet at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, such reports, proxy statements and other information concerning the Company can be inspected at the offices of the American Stock Exchange, 86 Trinity Place, New York, New York 10006. This Prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the Registration Statement and exhibits thereto, which the Company has filed with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and to which reference is hereby made.

No separate financial statements of the Issuer Trust have been included or incorporated by reference herein. The Company and the Issuer Trust do not consider that such financial statements would be material to holders of the Capital Securities because the Issuer Trust is a newly formed special purpose entity, has no operating history or independent operations and is not engaged in and does not propose to engage in any activity other than holding as trust assets the Junior Subordinated Debentures and issuing the Trust Securities. See "First Empire Capital Trust II," "Description of Capital Securities," "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures" and "Description of Guarantee." In addition, the Company does not expect that the Issuer Trust will be filing reports under the Exchange Act with the Commission.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Company hereby incorporates by reference in this Prospectus the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1997, and the Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K dated as of January 9, 1997, January 31, 1997, February 19, 1997 and June 2, 1997 previously filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act.

In addition, all reports and definitive proxy or information statements filed pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of any offering of securities made by this Prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained herein, or in any document all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of the Registration Statement and this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of the Registration Statement or this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the foregoing documents incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits to such documents). Written requests should be directed to the Corporate Finance Department, First Empire State Corporation, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240. Telephone requests may be directed to (716) 842-5445 .

SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus.

As used herein, (i) the "Junior Subordinated Indenture" means the Junior Subordinated Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time, between the Company and Bankers Trust Company, as trustee (the "Debenture Trustee"), pursuant to which the Junior Subordinated Debentures are issued, (ii) the "Trust Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement relating to the Issuer Trust, as amended and supplemented from time to time, among the Company, as Depositor, Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee (the "Property Trustee") and Bankers Trust (Delaware), as Delaware Trustee (the "Delaware Trustee") (collectively, the "Issuer Trustees") and (iii) the "Guarantee" means the Guarantee Agreement relating to the Capital Securities, as amended and supplemented from time to time, between the Company and Bankers Trust Company, as Guarantee Trustee.

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

The Company is a New York corporation with its principal office in Buffalo, New York. The Company is registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "Bank Holding Company Act"), and engages directly and through its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries in providing a wide range of commercial banking, retail banking, trust and investment services to customers. As of March 31, 1997, the Company had consolidated total assets of \$13.1 billion, total deposits of \$10.5 billion and total stockholders' equity of \$912 million. The Company's banking subsidiaries are Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company ("M&T Bank") and M&T Bank, National Association ("M&T Bank, N.A.," together with M&T Bank, the "Banks"). The Company merged M&T Bank and The East New York Savings Bank ("East New York") effective May 24, 1997. At March 31, 1997, M&T Bank would represent 97% of the consolidated total assets of the Company, after giving effect to the merger of M&T Bank and East New York. See "First Empire State Corporation--General."

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

The Issuer Trust is a statutory business trust created under Delaware law on May 30, 1997. The Issuer Trust will be governed by the Trust Agreement. The Issuer Trust exists for the exclusive purposes of (i) issuing and selling the Trust Securities, (ii) using the proceeds from the sale of the Trust Securities to acquire the Junior Subordinated Debentures and (iii) engaging in only those other activities necessary, convenient or incidental thereto (such as registering the transfer of the Trust Securities). Accordingly, the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be the sole assets of the Issuer Trust, and payments under the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be the sole source of revenue of the Issuer Trust.

THE OFFERING

Securities Offered.....	\$100,000,000 aggregate Liquidation Amount of _____% Capital Securities (Liquidation Amount \$25 per Capital Security).
Offering Price.....	\$____ per Capital Security (Liquidation Amount \$25), plus accumulated Distributions, if any, from _____, 1997.
Distribution Dates.....	_____, _____, _____, and _____ of each year, commencing _____, 1997.

Extension Periods..... Distributions on Capital Securities may be deferred for the duration of any Extension Period selected by the Company with respect to the payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures. No Extension Period will exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Option to Extend Interest Payment Period" and "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences--Interest Income and Original Issue Discount."

Ranking..... The Capital Securities will rank pari passu and payments thereon will be made pro rata, with the Common Securities except as described under "Description of Capital Securities--Subordination of Common Securities." The Junior Subordinated Debentures will be unsecured and subordinate and junior in right of payment to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Junior Subordinated Indenture to all Senior Indebtedness (as defined herein) and will be pari passu with the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures." The Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Company and will rank subordinate and junior in right of payment to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Guarantee to all Senior Indebtedness and will be pari passu with the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities. As of March 31, 1997, there was no Senior Indebtedness of the Company outstanding. See "Description of Guarantee."

Redemption..... The Trust Securities are subject to mandatory redemption (i) in whole, but not in part, at the Stated Maturity upon repayment of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) in whole, but not in part, contemporaneously with the optional redemption at any time by the Company of the Junior Subordinated Debentures upon the occurrence and continuation of a Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event and (iii) in whole or in part, at any time on or after _____, 2002, contemporaneously with the optional redemption by the Company of the Junior Subordinated Debentures in whole or in part, in each case at the applicable Redemption Price. See "Description of Capital Securities--Redemption."

Rating..... The Capital Securities are expected to be rated "a3" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and "BBB-" by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organization.

ERISA Considerations..... Prospective purchasers must carefully consider the information set forth under "Certain ERISA Considerations."

Absence of Market for the
Capital Securities..... The Capital Securities will be a new issue of securities for which there currently is no market. Although the Underwriters have informed the Issuer Trust and the Company that they each currently intend to make a market in the Capital Securities, the Underwriters are not obligated to do so, and any such market making may be discontinued at any time without notice. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the Capital Securities. See "Underwriting."

Use of Proceeds..... All the proceeds to the Issuer Trust from the sale of the Capital Securities will be invested by the Issuer Trust in the Junior Subordinated Debentures. All the net proceeds to be received by the Company from the sale of the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be used for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds." The proceeds from the Capital Securities will qualify as Tier 1 or core capital of the Company under the current risk-based capital guidelines of the Federal Reserve.

For additional information regarding the Capital Securities, see "Description of Capital Securities," "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures," "Description of Guarantee," "Relationship Among the Capital Securities, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee" and "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences."

RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors should carefully consider the matters set forth under "Risk Factors" beginning on page ____.

RISK FACTORS

Prospective purchasers of the Capital Securities should carefully review the information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus and should particularly consider the following matters. Certain statements in this Prospectus and documents incorporated herein by reference are forward-looking and are identified by the use of forward-looking words or phrases such as "intended," "will be positioned," "expects," "is or are expected," "anticipates," and "anticipated." These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current expectations. To the extent any of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus constitutes a "forward-looking statement" as defined in Section 21A(i)(1) of the Securities Act, the risk factors set forth below are cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statement.

Ranking of Subordinated Obligations Under the Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Debentures

The obligations of the Company under the Guarantee issued by the Company for the benefit of the holders of Capital Securities and under the Junior Subordinated Debentures are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness and pari passu with the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities. At March 31, 1997, there was no Senior Indebtedness of the Company. None of the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the Guarantee or the Trust Agreement places any limitation on the amount of secured or unsecured debt, including Senior Indebtedness, that may be incurred by the Company. Because the Company is a holding company, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee are effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of its subsidiaries. See "Description of Guarantee--Status of the Guarantee" and "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Subordination."

The ability of the Issuer Trust to pay amounts due on the Capital Securities is solely dependent upon the Company's making payments on the Junior Subordinated Debentures as and when required.

Status of the Company as a Bank Holding Company

The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Banks and its other subsidiaries, although the principal source of the Company's cash revenues is dividends from the Banks. The right of the Company to participate in the assets of any subsidiary upon the latter's liquidation, reorganization or otherwise (and thus the ability of the holders of Capital Securities to benefit indirectly from any such distribution) will be subject to the claims of the subsidiaries' creditors, which will take priority except to the extent to which the Company may itself be a creditor with a recognized claim. As of March 31, 1997, the Company's subsidiaries had indebtedness and other liabilities of approximately \$12.2 billion.

Payment of dividends by the Company's banking subsidiaries is restricted by various legal and regulatory limitations. At March 31, 1997, approximately \$121,741,000 was available for payment of dividends to the Company from banking subsidiaries without prior regulatory approval.

The Banks are also subject to restrictions under federal law which limit the transfer of funds by any of the Banks to the Company and its nonbanking subsidiaries, whether in the form of loans, extensions of credit, investments, asset purchases or otherwise. Such transfers by any Bank to the Company or any of the Company's nonbanking subsidiaries are limited in amount to 10% of such Bank's capital and surplus and, with respect to the Company and all such nonbanking subsidiaries, to an aggregate of 20% of such Bank's capital and surplus. Furthermore, such loans and extensions of credit are required to be secured in specified amounts.

Option to Extend Interest Payment Period; Tax Consequences

So long as no Event of Default (as defined in the Junior Subordinated Indenture) has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures (a "Debenture Event of Default"), the Company has the right under the Junior Subordinated Indenture to defer the payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures at any time or from time to time for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods with respect

to each Extension Period, provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Debt Events of Default." As a consequence of any such deferral, quarterly Distributions on the Capital Securities by the Issuer Trust will be deferred during any such Extension Period. Distributions to which holders of the Capital Securities are entitled will accumulate additional Distributions thereon during any Extension Period at the rate of ____% per annum, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. Additional Distributions payable for each full Distribution period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. The term "Distribution" as used herein shall include any such additional Distributions. During any such Extension Period, the Company may not (i) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock or (ii) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior in interest to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, including the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a dividend in connection with any stockholder's rights plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any stockholder's rights plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Company may further defer the payment of interest, provided that no Extension Period may exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all interest then accrued and unpaid (together with interest thereon at the annual rate of ____%, compounded quarterly, to the extent permitted by applicable law), the Company may elect to begin a new Extension Period subject to the above conditions. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof. The Company must give the Issuer Trustees notice of its election of such Extension Period at least one Business Day prior to the earlier of (i) the date the Distributions on the Capital Securities would have been payable but for the election to begin such Extension Period and (ii) the date the Property Trustee is required to give notice to holders of the Capital Securities of the record date or the date such Distributions are payable, but in any event not less than one Business Day prior to such record date. The Property Trustee will give notice of the Company's election to begin a new Extension Period to the holders of the Capital Securities. Subject to the foregoing, there is no limitation on the number of times that the Company may elect to begin an Extension Period. See "Description of Capital Securities--Distributions" and "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Option to Extend Interest Payment Period."

Should an Extension Period occur, a holder of Capital Securities will continue to accrue income (in the form of original issue discount) in respect of its pro rata share of the Junior Subordinated Debentures held by the Issuer Trust for United States federal income tax purposes. As a result, a holder of Capital Securities will include such income in gross income for United States federal income tax purposes in advance of the receipt of cash, and will not receive the cash related to such income from the Issuer Trust if the holder disposes of the Capital Securities prior to the record date for the payment of Distributions. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences--Interest Income and Original Issue Discount" and "--Sales of Capital Securities."

The Company has no current intention of exercising its right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period on the Junior Subordinated Debentures. However, should the Company elect to exercise such right in the future, the market price of the Capital Securities is likely to be affected. A holder that disposes of its Capital Securities during an Extension Period, therefore, might not receive the same return on its investment as a holder that continues to hold its Capital Securities. In addition, as a result of the existence of the Company's right to defer interest payments, the market price of the Capital Securities (which represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust) may be more volatile than the market prices of other securities on which original issue discount or interest accrues that are not subject to such deferrals.

Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event Redemption

Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of a Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event, the Company has the right to redeem the Junior Subordinated Debentures in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence of such Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event and thereby cause a mandatory redemption of the Capital Securities. Any such redemption shall be at a price equal to the liquidation amount of the Capital Securities, together with accumulated Distributions to but excluding the date fixed for redemption. The ability of the Company to exercise its rights to redeem the Junior Subordinated Debentures prior to the stated maturity may be subject to prior regulatory approval by the Federal Reserve, if then required under applicable Federal Reserve capital guidelines or policies. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Redemption" and "Description of Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution."

A "Tax Event" means the receipt by the Issuer Trust of an opinion of counsel to the Company experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) the Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such opinion, subject to United States federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) interest payable by the Company on the Junior Subordinated Debentures is not, or within 90 days of the delivery of such opinion will not be, deductible by the Company, in whole or in part, for United States federal income tax purposes or (iii) the Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of the opinion, subject to more than a de minimis amount of other taxes, duties or other governmental charges.

See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences--Possible Tax Law Changes Affecting the Capital Securities" for a discussion of certain legislative proposals that, if adopted, could give rise to a Tax Event, which may permit the Company to cause a redemption of the Capital Securities prior to _____, 2002.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by the Issuer Trust of an opinion of counsel to the Company experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a written change (including any announced prospective change) in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Issuer Trust is or will be considered an "investment company" that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), which change or prospective change becomes effective or would become effective, as the case may be, on or after the date of the issuance of the Capital Securities.

A "Capital Treatment Event" means the reasonable determination by the Company that, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any rules or regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or

regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Company will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities as "Tier 1 Capital" (or the then equivalent thereof) for purposes of the risk-based capital adequacy guidelines of the Federal Reserve, as then in effect and applicable to the Company.

Exchange of Capital Securities for Junior Subordinated Debentures

The holders of all the outstanding Common Securities have the right at any time to dissolve the Issuer Trust and, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, cause the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be distributed to the holders of the Capital Securities and Common Securities in liquidation of the Issuer Trust. The ability of the Company to dissolve the Issuer Trust may be subject to prior regulatory approval of the Federal Reserve, if then required under applicable Federal Reserve capital guidelines or policies. See "Description of Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution."

Under current United States federal income tax law and interpretations and assuming, as expected, that the Issuer Trust will not be taxable as a corporation, a distribution of the Junior Subordinated Debentures upon a liquidation of the Issuer Trust will not be a taxable event to holders of the Capital Securities. However, if a Tax Event were to occur that would cause the Issuer Trust to be subject to United States federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, a distribution of the Junior Subordinated Debentures by the Issuer Trust would be a taxable event to the Issuer Trust and the holders of the Capital Securities. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences."

Rights Under the Guarantee

Bankers Trust Company will act as the trustee under the Guarantee and will hold the Guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the Capital Securities. Bankers Trust Company will also act as Debenture Trustee for the Junior Subordinated Debentures and as Property Trustee under the Trust Agreement. Bankers Trust (Delaware) will act as Delaware Trustee under the Trust Agreement. The Guarantee guarantees to the holders of the Capital Securities the following payments, to the extent not paid by or on behalf of the Issuer Trust: (i) any accumulated and unpaid Distributions required to be paid on the Capital Securities, to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available therefor at such time, (ii) the Redemption Price with respect to any Capital Securities called for redemption, to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available therefor at such time, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding up or liquidation of the Issuer Trust (unless the Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed to holders of the Capital Securities), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the Liquidation Amount and all accumulated and unpaid Distributions to the date of payment, to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available therefor at such time, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer Trust remaining available for distribution to holders of the Capital Securities on liquidation of the Issuer Trust. The Guarantee is subordinated as described under "--Ranking of Subordinated Obligations Under the Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Debentures" and "Description of Guarantee--Status of the Guarantee." The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Guarantee Trustee in respect of the Guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust power conferred upon the Guarantee Trustee under the Guarantee. Any holder of the Capital Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company to enforce its rights under the Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer Trust, the Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity.

If the Company were to default on its obligation to pay amounts payable under the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Issuer Trust may lack funds for the payment of Distributions or amounts payable on redemption of the Capital Securities or otherwise, and, in such event, holders of the Capital Securities would not be able to rely upon the Guarantee for payment of such amounts. Instead, if a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and such event is attributable to the failure of the Company to pay any amounts payable in respect of the

Junior Subordinated Debentures on the payment date on which such payment is due and payable, then a holder of Capital Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company for enforcement of payment to such holder of any amounts payable in respect of such Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities of such holder (a "Direct Action"). In connection with such Direct Action, the Company will have a right of set-off under the Junior Subordinated Indenture to the extent of any payment made by the Company to such holder of Capital Securities in the Direct Action. Except as described herein, holders of Capital Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures or assert directly any other rights in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Enforcement of Certain Rights by Holders of Capital Securities," "--Debt Events of Default" and "Description of Guarantee." The Trust Agreement provides that each holder of Capital Securities by acceptance thereof agrees to the provisions of the Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Indenture.

Limited Voting Rights

Holder of Capital Securities will have limited voting rights relating generally to the modification of the Capital Securities and the Guarantee and the exercise of the Issuer Trust's rights as holder of Junior Subordinated Debentures. Holders of Capital Securities will not be entitled to appoint, remove or replace the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee except upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Trust Agreement and described herein. The Property Trustee and the holders of all the Common Securities may, subject to certain conditions, amend the Trust Agreement without the consent of holders of Capital Securities to cure any ambiguity or make other provisions not inconsistent with other provisions under the Trust Agreement or to ensure that the Issuer Trust (i) will not be taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, or (ii) will not be required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act. See "Description of Capital Securities--Voting Rights; Amendment of Trust Agreement" and "--Removal of Issuer Trustees; Appointment of Successors."

Market Prices

There can be no assurance as to the market prices for Capital Securities, or the market prices for Junior Subordinated Debentures that may be distributed in exchange for Capital Securities if a liquidation of the Issuer Trust occurs. Accordingly, the Capital Securities or the Junior Subordinated Debentures that a holder of Capital Securities may receive on liquidation of the Issuer Trust may trade at a discount to the price that the investor paid to purchase the Capital Securities offered hereby. Because holders of Capital Securities may receive Junior Subordinated Debentures on dissolution of the Issuer Trust, prospective purchasers of Capital Securities are also making an investment decision with regard to the Junior Subordinated Debentures and should carefully review all the information regarding the Junior Subordinated Debentures contained herein. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures."

Absence of Public Market

There is no existing market for the Capital Securities and there can be no assurance as to the liquidity of any markets that may develop for the Capital Securities, the ability of the holders to sell their Capital Securities or at what price holders of the Capital Securities will be able to sell their Capital Securities. Future trading prices of the Capital Securities will depend on many factors including, among other things, prevailing interest rates, the Company's operating results, and the market for similar securities. The Underwriters have informed the Issuer Trust and the Company that the Underwriters intend to make a market in the Capital Securities offered hereby; however, the Underwriters are not obligated to do so and any such market making activity will be subject to the limits imposed by applicable law and may be discontinued at any time without notice. Therefore, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Capital Securities or the new Capital Securities will develop. If a trading market for the Capital Securities does develop, the Capital Securities may trade at a discount from their initial offering price depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, the performance of the Company and other factors.

Possible Tax Law Changes Affecting the Capital Securities

On February 6, 1997, President Clinton proposed certain tax law changes (the "Tax Proposal") that would, among other things, generally deny corporate issuers a deduction for interest on certain debt obligations that have a maximum term in excess of 15 years and are not shown as indebtedness on the separate balance sheet of the issuer or, where the instrument is issued to a related party (other than a corporation), where the holder or some other related party issues a related instrument that is not shown as indebtedness on the issuer's consolidated balance sheet. As currently drafted, the Tax Proposal would be effective generally for instruments issued on or after the date of first Congressional committee action. Although it is not clear from the President's proposals as to what constitutes Congressional "committee action" with respect to the Tax Proposal, it appears that, as drafted, the Tax Proposal would not apply retroactively to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. However, if the Tax Proposal (or similar legislation) is enacted with retroactive effect with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Company would not be entitled to an interest deduction with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. There can be no assurance that the Tax Proposal, if enacted, will not apply retroactively to the Junior Subordinated Debentures or that other legislation enacted after the date hereof will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of the Company to deduct the interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a Tax Event will not occur. See "Description of the Capital Securities--Redemption" and "Description of the Junior Subordinated Debentures-- Proposed Tax Law Changes."

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

General

The Company is a New York corporation incorporated in 1969 and is registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act. As of March 31, 1997, the Company had consolidated total assets of \$13.1 billion, total deposits of \$10.5 billion and total stockholders' equity of \$912 million. At that date, the Company's banking subsidiaries were M&T Bank, East New York and M&T Bank, N.A. The Company merged M&T Bank and East New York effective May 24, 1997. At March 31, 1997, M&T Bank represented 97% of the total consolidated assets of the Company after giving effect to the merger of M&T Bank and East New York.

As of May 30, 1997, M&T Bank had 173 banking offices throughout the State of New York, plus an offices in Nassau, The Bahamas. As of June 30, 1996, the most recent date for which comparative deposit data have been published by the FDIC, M&T Bank held approximately 30% of total deposits of commercial banks and thrift institutions in the Buffalo Banking Market. M&T Bank, N.A. conducts its operations out of a single office in Oakfield, New York.

Collectively, the Banks offer a wide range of commercial banking, retail banking, trust and investment services to their customers. M&T Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of M&T Bank, conducts residential mortgage origination operations in New York, Arizona, Massachusetts, Ohio, Colorado, Utah, Oregon and Washington. Another subsidiary of M&T Bank, M&T Securities, Inc., is a registered broker-dealer and provides general securities brokerage and investment advisory services. M&T Bank, N.A. currently offers consumer banking products, primarily credit cards, home equity loans and lines of credit, and markets certificates of deposits nationwide.

The Company maintains its principal executive offices at One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240, telephone (716) 842-5445.

NEITHER THE CAPITAL SECURITIES NOR THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES ARE OBLIGATIONS OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANK.

Consolidated Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges

The following unaudited table presents the consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends of the Company. The consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges has been computed by dividing income before income taxes and fixed charges by fixed charges. The consolidated ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends has been computed by dividing income before income taxes and fixed charges by fixed charges and preferred stock dividends. Fixed charges represent all interest expense (ratios are presented both excluding and including interest on deposits) and the portion of net rental expense which is deemed to be equivalent to interest on debt. Preferred stock dividends are increased to an amount representing the pretax earnings which would be required to cover such dividend requirements. Interest expense (other than on deposits) includes interest on notes and debentures, federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase, mortgages, and other funds borrowed.

	Quarter Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,				
	1997	1996	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Earnings to Fixed Charges:							
Excluding interest on deposits	4.35	3.46	4.19	3.22	3.30	3.53	4.80
Including interest on deposits	1.56	1.52	1.53	1.50	1.69	1.63	1.50
Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends:							
Excluding interest on deposits	4.35	3.26	4.11	3.03	3.08	3.24	4.21
Including interest on deposits	1.56	1.50	1.52	1.48	1.65	1.60	1.47

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION

Presented below is selected unaudited consolidated financial information for the Company for the periods specified. The consolidated financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period and is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information available in the Company's reports as described under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference."

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION
SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

	Three months ended March 31,		Years ended December 31,				
	1997	1996	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Consolidated Income Statement: Dollars in thousands							
Interest income	\$ 255,766	\$ 243,777	\$ 997,432	\$ 928,154	\$ 747,346	\$ 740,629	\$ 756,477
Interest expense	119,321	114,185	466,408	441,730	279,206	269,873	323,598
Net interest income	136,445	129,592	531,024	486,424	468,140	470,756	432,879
Provision for possible credit losses	11,000	9,675	43,325	40,350	60,536	79,958	84,989
Net interest income after provision	125,445	119,917	487,699	446,074	407,604	390,798	347,890
Noninterest income	45,923	36,251	170,248	149,538	123,739	110,544	126,226
Noninterest expense	104,284	96,317	408,978	374,439	336,862	327,819	311,338
Income before income taxes	67,084	59,851	248,969	221,173	194,481	173,523	162,778
Applicable income taxes	25,825	23,698	97,866	90,137	77,186	71,531	64,841
Net income	\$ 41,259	\$ 36,153	\$ 151,103	\$ 131,036	\$ 117,295	\$ 101,992	\$ 97,937
Dividends declared on preferred stock	--	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Consolidated Average Balances:							
Total assets	\$12,866,278	\$12,140,991	\$12,478,666	\$11,484,754	\$10,025,421	\$10,390,030	\$9,553,875
Loans, net of unearned discount	10,715,345	9,672,172	10,113,947	8,857,222	7,427,021	6,982,289	6,571,259
Deposits	10,453,977	9,495,774	10,160,112	9,020,992	7,365,879	7,591,473	7,695,328
Long-term debt	277,985	192,293	189,316	146,019	77,297	75,639	7,086
Common stockholders' equity	917,197	810,051	853,515	742,520	683,202	630,449	542,569
Stockholders' equity	917,197	848,732	863,133	782,520	723,202	670,449	582,569
Consolidated Ratios:							
Return on average assets (1)	1.30%	1.20%	1.21%	1.14%	1.17%	0.98%	1.03%
Return on average common stockholders' equity (1)	18.24%	17.50%	17.60%	17.16%	16.64%	15.61%	17.39%

	Three months ended March 31,		Years ended December 31,				
	1997	1996	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Return on average total stockholders' equity (1)	18.24%	17.13%	17.51%	16.75%	16.22%	15.21%	16.81%
Average total stockholders' equity to average total assets	7.13%	6.99%	6.92%	6.81%	7.21%	6.45%	6.10%
Period end capital to risk adjusted assets:							
Tier 1	9.76%	8.36%	8.40%	8.53%	8.91%	9.33%	8.58%
Total	12.66%	11.39%	11.32%	11.62%	11.07%	11.58%	10.87%
Period end leverage ratio	8.15%	6.83%	6.99%	6.91%	7.31%	6.63%	6.06%
Net interest margin (taxable equivalent basis) (1)	4.48%	4.49%	4.45%	4.43%	4.89%	4.76%	4.79%
Net charge-offs to average loans and leases net of unearned discount (1)	0.30%	0.21%	0.35%	0.24%	0.22%	0.51%	0.70%
Period end nonperforming assets to period end loans, net of unearned discount and other real estate (2)	0.98%	0.91%	0.99%	1.05%	1.06%	1.30%	1.86%
Period end allowance to period end loans, net of unearned discount	2.53%	2.69%	2.52%	2.75%	2.96%	2.70%	2.17%
Period end allowance to period end nonperforming loans (2)	282%	323%	276%	282%	314%	238%	134%

(1) Ratios for the three month periods are annualized.

(2) Nonperforming loans and nonperforming assets include loans past due 90 days or more but still accruing.

RECENT FINANCIAL RESULTS

Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 1997, totaled \$41.3 million, up 14% from \$36.2 million in the year-earlier quarter.

Taxable-equivalent net interest income rose to \$137.7 million in the first quarter of 1997 from \$130.5 million in the corresponding 1996 quarter. Average loans outstanding totaled \$10.7 billion in the first quarter of 1997, an 11% increase from \$9.7 billion in 1996's first quarter. The Company's net interest margin, or taxable-equivalent net interest income expressed as an annualized percentage of average earning assets, was 4.48% in 1997's first quarter, compared with 4.49% in the year-earlier quarter.

The provision for possible credit losses was \$11.0 million in the first quarter of 1997, compared with \$9.7 million in the corresponding 1996 quarter. Net charge-offs for the first quarter were \$7.9 million or 0.30% of average loans compared with \$5.1 million or 0.21% in the year-earlier quarter. As a result, the allowance for possible credit losses was \$273.6 million or 2.53% of loans outstanding at March 31, 1997, compared with \$266.9 million or 2.69% at the end of the prior year's first quarter. Nonaccrual loans totaled \$57.4 million or 0.53% of loans outstanding at the recent quarter-end, compared with \$67.1 million or 0.68% at March 31, 1996. Loans past due ninety days or more and accruing interest totaled \$36.9 million at March 31, 1997, up from \$15.5 million a year earlier. The increase was mainly due to the inclusion at March 31, 1997, of \$13.9 million of one-to-four family residential mortgage loans serviced by First Empire and repurchased during 1996 from the Government National Mortgage Association. These loans are covered by guarantees of government agencies. Total nonperforming loans were \$97.0 million at March 31, 1997, compared with \$82.6 million at March 31, 1996. The ratio of the allowance for possible credit losses to nonperforming loans was 282% and 323% at March 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Assets taken in foreclosure of defaulted loans were \$8.7 million and \$7.5 million at March 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Non-interest income in the first quarter of 1997 totaled \$45.9 million, up 27% from \$36.3 million in the year-earlier quarter. Higher revenues from mortgage banking, credit card and trading account and foreign exchange activities contributed to this increase. Non-interest expense increased 8% to \$104.3 million in the recent quarter from \$96.3 million in 1996's initial quarter. Contributing to this increase were expenses associated with incentive-based compensation arrangements and expansion of First Empire's credit card business.

The annual rates of return on average total assets and average common stockholders' equity were 1.30% and 18.24%, respectively, for the first quarter of 1997, compared with 1.20% and 17.50%, respectively, in the year-earlier quarter.

At March 31, 1997, the Company had total assets of \$13.1 billion, compared with \$12.7 billion a year earlier. Loans and leases, net of unearned discount, increased 9% to \$10.8 billion from \$9.9 billion a year earlier. Deposits were \$10.5 billion at the recent quarter-end, compared with \$9.7 billion at March 31, 1996. Total stockholders' equity was \$912 million at March 31, 1997, up 8% from \$847 million a year earlier.

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

The Issuer Trust is a statutory business trust created under Delaware law pursuant to the filing of a certificate of trust with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 30, 1997. The Issuer Trust will be governed by the Trust Agreement among the Company, as Depositor, Bankers Trust (Delaware), as

Delaware Trustee, and Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee. Two individuals will be selected by the holders of the Common Securities to act as administrators with respect to the Issuer Trust (the "Administrators"). The Company, while holder of the Common Securities, intends to select two individuals who are employees or officers of or affiliated with the Company to serve as the Administrators. See "Description of Capital Securities--Miscellaneous." The Issuer Trust exists for the exclusive purposes of (i) issuing and selling the Trust Securities, (ii) using the proceeds from the sale of the Trust Securities to acquire the Junior Subordinated Debentures and (iii) engaging in only those other activities necessary, convenient or incidental thereto (such as registering the transfer of the Trust Securities). Accordingly, the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be the sole assets of the Issuer Trust, and payments under the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be the sole source of revenue of the Issuer Trust.

All of the Common Securities will initially be owned by the Company. The Common Securities will rank pari passu, and payments will be made thereon pro rata, with the Capital Securities, except that upon the occurrence and during the continuation of a Debenture Event of Default arising as a result of any failure by the Company to pay any amounts in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures when due, the rights of the holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption or otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the Capital Securities. See "Description of Capital Securities--Subordination of Common Securities." The Company will acquire Common Securities in an aggregate liquidation amount equal to 3% of the total capital of the Issuer Trust. The Issuer Trust has a term of 31 years, but may terminate earlier as provided in the Trust Agreement. The address of the Delaware Trustee is Bankers Trust (Delaware), 1001 Jefferson Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, telephone number (302) 576-3301. The address of the Property Trustee, the Guarantee Trustee and the Debenture Trustee is Bankers Trust Company, Four Albany Street, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10006, telephone number (212) 250-2500.

USE OF PROCEEDS

All the proceeds to the Issuer Trust from the sale of the Capital Securities will be invested by the Issuer Trust in the Junior Subordinated Debentures. The proceeds from the Capital Securities will qualify as Tier 1 or core capital with respect to the Company under the current risk-based capital guidelines established by the Federal Reserve. All the net proceeds to be received by the Company from the sale of the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of indebtedness, repurchase of outstanding common stock of the Company, investments in or extensions of credit to its subsidiaries and the financing of possible acquisitions. Pending such use, the net proceeds may be temporarily invested. The precise amounts and timing of the application of proceeds will depend upon the funding requirements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the availability of other funds. In view of anticipated funding requirements, the Company may from time to time engage in additional financings of a character and in amounts to be determined.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth the unaudited consolidated capitalization of the Company as of March 31, 1997 and as adjusted to give effect to the consummation of the offering of the Capital Securities. The following data should be read in conjunction with the Company's reports filed with the Commission under the Exchange Act. See "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference."

	March 31, 1997	
	----- Actual	As Adjusted -----
	----- (in thousands) -----	
Long-term debt:		
Subordinated notes of M&T Bank:		
8 1/8% due 2002	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
7% due 2005	100,000	100,000
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of New York	2,371	2,371
Other	589	589
Existing Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in Company's 8.234% junior subordinated debentures held by First Empire Trust I (1)	150,000	150,000
Additional Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in Company's Junior Subordinated Debentures to be held by First Empire Capital Trust II (2)		100,000
	327,960	427,960
Stockholders Equity:		
Common stock, \$5 par; authorized		
15,000,000, 8,097,472 shares issued	40,487	40,487
Additional paid-in capital	98,150	98,150
Retained earnings	972,978	972,978
Unrealized investment losses, net	(8,486)	(8,486)
Treasury stock, at cost -- 1,455,170 shares	(190,946)	(190,946)
Total stockholders' equity	912,183	912,183
Total Capitalization	1,240,143	1,340,143
Risk-based capital ratios:		
Tier 1 capital to risk-adjusted assets (3)	9.76%	10.60%
Regulatory minimum	4.00	4.00
Total capital to risk-adjusted assets (3)	12.66	13.48
Regulatory minimum	8.00	8.00
Leverage ratio	8.15	8.86
Regulatory minimum	3.00	3.00

- (1) On January 31, 1997, the Company issued \$154,640,000 principal amount of 8.234% junior subordinated debentures to First Empire Capital Trust I in connection with the issuance by First Empire Capital Trust I of the Outstanding Capital Securities. The 8.234% junior subordinated debentures will mature on February 1, 2027. The Company owns all of the Common Securities of First Empire Capital Trust I.

- (2) As described herein, the sole assets of the Issuer Trust will be \$103,093,000 principal amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures issued by the Company to the Issuer Trust. The Junior Subordinated Debentures will bear interest at a fixed rate of ____% and will mature on June ____, 2027. The Company will own all the Common Securities of the Issuer Trust. The Junior Subordinated Debentures will rank pari passu with the outstanding 8.234% junior subordinated debentures referred to in footnote (1).
- (3) Assumes net proceeds of the offering of the Capital Securities are invested in assets with a 100% risk weighting under the risk-based capital rules of the Federal Reserve.

ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

For financial reporting purposes, the Issuer Trust will be treated as a subsidiary of the Company and, accordingly, the accounts of the Issuer Trust will be included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The Capital Securities will be included in the consolidated balance sheets of the Company and appropriate disclosures about the Capital Securities, the Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company. For financial reporting purposes, Distributions on the Capital Securities will be recorded in the consolidated statements of income of the Company.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL SECURITIES

Pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement, the Issuer Trustees on behalf of the Issuer Trust will issue the Capital Securities and the Common Securities. The Capital Securities will represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust and the holders thereof will be entitled to a preference in certain circumstances with respect to Distributions and amounts payable on redemption or liquidation over the Common Securities, as well as other benefits as described in the Trust Agreement. This summary of certain provisions of the Capital Securities and the Trust Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the Trust Agreement, including the definitions therein of certain terms. Wherever particular defined terms of the Trust Agreement are referred to herein, such defined terms are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the form of the Trust Agreement is available upon request from the Issuer Trustees.

General

The Capital Securities will be limited to \$100,000,000 aggregate Liquidation Amount outstanding. The Capital Securities will rank pari passu, and payments will be made thereon pro rata, with the Common Securities except as described under "--Subordination of Common Securities." The Junior Subordinated Debentures will be registered in the name of the Issuer Trust and held by the Property Trustee in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Capital Securities and Common Securities. The Guarantee will be a guarantee on a subordinated basis with respect to the Capital Securities but will not guarantee payment of Distributions or amounts payable on redemption or liquidation of such Capital Securities when the Issuer Trust does not have funds on hand available to make such payments. See "Description of Guarantee."

Distributions

The Capital Securities represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust, and Distributions on each Capital Security will be payable at the annual rate of _____% of the stated Liquidation Amount of \$25, payable quarterly in arrears on the _____ day of _____, _____, _____, and _____ of each year (each a "Distribution Date"), to the holders of the Capital Securities at the close of business on the _____ day of _____, _____, _____ and _____ (whether or not a Business Day (as defined below)) next preceding the relevant Distribution Date. Distributions on the Capital Securities will be cumulative. Distributions will accumulate from _____, 1997. The first Distribution Date for the Capital Securities will be _____, 1997. The amount of Distributions payable for any period less than a full Distribution period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. Distributions payable for each full Distribution period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. If any date on which Distributions are payable on the Capital Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Distributions payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (without any additional Distributions or other payment in respect of any such delay), with the same force and effect as if made on the date such payment was originally payable.

So long as no Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company has the right under the Junior Subordinated Indenture to defer the payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures at any time or from time to time for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods with respect to each Extension Period, provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. As a consequence of any such deferral, quarterly Distributions on the Capital Securities by the Issuer Trust will be deferred during any such Extension Period. Distributions to which holders of the Capital Securities are entitled will accumulate additional Distributions thereon at the rate of ____% per annum, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. Additional Distributions payable for each full Distribution period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. The term "Distributions" as used herein shall include any such additional Distributions. During any such Extension Period, the Company may not (i) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock or (ii) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior in interest to the Junior Subordinated Debentures including the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a dividend in connection with any stockholder's rights plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any stockholder's rights plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Company may further defer the payment of interest, provided that no Extension Period may exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Upon the termination of any such Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Company may elect to begin a new Extension Period. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof. The Company must give the Issuer Trustees notice of its election of such Extension Period at least one Business Day prior to the earlier of (i) the date the Distributions on the Capital Securities would have been payable but for the election to begin such Extension Period and (ii) the date the Property Trustee is required to give notice to holders of the Capital Securities of the record date or the date such Distributions are payable, but in any event not less than one Business Day prior to such record date. The Property Trustee will give notice of the Company's election to begin a new Extension Period to the holders of the Capital Securities. Subject to the foregoing, there is no limitation on the number of times that the Company may elect to begin an Extension Period. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Option To Extend Interest Payment Period" and "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences--Interest Income and Original Issue Discount."

The Company has no current intention of exercising its right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period on the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

The revenue of the Issuer Trust available for distribution to holders of the Capital Securities will be limited to payments under the Junior Subordinated Debentures in which the Issuer Trust will invest the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures." If the Company does not make payments on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Issuer Trust may not have funds available to pay Distributions or other amounts payable on the Capital Securities. The payment of Distributions and

other amounts payable on the Capital Securities (if and to the extent the Issuer Trust has funds legally available for and cash sufficient to make such payments) is guaranteed by the Company on a limited basis as set forth herein under "Description of Guarantee."

Redemption

Upon the repayment or redemption, in whole or in part, of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, whether at maturity or upon earlier redemption as provided in the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the proceeds from such repayment or redemption shall be applied by the Property Trustee to redeem a Like Amount (as defined below) of the Capital Securities, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price (the "Redemption Price") equal to the aggregate Liquidation Amount of such Capital Securities plus accumulated but unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Date") and the related amount of the premium, if any, paid by the Company upon the concurrent redemption of such Junior Subordinated Debentures. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Redemption." If less than all the Junior Subordinated Debentures are to be repaid or redeemed on a Redemption Date, then the proceeds from such repayment or redemption shall be allocated to the redemption pro rata of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

The Company has the right to redeem the Junior Subordinated Debentures (i) on or after _____, 2002, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, or (ii) in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence and during the continuation of a Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event (each as defined below), in each case subject to possible regulatory approval. See "--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution." A redemption of the Junior Subordinated Debentures would cause a mandatory redemption of a Like Amount of the Capital Securities and Common Securities at the Redemption Price.

"Business Day" means a day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday, (b) a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or the City of Buffalo, New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed, or (c) a day on which the Property Trustee's Corporate Trust Office or the Corporate Trust Office of the Debenture Trustee is closed for business.

"Like Amount" means (i) with respect to a redemption of Trust Securities, Trust Securities having a Liquidation Amount (as defined below) equal to that portion of the principal amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures to be contemporaneously redeemed in accordance with the Junior Subordinated Indenture, allocated to the Common Securities and to the Capital Securities based upon the relative Liquidation Amounts of such classes and (ii) with respect to a distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to holders of Trust Securities in connection with a dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer Trust, Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Trust Securities of the holder to whom such Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed.

"Liquidation Amount" means the stated amount of \$25 per Trust Security.

"Tax Event" means the receipt by the Issuer Trust of an opinion of counsel to the Company experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) the Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such opinion, subject to United States federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) interest payable by the Company on the Junior Subordinated Debentures is not, or within 90 days of the delivery of such opinion, will not be, deductible by the Company, in whole or in part, for United States federal income tax purposes or (iii) the Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such opinion, subject to more than a de minimis amount of other taxes, duties or other governmental charges.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by the Issuer Trust of an opinion of counsel to the Company experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a written change (including any announced prospective change) in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Issuer Trust is or will be considered an "investment company" that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act, which change or prospective change becomes effective or would become effective, as the case may be, on or after the date of the issuance of the Capital Securities.

"Capital Treatment Event" means the reasonable determination by the Company that, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any rules or regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Company will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities as "Tier 1 Capital" (or the then equivalent thereof) for purposes of the risk-based capital adequacy guidelines of the Federal Reserve, as then in effect and applicable to the Company.

Payment of Additional Sums. If a Tax Event described in clause (i) or (iii) of the definition of Tax Event above has occurred and is continuing and the Issuer Trust is the holder of all the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Company will pay Additional Sums (as defined below), if any, on the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

"Additional Sums" means the additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the amount of Distributions then due and payable by the Issuer Trust on the outstanding Capital Securities and Common Securities of the Issuer Trust will not be reduced as a result of any additional taxes, duties and other governmental charges to which the Issuer Trust has become subject as a result of a Tax Event.

Redemption Procedures

Capital Securities redeemed on each Redemption Date shall be redeemed at the Redemption Price with the applicable proceeds from the contemporaneous redemption of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Redemptions of the Capital Securities shall be made and the Redemption Price shall be payable on each Redemption Date only to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available for the payment of such Redemption Price. See also "--Subordination of Common Securities."

If the Issuer Trust gives a notice of redemption in respect of the Capital Securities, then, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Redemption Date, to the extent funds are available, in the case of Capital Securities held in book-entry form, the Property Trustee will deposit irrevocably with DTC funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price and will give DTC irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the holders of the Capital Securities. With respect to Capital Securities not held in book-entry form, the Property Trustee, to the extent funds are available, will irrevocably deposit with the paying agent for the Capital Securities funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price and will give such paying agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the holders thereof upon surrender of their certificates evidencing the Capital Securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Distributions payable on or prior to the Redemption Date for any Capital Securities called for redemption shall be payable to the holders of the Capital Securities on the relevant record dates for the related Distribution Dates. If notice of redemption shall have been given and funds deposited as required, then upon the date of such deposit all rights of the holders of such Capital Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the holders of such Capital Securities to receive the Redemption Price, but without interest on such Redemption Price, and such Capital Securities will cease to be outstanding. If any date fixed for redemption of Capital Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Redemption Price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day (without any interest or other payment

in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the event that payment of the Redemption Price in respect of Capital Securities called for redemption is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Issuer Trust or by the Company pursuant to the Guarantee as described under "Description of Guarantee," Distributions on such Capital Securities will continue to accumulate at the then applicable rate, from the Redemption Date originally established by the Issuer Trust for such Capital Securities to the date such Redemption Price is actually paid, in which case the actual payment date will be the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price.

Subject to applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws), the Company or its affiliates may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding Capital Securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement, and may resell such securities.

If less than all the Capital Securities and Common Securities are to be redeemed on a Redemption Date, then the aggregate Liquidation Amount of such Capital Securities and Common Securities to be redeemed shall be allocated pro rata to the Capital Securities and the Common Securities based upon the relative Liquidation Amounts of such classes. The particular Capital Securities to be redeemed shall be selected on a pro rata basis not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Property Trustee from the outstanding Capital Securities not previously called for redemption, or if the Capital Securities are then held in the form of a Global Capital Security (as defined below), in accordance with DTC's customary procedures, provided, in each case, that each holder of any Capital Securities has at least 100 Capital Securities remaining after the redemption. The Property Trustee shall promptly notify the securities registrar for the Trust Securities in writing of the Capital Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Capital Securities selected for partial redemption, the Liquidation Amount thereof to be redeemed. For all purposes of the Trust Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Capital Securities shall relate, in the case of any Capital Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the aggregate Liquidation Amount of Capital Securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each registered holder of Capital Securities to be redeemed at its address appearing on the securities register for the Trust Securities. Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, on and after the Redemption Date interest will cease to accrue on the Junior Subordinated Debentures or portions thereof (and, unless payment of the Redemption Price in respect of the Capital Securities is withheld or refused and not paid either by the Issuer Trust or the Company pursuant to the Guarantee, Distributions will cease to accumulate on the Capital Securities or portions thereof) called for redemption.

Subordination of Common Securities

Payment of Distributions on, and the Redemption Price of, the Capital Securities and Common Securities, as applicable, shall be made pro rata based on the Liquidation Amount of such Capital Securities and Common Securities. However, if on any Distribution Date or Redemption Date a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as a result of any failure by the Company to pay any amounts in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures when due, no payment of any Distribution on, or Redemption Price of, any of the Common Securities, and no other payment on account of the redemption, liquidation or other acquisition of such Common Securities, shall be made unless payment in full in cash of all accumulated and unpaid Distributions on all the outstanding Capital Securities for all Distribution periods terminating on or prior thereto, or in the case of payment of the Redemption Price the full amount of such Redemption Price on all the outstanding Capital Securities then called for redemption, shall have been made or provided for, and all funds available to the Property Trustee shall first be applied to the payment in full in cash of all Distributions on, or Redemption Price of, the Capital Securities then due and payable.

In the case of any Event of Default (as defined below) resulting from a Debenture Event of Default, the holders of the Common Securities will be deemed to have waived any right to act with respect to any such Event of Default under the Trust Agreement until the effects of all such Events of Default with respect to such Capital Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated. See "--Events of Default; Notice" and "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Debenture Events of Default." Until all such Events of Default under the Trust Agreement with respect to the Capital Securities have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee will act solely on behalf of the holders of the Capital Securities and not on behalf of the holders of the Common Securities, and only the holders of the Capital Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee to act on their behalf.

Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution

The amount payable on the Capital Securities in the event of any liquidation of the Issuer Trust is \$25 per Capital Security plus accumulated and unpaid Distributions, subject to certain exceptions, which may be in the form of a distribution of such amount in Junior Subordinated Debentures.

The holders of all the outstanding Common Securities have the right at any time to dissolve the Issuer Trust and, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, cause the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be distributed to the holders of the Capital Securities and Common Securities in liquidation of the Issuer Trust.

The Federal Reserve's risk-based capital guidelines currently provide that redemptions of permanent equity or other capital instruments before stated maturity could have a significant impact on a bank holding company's overall capital structure and that any organization considering such a redemption should consult with the Federal Reserve before redeeming any equity or capital instrument prior to maturity if such redemption could have a material effect on the level or composition of the organization's capital base (unless the equity or capital instrument were redeemed with the proceeds of, or replaced by, a like amount of a similar or higher quality capital instrument and the Federal Reserve considers the organization's capital position to be fully adequate after the redemption).

In the event the Company, while a holder of Common Securities, dissolves the Issuer Trust prior to the stated maturity of the Capital Securities and the dissolution of the Issuer Trust is deemed to constitute the redemption of capital instruments by the Federal Reserve under its risk-based capital guidelines or policies, the dissolution of the Issuer Trust by the Company may be subject to the prior approval of the Federal Reserve. Moreover, any changes in applicable law or changes in the Federal Reserve's risk-based capital guidelines or policies could impose a requirement on the Company that it obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve to dissolve the Issuer Trust.

Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Issuer Trust will automatically dissolve upon expiration of its term or, if earlier, will dissolve on the first to occur of: (i) certain events of bankruptcy, dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the holder of the Common Securities, (ii) the distribution of a Like Amount of the Junior Subordinated Debentures to the holders of the Trust Securities, if the holders of Common Securities have given written direction to the Property Trustee to dissolve the Issuer Trust (which direction, subject to the foregoing restrictions, is optional and wholly within the discretion of the holders of Common Securities), (iii) the repayment of all the Capital Securities in connection with the redemption of all the Trust Securities as described under "--Redemption" and (iv) the entry of an order for the dissolution of the Issuer Trust by a court of competent jurisdiction.

If dissolution of the Issuer Trust occurs as described in clause (i), (ii) or (iv) above, the Issuer Trust will be liquidated by the Property Trustee as expeditiously as the Property Trustee determines to be possible by distributing, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, to the holders of such Trust Securities a Like Amount of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, unless such distribution is not practical, in which event such holders will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Issuer Trust available for distribution to holders, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable

law, an amount equal to, in the case of holders of Capital Securities, the aggregate of the Liquidation Amount plus accumulated and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"). If such Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Issuer Trust has insufficient assets available to pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Issuer Trust on its Capital Securities shall be paid on a pro rata basis. The holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such liquidation pro rata with the holders of the Capital Securities, except that if a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as a result of any failure by the Company to pay any amounts in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures when due, the Capital Securities shall have a priority over the Common Securities. See "--Subordination of Common Securities."

After the liquidation date fixed for any distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures (i) the Capital Securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding, (ii) DTC or its nominee, as the registered holder of Capital Securities, will receive a registered global certificate or certificates representing the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be delivered upon such distribution with respect to Capital Securities held by DTC or its nominee and (iii) any certificates representing the Capital Securities not held by DTC or its nominee will be deemed to represent the Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the stated Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid Distributions on the Capital Securities until such certificates are presented to the security registrar for the Trust Securities for transfer or reissuance.

If the Company does not redeem the Junior Subordinated Debentures prior to maturity and the Issuer Trust is not liquidated and the Junior Subordinated Debentures are not distributed to holders of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities will remain outstanding until the repayment of the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the distribution of the Liquidation Distribution to the holders of the Capital Securities.

There can be no assurance as to the market prices for the Capital Securities or the Junior Subordinated Debentures that may be distributed in exchange for Capital Securities if a dissolution and liquidation of the Issuer Trust were to occur. Accordingly, the Capital Securities that an investor may purchase, or the Junior Subordinated Debentures that the investor may receive on dissolution and liquidation of the Issuer Trust, may trade at a discount to the price that the investor paid to purchase the Capital Securities offered hereby.

Events of Default; Notice

Any one of the following events constitutes an "Event of Default" under the Trust Agreement (an "Event of Default") with respect to the Capital Securities (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(i) the occurrence of a Debenture Event of Default (see "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Debenture Events of Default"); or

(ii) default by the Issuer Trust in the payment of any Distribution when it becomes due and payable, and continuation of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(iii) default by the Issuer Trust in the payment of any Redemption Price of any Trust Security when it becomes due and payable; or

(iv) default in the performance, or breach, in any material respect, of any covenant or warranty of the Issuer Trustees in the Trust Agreement (other than a covenant or warranty a default in the performance of which or the breach of which is dealt with in clause (ii) or (iii) above), and continuation of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Issuer Trustees and the Company

by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" under the Trust Agreement; or

(v) the occurrence of certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Property Trustee if a successor Property Trustee has not been appointed within 90 days thereof.

Within five Business Days after the occurrence of any Event of Default actually known to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee will transmit notice of such Event of Default to the holders of Trust Securities and the Administrators, unless such Event of Default has been cured or waived. The Company, as Depositor, and the Administrators are required to file annually with the Property Trustee a certificate as to whether or not they are in compliance with all the conditions and covenants applicable to them under the Trust Agreement.

If a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as a result of any failure by the Company to pay any amounts in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures when due, the Capital Securities will have a preference over the Common Securities with respect to payments of any amounts in respect of the Capital Securities as described above. See "--Subordination of Common Securities," "--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution" and "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Debenture Events of Default."

Removal of Issuer Trustees; Appointment of Successors

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities may remove an Issuer Trustee for cause or, if a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, with or without cause. If an Issuer Trustee is removed by the holders of the outstanding Capital Securities, the successor may be appointed by the holders of at least 25% in Liquidation Amount of Capital Securities. If an Issuer Trustee resigns, such Trustee will appoint its successor. If an Issuer Trustee fails to appoint a successor, the holders of at least 25% in Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities may appoint a successor. If a successor has not been appointed by the holders, any holder of Capital Securities or Common Securities or the other Issuer Trustee may petition a court in the State of Delaware to appoint a successor. Any Delaware Trustee must meet the applicable requirements of Delaware law. Any Property Trustee must be a national or state-chartered bank, and at the time of appointment have securities rated in one of the three highest rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization and have capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. No resignation or removal of an Issuer Trustee and no appointment of a successor trustee shall be effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Agreement.

Merger or Consolidation of Issuer Trustees

Any entity into which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any entity resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Issuer Trustee is a party, or any entity succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of such Issuer Trustee, will be the successor of such Issuer Trustee under the Trust Agreement, provided such entity is otherwise qualified and eligible.

Mergers, Consolidations, Amalgamations or Replacements of the Issuer Trust

The Issuer Trust may not merge with or into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any entity, except as described below or as otherwise set forth in the Trust Agreement. The Issuer Trust may, at the request of the holders of the Common Securities and with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities, merge with or into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to a trust organized as such under the laws of any State,

so long as (i) such successor entity either (a) expressly assumes all the obligations of the Issuer Trust with respect to the Capital Securities or (b) substitutes for the Capital Securities other securities having substantially the same terms as the Capital Securities (the "Successor Securities") so long as the Successor Securities have the same priority as the Capital Securities with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise, (ii) a trustee of such successor entity, possessing the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee, is appointed to hold the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (iii) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not cause the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization, (iv) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect, (v) such successor entity has a purpose substantially identical to that of the Issuer Trust, (vi) prior to such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, the Issuer Trust has received an opinion from independent counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that (a) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect and (b) following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, neither the Issuer Trust nor such successor entity will be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, and (vii) the Company or any permitted successor or assignee owns all the common securities of such successor entity and guarantees the obligations of such successor entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Guarantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer Trust may not, except with the consent of holders of 100% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, amalgamation, merger, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease would cause the Issuer Trust or the successor entity to be taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

Voting Rights; Amendment of Trust Agreement

Except as provided below and under "--Removal of Issuer Trustees; Appointment of Successors" and "Description of Guarantee--Amendments and Assignment" and as otherwise required by law and the Trust Agreement, the holders of the Capital Securities will have no voting rights.

The Trust Agreement may be amended from time to time by the holders of a majority of the Common Securities and the Property Trustee, without the consent of the holders of the Capital Securities, (i) to cure any ambiguity, correct or supplement any provisions in the Trust Agreement that may be inconsistent with any other provision, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the Trust Agreement, provided that any such amendment does not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any holder of Trust Securities, or (ii) to modify, eliminate or add to any provisions of the Trust Agreement to such extent as may be necessary to ensure that the Issuer Trust will not be taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes at any time that any Trust Securities are outstanding or to ensure that the Issuer Trust will not be required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act, and any amendments of the Trust Agreement will become effective when notice of such amendment is given to the holders of Trust Securities. The Trust Agreement may be amended by the holders of a majority of the Common Securities and the Property Trustee with (i) the consent of holders representing not less than a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities and (ii) receipt by the Issuer Trustees of an opinion of counsel to the effect that such amendment or the exercise of any power granted to the Issuer Trustees in accordance with such amendment will not affect the Issuer Trust's not being taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes or the Issuer Trust's exemption from status as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act, except that, without the consent of each holder of Trust Securities affected thereby, the Trust Agreement may not be amended to (i) change the amount or timing of any Distribution on the Trust Securities or otherwise adversely affect the amount of any Distribution required to be made in respect of the Trust Securities as of a specified date or (ii) restrict

the right of a holder of Trust Securities to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such date.

So long as any Junior Subordinated Debentures are held by the Issuer Trust, the Property Trustee will not (i) direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Debenture Trustee, or execute any trust or power conferred on the Property Trustee with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) waive any past default that is waivable under Section 513 of the Junior Subordinated Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the Junior Subordinated Debentures shall be due and payable or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Junior Subordinated Indenture or the Junior Subordinated Debentures, where such consent shall be required, without, in each case, obtaining the prior approval of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities, except that, if a consent under the Junior Subordinated Indenture would require the consent of each holder of Junior Subordinated Debentures affected thereby, no such consent will be given by the Property Trustee without the prior consent of each holder of the Capital Securities. The Property Trustee may not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the holders of the Capital Securities except by subsequent vote of the holders of the Capital Securities. The Property Trustee will notify each holder of Capital Securities of any notice of default with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. In addition to obtaining the foregoing approvals of the holders of the Capital Securities, before taking any of the foregoing actions, the Property Trustee will obtain an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that the Issuer Trust will not be taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes on account of such action.

Any required approval of holders of Capital Securities may be given at a meeting of holders of Capital Securities convened for such purpose or pursuant to written consent. The Property Trustee will cause a notice of any meeting at which holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such holders is to be taken, to be given to each registered holder of Capital Securities in the manner set forth in the Trust Agreement.

No vote or consent of the holders of Capital Securities will be required to redeem and cancel Capital Securities in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

Notwithstanding that holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances described above, any of the Capital Securities that are owned by the Company, the Issuer Trustees or any affiliate of the Company or any Issuer Trustees, will, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

Expenses and Taxes

In the Indenture, the Company, as borrower, has agreed to pay all debts and other obligations (other than with respect to the Capital Securities) and all costs and expenses of the Issuer Trust (including costs and expenses relating to the organization of the Issuer Trust, the fees and expenses of the Trustees and the costs and expenses relating to the operation of the Issuer Trust) and to pay any and all taxes and all costs and expenses with respect thereto (other than United States withholding taxes) to which the Issuer Trust might become subject. The foregoing obligations of the Company under the Indenture are for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, any person to whom any such debts, obligations, costs, expenses and taxes are owed (a "Creditor") whether or not such Creditor has received notice thereof. Any such Creditor may enforce such obligations of the Company directly against the Company, and the Company has irrevocably waived any right or remedy to require that any such Creditor take any action against the Issuer Trust or any other person before proceeding against the Company. The Company has also agreed in the Indenture to execute such additional agreements as may be necessary or desirable to give full effect to the foregoing.

The Capital Securities will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global securities which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depository and registered in the name of the Depository's nominee. Unless and until it is exchangeable in whole or in part for the Capital Securities in definitive form, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor of such Depository or a nominee of such successor.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to persons that have accounts with the Depository or its nominee ("Participants") or persons that may hold interests through Participants. The Company expects that, upon the issuance of a global security, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the Participants' accounts with their respective principal amounts of the Capital Securities represented by such global security. Ownership of beneficial interests in such global security will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository (with respect to interests of Participants) and on the records of Participants (with respect to interests of Persons held through Participants). Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from the Depository of their purchase, but are expected to receive written confirmations from the Participants through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests will be accomplished by entries on the books of Participants acting on behalf of the beneficial owners.

So long as the Depository, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global security, the Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Capital Securities represented by such global security for all purposes under the Junior Subordinated Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Capital Securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Junior Subordinated Indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in such a global security must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if such person is not a Participant, on the procedures of the participant through which such person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the Junior Subordinated Indenture. The Company understands that, under the Depository's existing practices, in the event that the Company requests any action of holders, or an owner of a beneficial interest in such a global security desires to take any action which a holder is entitled to take under the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the Depository would authorize the Participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to take such action, and such Participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through such Participants to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them. Redemption notices will also be sent to the Depository. If less than all of the Capital Securities are being redeemed, the Company understands that it is the Depository's existing practice to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Participant to be redeemed.

Distributions on the Capital Securities registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee will be made to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the global security representing such Capital Securities. None of the Company, the Trustees, any Paying Agent or any other agent of the Company or the Trustees will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global security for such Capital Securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests. Disbursements of Distributions to Participants shall be the responsibility of the Depository. The Depository's practice is to credit Participants' accounts on a payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on the Depository's records unless the Depository has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payable date. Payments by Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of the Depository, the Company, the Trustees, the Paying Agent or any other agent of the Company, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

The Depository may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Capital Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Company or the Trustee. If the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling to continue as such, or if it is unable to continue or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within ninety days after receiving such notice or becoming aware that the Depository is no longer so registered, the Company will issue the Capital Securities in definitive form upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, such global security. In addition, the Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine not to have the Capital Securities represented by one or more global securities and, in such event, will issue Capital Securities in definitive form in exchange for all of the global securities representing such Capital Securities.

DTC has advised the Company and the Issuer Trust as follows: DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities for its Participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Participants through electronic book entry changes to accounts of its Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations and may include certain other organizations such as the Underwriters. Certain of such Participants (or their representatives), together with other entities, own DTC. Indirect access to the DTC system is available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through, or maintain a custodial relationship with a Participant, either directly or indirectly.

Payment and Paying Agency

Payments in respect of the Capital Securities will be made to DTC, which will credit the relevant accounts at DTC on the applicable Distribution Dates or, if the Capital Securities are not held by DTC, such payments will be made by check mailed to the address of the holder entitled thereto as such address appears on the securities register for the Trust Securities. The paying agent (the "Paying Agent") will initially be the Property Trustee and any co-paying agent chosen by the Property Trustee and acceptable to the Administrators. The Paying Agent will be permitted to resign as Paying Agent upon 30 days' written notice to the Property Trustee and the Administrators. If the Property Trustee is no longer the Paying Agent, the Property Trustee will appoint a successor (which must be a bank or trust company reasonably acceptable to the Administrators) to act as Paying Agent.

Registrar and Transfer Agent

The Property Trustee will act as registrar and transfer agent for the Capital Securities.

Registration of transfers of Capital Securities will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer Trust, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange. The Issuer Trust will not be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of the Capital Securities after the Capital Securities have been called for redemption.

Information Concerning the Property Trustee

The Property Trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Trust Agreement and, after such Event of Default, must exercise the same degree of care and skill as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the Property Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Trust Agreement at the request of any holder of Capital Securities unless it is offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred thereby.

For information concerning the relationships between Bankers Trust Company, the Property Trustee, and the Company, see "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Information Concerning the Debenture Trustee."

Miscellaneous

The Administrators and the Property Trustee are authorized and directed to conduct the affairs of and to operate the Issuer Trust in such a way that the Issuer Trust will not be deemed to be an "investment company" required to be registered under the Investment Company Act or taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes and so that the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be treated as indebtedness of the Company for United States federal income tax purposes. In this connection, the Property Trustee and the holders of Common Securities are authorized to take any action, not inconsistent with applicable law, the certificate of trust of the Issuer Trust or the Trust Agreement, that the Property Trustee and the holders of Common Securities determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable for such purposes, as long as such action does not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Capital Securities.

Holders of the Capital Securities have no preemptive or similar rights.

The Issuer Trust may not borrow money or issue debt or mortgage or pledge any of its assets.

Governing Law

The Trust Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

DESCRIPTION OF JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES

The Junior Subordinated Debentures are to be issued under the Junior Subordinated Indenture, under which Bankers Trust Company is acting as Debenture Trustee. This summary of certain terms and provisions of the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Junior Subordinated Indenture does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the Junior Subordinated Indenture, including the definitions therein of certain terms. Whenever particular defined terms of the Junior Subordinated Indenture (as amended or supplemented from time to time) are referred to herein, such defined terms are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the form of Junior Subordinated Indenture is available from the Debenture Trustee upon request.

General

Concurrently with the issuance of the Capital Securities, the Issuer Trust will invest the proceeds thereof, together with the consideration paid by the Company for the Common Securities, in the Junior Subordinated Debentures issued by the Company. The Junior Subordinated Debentures will bear interest, accruing from _____, 1997, at the annual rate of _____% of the principal amount thereof, payable quarterly in arrears on the _____ day of _____, _____, _____ and _____ of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing _____, 1997, to the person in whose name each Junior Subordinated Debenture is registered at the close of business on the _____ day of _____, _____ or _____ (whether or not a Business Day) next preceding such Interest Payment Date. It is anticipated that, until the liquidation, if any, of the Issuer Trust, each Junior Subordinated Debenture will be registered in the name of the Issuer Trust and held by the Property Trustee in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Trust Securities. The amount of interest payable for any period less than a full interest period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. The amount of interest

payable for any full interest period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. If any date on which interest is payable on the Junior Subordinated Debentures is not a Business Day, then payment of the interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), with the same force and effect as if made on the date such payment was originally payable. Accrued interest that is not paid on the applicable Interest Payment Date will bear additional interest on the amount thereof (to the extent permitted by law) at the rate per annum of _____%, compounded quarterly and computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. The amount of additional interest payable for any full interest period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. The term "interest" as used herein includes quarterly interest payments, interest on quarterly interest payments not paid on the applicable Interest Payment Date and Additional Sums (as defined below), as applicable.

The Junior Subordinated Debentures will mature on _____, 2027.

The Junior Subordinated Debentures will be unsecured and will rank junior and be subordinate in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness of the Company and pari passu with the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities. The Junior Subordinated Debentures will not be subject to a sinking fund and will not be eligible as collateral for any loan made by the Company. The Junior Subordinated Indenture does not limit the incurrence or issuance of other secured or unsecured debt by the Company, including Senior Indebtedness, whether under the Junior Subordinated Indenture or any existing or other indenture that the Company may enter into in the future or otherwise. See "--Subordination."

Option To Extend Interest Payment Period

So long as no Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company has the right at any time during the term of the Junior Subordinated Debentures to defer the payment of interest at any time or from time to time for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods with respect to each Extension Period, provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. At the end of such Extension Period, the Company must pay all interest then accrued and unpaid (together with interest thereon at the annual rate of _____%, compounded quarterly and computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period, to the extent permitted by applicable law). The amount of additional interest payable for any full interest period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. During an Extension Period, interest will continue to accrue and holders of Junior Subordinated Debentures (or holders of Capital Securities while outstanding) will be required to accrue interest income for United States federal income tax purposes. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences--Interest Income and Original Issue Discount."

During any such Extension Period, the Company may not (i) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock or (ii) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior in interest to the Junior Subordinated Debentures including the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a dividend in connection with any stockholder's rights plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any stockholders rights plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights

pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Company may further defer the payment of interest, provided that no Extension Period may exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Upon the termination of any such Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Company may elect to begin a new Extension Period subject to the above conditions. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof. The Company must give the Issuer Trustees notice of its election of such Extension Period at least one Business Day prior to the earlier of (i) the date the Distributions on the Capital Securities would have been payable but for the election to begin such Extension Period and (ii) the date the Property Trustee is required to give notice to holders of the Capital Securities of the record date or the date such Distributions are payable, but in any event not less than one Business Day prior to such record date. The Property Trustee will give notice of the Company's election to begin a new Extension Period to the holders of the Capital Securities. There is no limitation on the number of times that the Company may elect to begin an Extension Period.

Redemption

The Junior Subordinated Debentures are redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the Company (i) on or after _____, 2002, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, or (ii) in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence and during the continuation of a Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event (each as defined under "Description of Capital Securities--Redemption"), in each case at the redemption price described below. The proceeds of any such redemption will be used by the Issuer Trust to redeem the Capital Securities.

The Federal Reserve's risk-based capital guidelines, which are subject to change, currently provide that redemptions of permanent equity or other capital instruments before stated maturity could have a significant impact on a bank holding company's overall capital structure and that any organization considering such a redemption should consult with the Federal Reserve before redeeming any equity or capital instrument prior to maturity if such redemption could have a material effect on the level or composition of the organization's capital base (unless the equity or capital instrument were redeemed with the proceeds of, or replaced by, a like amount of a similar or higher quality capital instrument and the Federal Reserve considers the organization's capital position to be fully adequate after the redemption).

The redemption of the Junior Subordinated Debentures by the Company prior to their Stated Maturity would constitute the redemption of capital instruments under the Federal Reserve's current risk-based capital guidelines and may be subject to the prior approval of the Federal Reserve. The redemption of the Junior Subordinated Debentures also could be subject to the additional prior approval of the Federal Reserve under its current risk-based capital guidelines.

The redemption price for Junior Subordinated Debentures is the outstanding principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Debentures plus accrued interest (including any Additional Interest or any Additional Sums) thereon to but excluding the date fixed for redemption.

Additional Sums

The Company has covenanted in the Junior Subordinated Indenture that, if and for so long as (i) the Issuer Trust is the holder of all Junior Subordinated Debentures and (ii) the Issuer Trust is required to pay any additional taxes, duties or other governmental charges as a result of a Tax Event, the Company will pay as additional sums on the Junior Subordinated Debentures such amounts as may be required so that the Distributions payable by the Issuer Trust will not be reduced as a result of any such additional taxes, duties or other governmental charges. See "Description of Capital Securities--Redemption."

Registration, Denomination and Transfer

The Junior Subordinated Debentures will initially be registered in the name of the Issuer Trust. If the Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed to holders of Capital Securities, it is anticipated that the depository arrangements for the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be substantially identical to those in effect for the Capital Securities. See "Description of Capital Securities--Book Entry, Delivery and Form."

Although DTC has agreed to the procedures described above, it is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. If DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days of receipt of notice from DTC to such effect, the Company will cause the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be issued in definitive form.

Payments on Junior Subordinated Debentures represented by a global security will be made to Cede & Co., the nominee for DTC, as the registered holder of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, as described under "Description of the Capital Securities--Book Entry, Delivery and Form." If Junior Subordinated Debentures are issued in certificated form, principal and interest will be payable, the transfer of the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be registrable, and Junior Subordinated Debentures will be exchangeable for Junior Subordinated Debentures of other authorized denominations of a like aggregate principal amount, at the corporate trust office of the Debenture Trustee in New York, New York or at the offices of any Paying Agent or transfer agent appointed by the Company, provided that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the address of the persons entitled thereto. However, a holder of \$1 million or more in aggregate principal amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures may receive payments of interest (other than interest payable at the Stated Maturity) by wire transfer of immediately available funds upon written request to the Debenture Trustee not later than 15 calendar days prior to the date on which the interest is payable.

Junior Subordinated Debentures will be exchangeable for other Junior Subordinated Debentures of like tenor, of any authorized denominations, and of a like aggregate principal amount.

Junior Subordinated Debentures may be presented for exchange as provided above, and may be presented for registration of transfer (with the form of transfer endorsed thereon, or a satisfactory written instrument of transfer, duly executed), at the office of the securities registrar appointed under the Junior Subordinated Debenture or at the office of any transfer agent designated by the Company for such purpose without service charge and upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges as described in the Junior Subordinated Indenture. The Company will appoint the Debenture Trustee as securities registrar under the Junior Subordinated Indenture. The Company may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

In the event of any redemption, neither the Company nor the Debenture Trustee shall be required to (i) issue, register the transfer of or exchange Junior Subordinated Debentures during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of selection for redemption of the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption or (ii) transfer or exchange any Junior Subordinated Debentures so selected for redemption, except, in the case of any Junior Subordinated Debentures being redeemed in part, any portion thereof not to be redeemed.

Any monies deposited with the Debenture Trustee or any paying agent, or then held by the Company in trust, for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on any Junior Subordinated Debenture and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal (and premium, if any) or interest has become due and payable shall, at the request of the Company, be repaid to the Company and the holder of such Junior Subordinated Debenture shall thereafter look, as a general unsecured creditor, only to the Company for payment thereof.

Restrictions on Certain Payments; Certain Covenants of the Company

The Company has covenanted that it will not (i) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock or (ii) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior in interest to the Junior Subordinated Debentures including the Company's obligations associated with the Outstanding Capital Securities (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period or other event referred to below, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a dividend in connection with any stockholder's rights plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any stockholder's rights plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock), if at such time (i) there has occurred any event (a) of which the Company has actual knowledge that with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would constitute a Debenture Event of Default and (b) that the Company has not taken reasonable steps to cure, (ii) if the Junior Subordinated Debentures are held by the Issuer Trust, the Company is in default with respect to its payment of any obligations under the Guarantee or (iii) the Company has given notice of its election of an Extension Period as provided in the Junior Subordinated Indenture and has not rescinded such notice, or such Extension Period, or any extension thereof, is continuing.

The Company has covenanted in the Junior Subordinated Indenture (i) to continue to hold, directly or indirectly, 100% of the Common Securities, provided that certain successors that are permitted pursuant to the Junior Subordinated Indenture may succeed to the Company's ownership of the Common Securities, (ii) as holder of the Common Securities, not to voluntarily dissolve, windup or liquidate the Issuer Trust, other than (a) in connection with a distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to the holders of the Capital Securities in liquidation of the Issuer Trust or (b) in connection with certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations permitted by the Trust Agreement and (iii) to use its reasonable efforts, consistent with the terms and provisions of the Trust Agreement, to cause the Issuer Trust to continue not to be taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

Modification of Junior Subordinated Indenture

From time to time, the Company and the Debenture Trustee may, without the consent of any of the holders of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures, amend, waive or supplement the provisions of the Junior Subordinated Indenture to: (1) evidence succession of another corporation or association to the Company and the assumption by such person of the obligations of the Company under the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (2) add further covenants, restrictions or conditions for the protection of holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (3) cure ambiguities or correct the Junior Subordinated Debentures in the case of defects or inconsistencies in the provisions thereof, so long as any such cure or correction does not adversely affect the interest of the holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures in any material respect, (4) change the terms of the Junior Subordinated Debentures to facilitate the issuance of the Junior Subordinated Debentures in certificated or other definitive form, (5) evidence or provide for the appointment of a successor Debenture Trustee, or (6) qualify, or maintain the qualification of, the Junior Subordinated Indentures under the Trust Indenture Act. The Junior Subordinated Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Debenture Trustee, with the consent of the holders

of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, to modify the Junior Subordinated Indenture in a manner affecting the rights of the holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, except that no such modification may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Junior Subordinated Debenture so affected, (i) change the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or change the place of payment where, or the currency in which, any such amount is payable or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any Junior Subordinated Debenture or (ii) reduce the percentage of principal amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures, the holders of which are required to consent to any such modification of the Junior Subordinated Indenture. Furthermore, so long as any of the Capital Securities remain outstanding, no such modification may be made that adversely affects the holders of such Capital Securities in any material respect, and no termination of the Junior Subordinated Indenture may occur, and no waiver of any Debenture Event of Default or compliance with any covenant under the Junior Subordinated Indenture may be effective, without the prior consent of the holders of at least a majority of the aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities unless and until the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Junior Subordinated Debentures and all accrued and unpaid interest thereon have been paid in full and certain other conditions are satisfied.

Debenture Events of Default

The Junior Subordinated Indenture provides that any one or more of the following described events with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures that has occurred and is continuing constitutes an "Event of Default" with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures:

(i) failure for 30 days to pay any interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures when due (subject to the deferral of any due date in the case of an Extension Period); or

(ii) failure to pay any principal of or premium, if any, on the Junior Subordinated Debentures when due whether at maturity, upon redemption, by declaration of acceleration or otherwise; or

(iii) failure to observe or perform in any material respect certain other covenants contained in the Junior Subordinated Indenture for 90 days after written notice to the Company from the Debenture Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures; or

(iv) the Company consents to the appointment of a receiver or other similar official in any liquidation, insolvency or similar proceeding with respect to the Company or all or substantially all its property.

For purposes of the Trust Agreement and this Prospectus, each such Event of Default under the Junior Subordinated Debenture is referred to as a "Debenture Event of Default." As described in "Description of Capital Securities--Events of Default; Notice," the occurrence of a Debenture Event of Default will also constitute an Event of Default in respect of the Trust Securities.

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Debenture Trustee. The Debenture Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures may declare the principal due and payable immediately upon a Debenture Event of Default, and, should the Debenture Trustee or such holders of Junior Subordinated Debentures fail to make such declaration, the holders of at least 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities shall have such right. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures may annul such declaration and waive the default if all defaults (other than the non-payment of the principal of Junior Subordinated Debentures which has become due solely by such

acceleration) have been cured and a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest and principal due otherwise than by acceleration has been deposited with the Debenture Trustee. Should the holders of Junior Subordinated Debentures fail to annul such declaration and waive such default, the holders of a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities shall have such right.

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures affected thereby may, on behalf of the holders of all the Junior Subordinated Debentures, waive any past default, except a default in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest (unless such default has been cured and a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest and principal due otherwise than by acceleration has been deposited with the Debenture Trustee) or a default in respect of a covenant or provision which under the Junior Subordinated Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Junior Subordinated Debenture affected thereby. See "--Modification of Junior Subordinated Indenture." The Company is required to file annually with the Debenture Trustee a certificate as to whether or not the Company is in compliance with all the conditions and covenants applicable to it under the Junior Subordinated Indenture.

If a Debenture Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Property Trustee will have the right to declare the principal of and the interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, and any other amounts payable under the Junior Subordinated Indenture, to be forthwith due and payable and to enforce its other rights as a creditor with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

Enforcement of Certain Rights by Holders of Capital Securities

If a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and such event is attributable to the failure of the Company to pay any amounts payable in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures on the date such amounts are otherwise payable, a registered holder of Capital Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company for enforcement of payment to such holder of an amount equal to the amount payable in respect of Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities held by such holder. The Company may not amend the Junior Subordinated Indenture to remove the foregoing right to bring a Direct Action without the prior written consent of the holders of all the Capital Securities. The Company will have the right under the Junior Subordinated Indenture to set-off any payment made to such holder of Capital Securities by the Company in connection with a Direct Action.

The holders of the Capital Securities would not be able to exercise directly any remedies available to the holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures except under the circumstances described in the preceding paragraph. See "Description of Capital Securities--Events of Default; Notice."

Consolidation, Merger, Sale of Assets and Other Transactions

The Junior Subordinated Indenture provides that the Company may not consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, and no Person may consolidate with or merge into the Company or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to the Company, unless (i) if the Company consolidates with or merges into another Person or conveys or transfers its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, the successor Person is organized under the laws of the United States or any state or the District of Columbia, and such successor Person expressly assumes the Company's obligations in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures; (ii) immediately after giving effect thereto, no Debenture Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a Debenture Event of Default, has occurred and is continuing; and (iii) certain other conditions as prescribed in the Junior Subordinated Indenture are satisfied.

The provisions of the Junior Subordinated Indenture do not afford holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures protection in the event of a highly leveraged or other transaction involving the Company that may adversely affect holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

Satisfaction and Discharge

The Junior Subordinated Indenture provides that when, among other things, all Junior Subordinated Debentures not previously delivered to the Debenture Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable or (ii) will become due and payable at the Stated Maturity within one year, and the Company deposits or causes to be deposited with the Debenture Trustee funds, in trust, for the purpose and in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Junior Subordinated Debentures not previously delivered to the Debenture Trustee for cancellation, for the principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of the deposit or to the Stated Maturity, as the case may be, then the Junior Subordinated Indenture will cease to be of further effect (except as to the Company's obligations to pay all other sums due pursuant to the Junior Subordinated Indenture and to provide the officers' certificates and opinions of counsel described therein), and the Company will be deemed to have satisfied and discharged the Junior Subordinated Indenture.

Subordination

The Junior Subordinated Debentures will be subordinate and junior in right of payment, to the extent set forth in the Junior Subordinated Indenture, to all Senior Indebtedness (as defined below) of the Company. If the Company defaults in the payment of any principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, or any other amount payable on any Senior Indebtedness when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for redemption or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise, then, unless and until such default has been cured or waived or has ceased to exist or all Senior Indebtedness has been paid, no direct or indirect payment (in cash, property, securities, by setoff or otherwise) may be made or agreed to be made on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, or in respect of any redemption, repayment, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of any of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Because the Company is a holding company, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee are effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of its subsidiaries. As of March 31, 1997, the Company's subsidiaries had indebtedness and other liabilities of approximately \$12.2 billion.

As used herein, "Senior Indebtedness" means, whether recourse is to all or a portion of the assets of the Company and whether or not contingent, (i) every obligation of the Company for money borrowed; (ii) every obligation of the Company evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, including obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses; (iii) every reimbursement obligation of the Company with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities issued for the account of the Company; (iv) every obligation of the Company issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services (but excluding trade accounts payable or accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business); (v) every capital lease obligation of the Company; (vi) every obligation of the Company for claims (as defined in Section 101(4) of the United States Bankruptcy Code of 1978, as amended) in respect of derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts, commodity contracts and similar arrangements; and (vii) every obligation of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) of another person and all dividends of another person the payment of which, in either case, the Company has guaranteed or is responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, as obligor or otherwise; provided that "Senior Indebtedness" shall not include (i) any obligations which, by their terms, are expressly stated to rank pari passu in right of payment with, or to not be superior in right of payment to, the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) any Senior Indebtedness of the Company which when incurred and without respect to any election under Section 1111(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code of 1978, as amended, was without recourse to the Company, (iii) any indebtedness of the Company to any of its subsidiaries, (iv) indebtedness to any employee of the Company, or (v) any indebtedness in respect of debt securities issued to any trust, or a trustee of such trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with the Company that is a financing entity of the Company in connection with the issuance of such financing entity of securities that are similar to the Capital Securities including the Outstanding Capital Securities.

In the event of (i) certain events of bankruptcy, dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the holder of the Common Securities, (ii) any proceeding for the liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of the Company, voluntary or involuntary, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings, (iii) any assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors or (iv) any other marshalling of the assets of the Company, all Senior

Indebtedness (including any interest thereon accruing after the commencement of any such proceedings) shall first be paid in full before any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made on account of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. In such event, any payment or distribution on account of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, whether in cash, securities or other property, that would otherwise (but for the subordination provisions) be payable or deliverable in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be paid or delivered directly to the holders of Senior Indebtedness in accordance with the priorities then existing among such holders until all Senior Indebtedness (including any interest thereon accruing after the commencement of any such proceedings) has been paid in full.

In the event of any such proceeding, after payment in full of all sums owing with respect to Senior Indebtedness, the holders of Junior Subordinated Debentures, together with the holders of any obligations of the Company ranking on a parity with the Junior Subordinated Debentures, will be entitled to be paid from the remaining assets of the Company the amounts at the time due and owing on the Junior Subordinated Debentures and such other obligations before any payment or other distribution, whether in cash, property or otherwise, will be made on account of any capital stock or obligations of the Company ranking junior to the Junior Subordinated Debentures and such other obligations. If any payment or distribution on account of the Junior Subordinated Debentures of any character or any security, whether in cash, securities or other property is received by any holder of any Junior Subordinated Debentures in contravention of any of the terms hereof and before all the Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full, such payment or distribution or security will be received in trust for the benefit of, and must be paid over or delivered and transferred to, the holders of the Senior Indebtedness at the time outstanding in accordance with the priorities then existing among such holders for application to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid to the extent necessary to pay all such Senior Indebtedness in full. By reason of such subordination, in the event of the insolvency of the Company, holders of Senior Indebtedness may receive more, ratably, and holders of the Junior Subordinated Debentures may receive less, ratably, than the other creditors of the Company. Such subordination will not prevent the occurrence of any Event of Default in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

The Junior Subordinated Indenture places no limitation on the amount of additional Senior Indebtedness that may be incurred by the Company. The Company expects from time to time to incur additional indebtedness constituting Senior Indebtedness.

Information Concerning the Debenture Trustee

The Debenture Trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of a default by the Company in performance of its obligations under the Junior Subordinated Debenture, is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Junior Subordinated Indenture at the request of any holder of Junior Subordinated Debentures, unless offered reasonable indemnity by such holder against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred thereby. The Debenture Trustee is not required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of its duties if the Debenture Trustee reasonably believes that repayment or adequate indemnity is not reasonably assured to it.

Bankers Trust Company, the Debenture Trustee, may serve from time to time as trustee under other indentures or trust agreements with the Company or its subsidiaries relating to other issues of their securities. In addition, the Company and certain of its affiliates may have other banking relationships with Bankers Trust Company and its affiliates.

Governing Law

The Junior Subordinated Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

DESCRIPTION OF GUARANTEE

The Guarantee will be executed and delivered by the Company concurrently with the issuance of Capital Securities by the Issuer Trust for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Capital Securities. Bankers Trust Company will act as Guarantee Trustee under the Guarantee. This summary of certain provisions of the Guarantee does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the Guarantee, including the definitions therein of certain terms. A copy of the form of the Guarantee is available upon request from the Guarantee Trustee. The Guarantee Trustee will hold the Guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the Capital Securities.

General

The Company will irrevocably agree to pay in full on a subordinated basis, to the extent set forth herein, the Guarantee Payments (as defined below) to the holders of the Capital Securities, as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer Trust may have or assert other than the defense of payment. The following payments with respect to the Capital Securities, to the extent not paid by or on behalf of the Issuer Trust (the "Guarantee Payments"), will be subject to the Guarantee: (i) any accumulated and unpaid Distributions required to be paid on such Capital Securities, to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available therefor at such time, (ii) the Redemption Price with respect to any Capital Securities called for redemption, to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available therefor at such time, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer Trust (unless the Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed to holders of the Capital Securities), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the Liquidation Amount and all accumulated and unpaid Distributions to the date of payment, to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds on hand available therefor at such time, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer Trust remaining available for distribution to holders of the Capital Securities on liquidation of the Issuer Trust. The Company's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Company to the holders of the Capital Securities or by causing the Issuer Trust to pay such amounts to such holders.

The Guarantee will be an irrevocable guarantee on a subordinated basis of the Issuer Trust's obligations under the Capital Securities, but will apply only to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds sufficient to make such payments, and is not a guarantee of collection.

If the Company does not make payments on the Junior Subordinated Debentures held by the Issuer Trust, the Issuer Trust will not be able to pay any amounts payable in respect of the Capital Securities and will not have funds legally available therefor. The Guarantee will rank subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness of the Company. See "--Status of the Guarantee." The Guarantee does not limit the incurrence or issuance of other secured or unsecured debt of the Company, including Senior Indebtedness, whether under the Junior Subordinated Indenture, any other indenture that the Company may enter into in the future or otherwise.

The Company has, through the Guarantee, the Trust Agreement, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Junior Subordinated Indenture, taken together, fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed all the Issuer Trust's obligations under the Capital Securities. No single document standing alone or operating in conjunction with fewer than all the other documents constitutes such guarantee. It is only the combined operation of these documents that has the effect of providing a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of the Issuer Trust's obligations in respect of the Capital Securities. See "Relationship Among the Capital Securities, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee."

Status of the Guarantee

The Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Company and will rank subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness of the Company in the same manner as the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

The Guarantee will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection (i.e., the guaranteed party may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce its rights under the Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against any other person or entity). The Guarantee will be held by the Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the holders of the Capital Securities. The Guarantee will not be discharged except by payment of the Guarantee Payments in full to the extent not paid by the Issuer Trust or distribution to the holders of the Capital Securities of the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

Amendments and Assignment

Except with respect to any changes which do not materially adversely affect the rights of holders of the Capital Securities (in which case no vote will be required), the Guarantee may not be amended without the prior approval of the holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities. The manner of obtaining any such approval will be as set forth under "Description of the Capital Securities--Voting Rights; Amendment of Trust Agreement." All guarantees and agreements contained in the Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Company and shall inure to the benefit of the holders of the Capital Securities then outstanding.

Events of Default

An event of default under the Guarantee will occur upon the failure of the Company to perform any of its payment or other obligations thereunder, or to perform any non-payment obligation if such non-payment default remains unremedied for 30 days. The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the outstanding Capital Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Guarantee Trustee in respect of the Guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Guarantee Trustee under the Guarantee.

Any registered holder of Capital Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company to enforce its rights under the Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer Trust, the Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity.

The Company, as guarantor, is required to file annually with the Guarantee Trustee a certificate as to whether or not the Company is in compliance with all the conditions and covenants applicable to it under the Guarantee.

Information Concerning the Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantee Trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of a default by the Company in performance of the Guarantee, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Guarantee and, after the occurrence of an event of default with respect to the Guarantee, must exercise the same degree of care and skill as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the Guarantee Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Guarantee at the request of any holder of the Capital Securities unless it is offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred thereby.

For information concerning the relationship between Bankers Trust Company, the Guarantee Trustee, and the Company, see "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Information Concerning the Debenture Trustee."

Termination of the Guarantee

The Guarantee will terminate and be of no further force and effect upon full payment of the Redemption Price of the Capital Securities, upon full payment of the amounts payable with respect to the Capital Securities upon liquidation of the Issuer Trust or upon distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to the holders of the Capital Securities. The Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of the Capital Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Capital Securities or the Guarantee.

Governing Law

The Guarantee will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE CAPITAL SECURITIES, THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES AND THE GUARANTEE

Full and Unconditional Guarantee

Payments of Distributions and other amounts due on the Capital Securities (to the extent the Issuer Trust has funds available for such payment) are irrevocably guaranteed by the Company as and to the extent set forth under "Description of Guarantee." Taken together, the Company's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the Trust Agreement and the Guarantee provide, in the aggregate, a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of payments of Distributions and other amounts due on the Capital Securities. No single document standing alone or operating in conjunction with fewer than all the other documents constitutes such guarantee. It is only the combined operation of these documents that has the effect of providing a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of the Issuer Trust's obligations in respect of the Capital Securities. If and to the extent that the Company does not make payments on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Issuer Trust will not have sufficient funds to pay Distributions or other amounts due on the Capital Securities. The Guarantee does not cover payment of amounts payable with respect to the Capital Securities when the Issuer Trust does not have sufficient funds to pay such amounts. In such event, the remedy of a holder of the Capital Securities is to institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company for enforcement of payment of the Company's obligations under Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities held by such holder.

The obligations of the Company under the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness.

Sufficiency of Payments

As long as payments are made when due on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, such payments will be sufficient to cover Distributions and other payments distributable on the Capital Securities, primarily because (i) the aggregate principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be equal to the sum of the aggregate stated Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities and Common Securities; (ii) the interest rate and interest and other payment dates on the Junior Subordinated Debentures will match the Distribution rate, Distribution Dates and other payment dates for the Capital Securities; (iii) the Company will pay for all and any costs, expenses and liabilities of the Issuer Trust except the Issuer Trust's obligations to holders of the Trust Securities; and (iv) the

Trust Agreement further provides that the Issuer Trust will not engage in any activity that is not consistent with the limited purposes of the Issuer Trust.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the Company has the right to set-off any payment it is otherwise required to make thereunder against and to the extent the Company has theretofore made, or is concurrently on the date of such payment making, a payment under the Guarantee.

Enforcement Rights of Holders of Capital Securities

A holder of any Capital Security may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Company to enforce its rights under the Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Guarantee Trustee, the Issuer Trust or any other person or entity. See "Description of Guarantee."

A default or event of default under any Senior Indebtedness of the Company would not constitute a default or Event of Default in respect of the Capital Securities. However, in the event of payment defaults under, or acceleration of, Senior Indebtedness of the Company, the subordination provisions of the Junior Subordinated Indenture provide that no payments may be made in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures until such Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full or any payment default thereunder has been cured or waived. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures--Subordination."

Limited Purpose of Issuer Trust

The Capital Securities represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust, and the Issuer Trust exists for the sole purpose of issuing its Capital Securities and Common Securities and investing the proceeds thereof in Junior Subordinated Debentures. A principal difference between the rights of a holder of a Capital Security and a holder of a Junior Subordinated Debenture is that a holder of a Junior Subordinated Debenture is entitled to receive from the Company payments on Junior Subordinated Debentures held, while a holder of Capital Securities is entitled to receive Distributions or other amounts distributable with respect to the Capital Securities from the Issuer Trust (or from the Company under the Guarantee) only if and to the extent the Issuer Trust has funds available for the payment of such Distributions.

Rights Upon Dissolution

Upon any voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer Trust, other than any such dissolution, winding-up or liquidation involving the distribution of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as required by applicable law, the holders of the Capital Securities will be entitled to receive, out of assets held by the Issuer Trust, the Liquidation Distribution in cash. See "Description of Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution." Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or bankruptcy of the Company, the Issuer Trust, as registered holder of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, would be a subordinated creditor of the Company, subordinated and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness as set forth in the Junior Subordinated Indenture, but entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts payable with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures before any stockholders of the Company receive payments or distributions. Since the Company is the guarantor under the Guarantee and has agreed under the Junior Subordinated Indenture to pay for all costs, expenses and liabilities of the Issuer Trust (other than the Issuer Trust's obligations to the holders of the Trust Securities), the positions of a holder of the Capital Securities and a holder of such Junior Subordinated Debentures relative to other creditors and to stockholders of the Company in the event of liquidation or bankruptcy of the Company are expected to be substantially the same.

CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

General

In the opinion of Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C., in its capacity as special tax counsel to the Company ("Tax Counsel"), the following discussion summarizes the material United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Capital Securities.

This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Treasury regulations thereunder, and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, each as of the date hereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis. The authorities on which this summary is based are subject to various interpretations, and the opinions of Tax Counsel are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or the courts, either of which could take a contrary position. Moreover, no rulings have been or will be sought from the IRS with respect to the transactions described herein. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the IRS will not challenge the opinions expressed herein or that a court would not sustain such a challenge.

Except as otherwise stated, this summary deals only with the Capital Securities held as a capital asset by a holder who or which (i) purchased the Capital Securities upon original issuance (an "Initial Holder") at their original offering price and (ii) is a US Holder (as defined below). This summary does not address all the tax consequences that may be relevant to a US Holder, nor does it address the tax consequences, except as stated below, to holders that are not US Holders ("Non-US Holders") or to holders that may be subject to special tax treatment (such as banks, thrift institutions, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, insurance companies, brokers and dealers in securities or currencies, other financial institutions, tax-exempt organizations, persons holding the Capital Securities as a position in a "straddle," as part of a "synthetic security," "hedging," "conversion" or other integrated investment, persons having a functional currency other than the U.S. Dollar and certain United States expatriates). Further, this summary does not address (a) the income tax consequences to shareholders in, or partners or beneficiaries of, a holder of the Capital Securities, (b) the United States federal alternative minimum tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Capital Securities, or (c) any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Capital Securities.

A "US Holder" is a holder of the Capital Securities who or which is (i) a citizen or individual resident (or is treated as a citizen or individual resident) of the United States for income tax purposes, (ii) a corporation or partnership created or organized (or treated as created or organized for income tax purposes) in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, (iii) an estate the income of which is includible in its gross income for United States federal income tax purposes without regard to its source, or (iv) a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and (b) one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL SECURITIES, INCLUDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX LAWS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS.

US Holders

Characterization of the Issuer Trust. In connection with the issuance of the Capital Securities, Tax Counsel will render its opinion generally to the effect that, under then current law and based on the representations, facts and assumptions set forth in this Prospectus, and assuming full compliance with the terms of the Trust Agreement (and other relevant documents), and based on certain assumptions and qualifications referenced in the

opinion, the Issuer Trust will be characterized for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust and will not be characterized as an association taxable as a corporation. Accordingly, for United States federal income tax purposes, each holder of the Capital Securities generally will be considered the owner of an undivided interest in the Junior Subordinated Debentures owned by the Issuer Trust, and each US Holder will be required to include all income or gain recognized for United States federal income tax purposes with respect to its allocable share of the Junior Subordinated Debentures on its own income tax return.

Characterization of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. The Company and the Issuer Trust will agree to treat the Junior Subordinated Debentures as indebtedness for all United States federal income tax purposes. In connection with the issuance of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, Tax Counsel will render its opinion generally to the effect that, under then current law and based on the representations, facts and assumptions set forth in this Prospectus, and assuming full compliance with the terms of the Junior Subordinated Indenture (and other relevant documents), and based on certain assumptions and qualifications referenced in the opinion, the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be characterized for United States federal income tax purposes as debt of the Company.

Interest Income and Original Issue Discount. Under the terms of the Junior Subordinated Debentures the Company has the ability to defer payments of interest from time to time by extending the interest payment period for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods, but not beyond the maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Recently issued Treasury regulations under Section 1273 of the Code provide that debt instruments like the Junior Subordinated Debentures will not be considered issued with original issue discount ("OID") by reason of the Company's ability to defer payments of interest if the likelihood of such deferral is "remote."

The Company has concluded, and this discussion assumes, that, as of the date of this Prospectus, the likelihood of deferring payments of interest under the terms of the Junior Subordinated Debentures is "remote" within the meaning of the applicable Treasury regulations, in part because exercising that option would prevent the Company from declaring dividends on its stock and would prevent the Company from making any payments with respect to debt securities that rank *pari passu* with or junior to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Therefore, the Junior Subordinated Debentures should not be treated as issued with OID by reason of the Company's deferral option. Rather, stated interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures will generally be taxable to a US Holder as ordinary income when paid or accrued in accordance with that holder's method of accounting for income tax purposes. It should be noted, however, that these Treasury regulations have not yet been interpreted in any rulings or any other published authorities of the IRS. Accordingly, it is possible that the IRS could take a position contrary to the interpretation described herein.

In the event the Company exercises its option to defer payments of interest, the Junior Subordinated Debentures would be treated as redeemed and reissued for OID purposes and the sum of the remaining interest payments (and any *de minimis* OID) on the Junior Subordinated Debentures would thereafter be treated as OID, which would accrue, and be includible in a US Holder's taxable income, on an economic accrual basis (regardless of the US Holder's method of accounting for income tax purposes) over the remaining term of the Junior Subordinated Debentures (including any period of interest deferral), without regard to the timing of payments under the Junior Subordinated Debentures. (Subsequent distributions of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures generally would not be taxable.) The amount of OID that would accrue in any period would generally equal the amount of interest that accrued on the Junior Subordinated Debentures in that period at the stated interest rate. Consequently, during any period of interest deferral, US Holders will include OID in gross income in advance of the receipt of cash, and a US Holder which disposes of a Capital Security prior to the record date for payment of distributions on the Junior Subordinated Debentures following that period will be subject to income tax on OID accrued through the date of disposition (and not previously included in income), but will not receive cash from the Issuer Trust with respect to the OID.

If the possibility of the Company's exercise of its option to defer payments of interest is not treated as remote, the Junior Subordinated Debentures would be treated as initially issued with OID in an amount equal to the

aggregate stated interest (plus any de minimis OID) over the term of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. That OID would generally be includible in a US Holder's taxable income, over the term of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, on an economic accrual basis.

Characterization of Income. Because the income underlying the Capital Securities will not be characterized as dividends for income tax purposes, corporate holders of the Capital Securities will not be entitled to a dividends-received deduction for any income recognized with respect to the Capital Securities.

Market Discount and Bond Premium. Holders of the Capital Securities other than Initial Holders may be considered to have acquired their undivided interests in the Junior Subordinated Debentures with market discount or acquisition premium (as each phrase is defined for United States federal income tax purposes).

Receipt of Junior Subordinated Debentures or Cash Upon Liquidation of the Issuer Trust. Under certain circumstances described herein (See "Description of the Capital Securities--Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution"), the Issuer Trust may distribute the Junior Subordinated Debentures to holders in exchange for the Capital Securities and in liquidation of the Issuer Trust. Except as discussed below, such a distribution would not be a taxable event for United States federal income tax purposes, and each US Holder would have an aggregate adjusted basis in its Junior Subordinated Debentures for United States federal income tax purposes equal to such holder's aggregate adjusted basis in its Capital Securities. For United States federal income tax purposes, a US Holder's holding period in the Junior Subordinated Debentures received in such a liquidation of the Issuer Trust would include the period during which the Capital Securities were held by the holder. If, however, the relevant event is a Tax Event which results in the Issuer Trust being treated as an association taxable as a corporation, the distribution would likely constitute a taxable event to US Holders of the Capital Securities for United States federal income tax purposes.

Under certain circumstances described herein (see "Description of the Capital Securities"), the Junior Subordinated Debentures may be redeemed for cash and the proceeds of such redemption distributed to holders in redemption of their Capital Securities. Such a redemption would be taxable for United States federal income tax purposes, and a US Holder would recognize gain or loss as if it had sold the Capital Securities for cash. See "-Sales of Capital Securities" below.

Sales of Capital Securities. A US Holder that sells Capital Securities will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between its adjusted basis in the Capital Securities and the amount realized on the sale of such Capital Securities. A US Holder's adjusted basis in the Capital Securities generally will be its initial purchase price, increased by OID previously included (or currently includible) in such holder's gross income to the date of disposition, and decreased by payments received on the Capital Securities (other than any interest received with respect to the period prior to the effective date of the Company's first exercise of its option to defer payments of interest). Any such gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss, and generally will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the Capital Securities have been held for more than one year prior to the date of disposition.

A holder who disposes of its Capital Securities between record dates for payments of Distributions thereon will be required to include accrued but unpaid interest (or OID) on the Junior Subordinated Debentures through the date of disposition in its taxable income for United States federal income tax purposes (notwithstanding that the holder may receive a separate payment from the purchaser with respect to accrued interest), and to deduct that amount from the sales proceeds received (including the separate payment, if any, with respect to accrued interest) for the Capital Securities (or as to OID only, to add such amount to such holder's adjusted tax basis in its Capital Securities). To the extent the selling price is less than the holder's adjusted tax basis (which will include

accrued but unpaid OID, if any), a holder will recognize a capital loss. Subject to certain limited exceptions, capital losses cannot be applied to offset ordinary income for United States federal income tax purposes.

Proposed Tax Law Changes

On February 6, 1997, President Clinton proposed certain tax law changes (the "Tax Proposal") that would, among other things, generally deny corporate issuers a deduction for interest on certain debt obligations that have a maximum term in excess of 15 years and are not shown as indebtedness on the separate balance sheet of the issuer or, where the instrument is issued to a related party (other than a corporation), where the holder or some other related party issues a related instrument that is not shown as indebtedness on the issuer's consolidated balance sheet. As currently drafted, the Tax Proposal would be effective generally for instruments issued on or after the date of first Congressional committee action. Although it is not clear from the President's proposals as to what constitutes Congressional "committee action" with respect to the Tax Proposal, it appears that, as drafted, the Tax Proposal would not apply retroactively to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. However, if the Tax Proposal (or similar legislation) is enacted with retroactive effect with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Company would not be entitled to an interest deduction with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. There can be no assurance that the Tax Proposal, if enacted, will not apply retroactively to the Junior Subordinated Debentures or that other legislation enacted after the date hereof will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of the Company to deduct the interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a Tax Event will not occur. See "Description of the Capital Securities--Redemption."

Non-US Holders

The following discussion applies to a Non-US Holder.

Payments to a holder of a Capital Security which is a Non-US Holder will generally not be subject to withholding of income tax, provided that (a) the beneficial owner of the Capital Security does not (directly or indirectly, actually or constructively) own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company entitled to vote, (b) the beneficial owner of the Capital Security is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to the Company through stock ownership, and (c) either (i) the beneficial owner of the Capital Securities certifies to the Issuer Trust or its agent, under penalties of perjury, that it is a Non-US Holder and provides its name and address, or (ii) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a "Financial Institution"), and holds the Capital Security in such capacity, certifies to the Issuer Trust or its agent, under penalties of perjury, that such a statement has been received from the beneficial owner by it or by another Financial Institution between it and the beneficial owner in the chain of ownership, and furnishes the Issuer Trust or its agent with a copy thereof.

As discussed above (see "--Proposed Tax Law Changes"), changes in legislation affecting the income tax consequences of the Junior Subordinated Debentures are possible, and could adversely affect the ability of the Company to deduct the interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Moreover, any such legislation could adversely affect Non-US Holders by characterizing income derived from the Junior Subordinated Debentures as dividends, generally subject to a 30% income tax (on a withholding basis) when paid to a Non-US Holder, rather than as interest which, as discussed above, is generally exempt from income tax in the hands of a Non-US Holder.

A Non-US Holder of a Capital Security will generally not be subject to withholding of income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of a Capital Security.

A Non-US Holder which holds the Capital Securities in connection with the active conduct of a United States trade or business will be subject to income tax on all income and gains recognized with respect to its proportionate share of the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

Information Reporting

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to payments made on, and proceeds from the sale of, the Capital Securities held by a noncorporate US Holder within the United States. In addition, payments made on, and payments of the proceeds from the sale of, the Capital Securities to or through the United States office of a broker are subject to information reporting unless the holder thereof certifies as to its Non-United States status or otherwise establishes an exemption from information reporting and backup withholding. See "--Backup Withholding." Taxable income on the Capital Securities for a calendar year should be reported to US Holders on the appropriate form by the following January 31st.

Backup Withholding

Payments made on, and proceeds from the sale of, the Capital Securities may be subject to a "backup" withholding tax of 31% unless the holder complies with certain identification or exemption requirements. Any amounts so withheld will be allowed as a credit against the holder's income tax liability, or refunded, provided the required information is provided to the IRS.

THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION IS ONLY A SUMMARY AND DOES NOT ADDRESS THE CONSEQUENCES TO A PARTICULAR HOLDER OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL SECURITIES. POTENTIAL HOLDERS OF THE CAPITAL SECURITIES ARE URGED TO CONTACT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS TO DETERMINE THEIR PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES.

CERTAIN ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

Before authorizing an investment in the Capital Securities, fiduciaries of pension, profit sharing or other employee benefit plans subject to ERISA ("Plans") should consider, among other matters, (a) ERISA's fiduciary standards (including its prudence and diversification requirements), (b) whether such fiduciaries have authority to make such investment in the Capital Securities under the applicable Plan investment policies and governing instruments, and (c) rules under ERISA and the Code that prohibit Plan fiduciaries from causing a Plan to engage in a "prohibited transaction."

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit Plans, as well as individual retirement accounts and Keogh plans subject to Section 4975 of the Code (also "Plans"), from, among other things, engaging in certain transactions involving "plan assets" with persons who are "parties in interest" under ERISA or "disqualified persons" under the Code ("Parties in Interest") with respect to such Plan. A violation of these "prohibited transaction" rules may result in an excise tax or other liabilities under ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code for such persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory or administrative exemption. Employee benefit plans that are governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA) and foreign plans (as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA) are not subject to the requirements of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

The Department of Labor (the "DOL") has issued a regulation (29 C.F.R. section 2510.3-101) (the "Plan Assets Regulation") concerning the definition of what constitutes the assets of a Plan. The Plan Assets Regulation provides that, as a general rule, the underlying assets and properties of corporations, partnerships, trusts and certain other entities in which a Plan makes an "equity" investment will be deemed, for purposes of ERISA, to be assets of the investing Plan unless certain exceptions apply.

Pursuant to an exception contained in the Plan Assets Regulation, the assets of the Trust would not be deemed to be "plan assets" of investing Plans if, immediately after the most recent acquisition of any equity interest in the Trust, less than 25% of the value of each class of equity interests in the Trust were held by Plans, other

employee benefit plans not subject to ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (such as governmental, church or foreign plans), and entities holding assets deemed to be "plan assets" of any Plan (collectively, "Benefit Plan Investors"). No assurance can be given that the value of the Capital Securities held by Benefit Plan Investors will be less than 25% of the total value of such Capital Securities at the completion of the initial offering or thereafter, and no monitoring or other measures will be taken with respect to the satisfaction of the conditions to this exception. All the Common Securities will be purchased and held directly by the Company.

Under another exception contained in the Plan Assets Regulation, if the Capital Securities were to qualify as "publicly offered securities" under the Plan Assets Regulation, the assets of the Trust would not be deemed to be "plan assets" by reason of a Plan's acquisition or holding of such securities. The Capital Securities would qualify as "publicly offered securities" if, among other things, they are offered pursuant to an effective registration statement, are owned by 100 or more investors independent of the issuer and each other at the time of the offering, and are subsequently registered under the Exchange Act. It is expected that the 100 investor requirement will not be satisfied and that the Capital Securities will not be registered under the Exchange Act.

There can be no assurance that any of the exceptions set forth in the Plan Assets Regulation will apply to the purchase of Capital Securities offered hereby and, as a result, an investing Plan's assets could be considered to include an undivided interest in the Junior Subordinated Debentures held by the Trust. In the event that assets of the Trust are considered assets of an investing Plan, the Trustees, the Company and/or other persons, in providing services with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, could be considered fiduciaries to such Plan and subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of Title I of ERISA. In addition, certain transactions involving the Trust and/or the Capital Securities could be deemed to constitute direct or indirect prohibited transactions under ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code with respect to a Plan. For example, if the Company is a Party in Interest with respect to an investing Plan (either directly or by reason of its ownership of the Banks or other subsidiaries), extensions of credit between the Company and the Trust (as represented by the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee) would likely be prohibited by Section 406(a)(1)(B) of ERISA and Section 4975(c)(1)(B) of the Code.

The DOL has issued five prohibited transaction class exemptions ("PTCEs") that may provide exemptive relief for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from the purchase or holding of the Capital Securities, assuming that assets of the Trust were deemed to be "plan assets" of Plans investing in the Trust (see above). Those class exemptions are PTCE 96-23 (for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 95-60 (for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), and PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified asset managers).

Because of ERISA's prohibitions and those of Section 4975 of the Code, the Capital Securities may not be purchased or held by any Plan, any entity whose underlying assets include "plan assets" by reason of any Plan's investment in the entity (a "Plan Asset Entity") or any other person investing "plan assets" of any Plan, unless such purchase or holding is covered by the exemptive relief provided by PTCE 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1 or 84-14 or another applicable exemption. If a purchaser or holder of the Capital Securities that is a Plan or a Plan Asset Entity elects to rely on an exemption other than PTCE 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1 or 84-14, the Company and the Trust may require a satisfactory opinion of counsel or other evidence with respect to the availability of such exemption for such purchase and holding. Any purchaser or holder of the Capital Securities that is a Plan or a Plan Asset Entity or is purchasing such securities on behalf of or with "plan assets" will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding thereof that (a) the purchase and holding of the Capital Securities is covered by the exemptive relief provided by PTCE 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1 or 84-14 or another applicable exemption, (b) the Company and the Administrators are not "fiduciaries," within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder, with respect to such person's interest in the Capital Securities, and (c) such person approves the purchase of the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the appointment of the Issuer Trustees.

Any plans or other entities whose assets include Plan assets subject to ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code proposing to acquire Capital Securities should consult with their own counsel.

Governmental Plans and certain church plans are not subject to ERISA, and are also not subject to the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 4975 of the Code. However, state laws or regulations governing the investment and management of the assets of such plans may contain fiduciary and prohibited transaction provisions similar to those under ERISA and the Code discussed above. Accordingly, fiduciaries of governmental and church plans, in consultation with their advisers, should consider the impact of their respective state laws on investments in the Capital Securities and the considerations discussed above to the extent applicable.

SUPERVISION, REGULATION AND OTHER MATTERS

The following information is not intended to be an exhaustive description of the statutes and regulations applicable to the Company. The discussion is qualified in its entirety by reference to all particular statutory or regulatory provisions. Additional information regarding supervision and regulation is included in the documents incorporated herein by reference. See "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference."

The business of the Company is influenced by prevailing economic conditions and governmental policies, both foreign and domestic. The actions and policy directives of the Federal Reserve determine to a significant degree the cost and the availability of funds obtained from money market sources for lending and investing. The Federal Reserve's policies and regulations also influence, directly and indirectly, the rates of interest paid by commercial banks on their time and savings deposits. The nature and impact on the Company of future changes in economic conditions and monetary and fiscal policies, both foreign and domestic, are not predictable.

The Company is subject to supervision and examination by federal bank regulatory authorities. The Company's primary bank regulatory authority is the Federal Reserve. Bank holding companies are expected to serve as a source of strength to their subsidiary banks under the Federal Reserve's regulations and policies.

The federal bank regulatory authorities have each adopted risk-based capital guidelines to which the Company is subject. These guidelines are based on an international agreement developed by the Basle Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices, which consists of representatives of central banks and supervisory authorities in 12 countries including the United States of America. The guidelines establish a systematic analytical framework that makes regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banking organizations, takes off-balance sheet exposures into explicit account in assessing capital adequacy and minimizes disincentives to holding liquid, low-risk assets. Risk-based assets are determined by allocating assets and specified off-balance sheet commitments and exposures into four weighted categories, with higher levels of capital being required for the categories perceived as representing greater risk.

Each of the Company's subsidiary banks are required to maintain a minimum total risk-based ratio of 8%, of which half (4%) must be "Tier 1" capital. In addition, the federal bank regulators established leverage ratio (Tier 1 capital to total adjusted average assets) guidelines providing for a minimum leverage ratio of 3% for banks meeting certain specified criteria, including excellent asset quality, high liquidity, low interest rate exposure and the highest regulatory rating. Institutions not meeting these criteria are expected to maintain a ratio which exceeds the 3% minimum by at least 100 to 200 basis points. The federal bank regulatory authorities may, however, set higher capital requirements when a bank's particular circumstances warrant.

Effective January 17, 1995, the federal bank regulatory agencies, including the Federal Reserve, amended their respective agency risk-based capital standards to include concentration of credit risk and the risks of non-traditional activities. Those agencies, including the Federal Reserve, also issued a joint policy statement, effective June 26, 1996, that provides guidance on sound practices for interest rate risk management. The policy describes critical factors affecting the agencies' evaluation of a bank's interest rate risk when making a determination of capital adequacy.

The federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take corrective action as deemed appropriate for an insured depository institution and its holding companies. The extent of these powers depends upon whether the institution in question is considered "well capitalized," "adequately capitalized," "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized" or "critically undercapitalized." Generally, as an institution is deemed to be less well capitalized, the scope and severity of the agencies' powers increase. The agencies' corrective powers can include, among other things, requiring an insured financial institution to adopt a capital restoration plan which cannot be approved unless guaranteed by the institution's parent holding company; placing limits on asset growth and restrictions on activities; placing restrictions on transactions with affiliates; restricting the interest rates the institution may pay on deposits;

prohibiting the institution from accepting deposits from correspondent banks; prohibiting the payment of principal or interest on subordinated debt; prohibiting the holding company from making capital distributions without prior regulatory approval; and, ultimately, appointing a receiver for the institution. Business activities may also be influenced by an institution's capital classification. For instance, only a "well capitalized" depository institution may accept brokered deposits without prior regulatory approval and only an "adequately capitalized" depository institution may accept brokered deposits with prior regulatory approval. At March 31, 1997, the Company, on a consolidated basis, exceeded the required capital ratios for classification as a "well capitalized" bank holding company.

The deposits of the Company's subsidiary banks are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") and are subject to FDIC insurance assessments. The amount of FDIC assessments paid by individual insured depository institutions is based on their relative risk as measured by regulatory capital ratios and certain other factors. During 1995, the FDIC's Board of Directors significantly reduced premium rates assessed for deposits insured by the Bank Insurance Fund (the "BIF"), resulting in the Company not currently being assessed a premium on its BIF-insured deposits. With respect to deposits insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund ("SAIF"), on September 30, 1996, President Clinton signed into law legislation that mandated a one-time assessment on SAIF-insured deposits to recapitalize the SAIF. As a result, for the quarter ended September 30, 1996, the Company recorded a pre-tax charge of \$7.0 million for this SAIF assessment. The legislation also mandates reductions in deposit premium rates on SAIF-insured deposits.

Under federal law, a financial institution insured by the FDIC under common ownership with a failed institution can be required to indemnify the FDIC for its losses resulting from the insolvency of the failed institution, even if such indemnification causes the affiliated institution also to become insolvent. As a result, the Company could, under certain circumstances, be obligated for the liabilities of its affiliates that are FDIC-insured institutions. In addition, if any insured depository institution becomes insolvent and the FDIC is appointed its conservator or receiver, the FDIC may disaffirm or repudiate any contract or lease to which such institution is a party, the performance of which is determined to be burdensome and the disaffirmance or repudiation of which is determined to promote the orderly administration of the institution's affairs. If Federal law were construed to permit the FDIC to apply these provisions to debt obligations of an insured depository institution, the result could be that such obligations would be prepaid without premium. Federal law also accords the claims of a receiver of an insured depository institution for administrative expenses and the claims of holders of deposit liabilities of such an institution priority over the claims of general unsecured creditors of such an institution in the event of a liquidation or other resolution of such institution.

UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Underwriting Agreement dated _____, 1997 (the "Underwriting Agreement") among the Company, the Issuer Trust, and each of the underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters"), the Issuer Trust has agreed to sell to the Underwriters, and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase, severally but not jointly, the Liquidation Amount of the Capital Securities set forth opposite their names below:

Underwriters: -----	Liquidation Amount of Capital Securities: -----
Morgan Stanley, & Co. Incorporated.....	\$
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner Smith, Incorporated	
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	
Total.....	\$ 100,000,000

Under the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, in the event of a default by an Underwriter, in certain circumstances, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting Underwriters may be increased or the Underwriting Agreement may be terminated.

The initial purchase price for the Capital Securities will be the initial offering price set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus (the "Capital Securities Offering Price"). The Underwriters propose to offer the Capital Securities at the Capital Securities Offering Price, and all or part to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$__ per Capital Security. The Underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of \$__ per Capital Security to certain other dealers. After the Capital Securities are released for sale, the Capital Securities Offering Price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the Underwriters.

In connection with the offering of the Capital Securities, the Underwriters and any selling group members and their respective affiliates may engage in transactions effected in accordance with Rule 104 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation M that are intended to stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the Capital Securities. Such transactions may include over-allotment transactions in which an Underwriter creates a short position for its own account by selling more Capital Securities than it is committed to purchase from the issuer Trust. In such a case, to cover all or part of the short position, such Underwriter may purchase Capital Securities in the open market following completion of the initial offering of the Capital Securities. The Underwriters also may engage in stabilizing transactions in which it bids for, and purchases, Capital Securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Capital Securities. The Underwriters also may reclaim any selling concessions allowed to a dealer if an Underwriter repurchases shares distributed by that dealer. Any of the foregoing transactions may result in the maintenance of a price for the Capital Securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Neither the Company nor any Underwriter makes any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the Capital Securities. The Underwriters are not required to engage in any of the foregoing transactions and, if commenced, such transactions may be discontinued at any time without notice.

In view of the fact that the proceeds from the sale of the Capital Securities will be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Debentures issued by the Company, the Underwriting Agreement provides that the Company will pay as compensation for the Underwriters arranging the investment therein of such proceeds an amount of \$__ per Capital Security (or \$__ in the aggregate) for the accounts of the Underwriters.

Because the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") is expected to view the Capital Securities offered hereby as interests in a direct participation program, the offering of the Capital Securities is being made in compliance with the applicable provisions of Rule 2810 of the NASD's Conduct Rules.

The Company and the Issuer Trust have agreed that, during the period beginning on the date of the Underwriting Agreement and continuing to and including the closing date, they will not offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of (other than in an offering made exclusively outside the United States) any securities of the Company or the Issuer Trust substantially similar to the Capital Securities, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for the Capital Securities, without the prior written consent of the Underwriters.

The Capital Securities are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The Company and the Issuer Trust do not intend to apply for listing of the Capital Securities on any national securities exchange, but the Company and the Issuer Trust have been advised by the Underwriters that they intend to make a market in the Capital Securities. However, the Underwriters are not obligated to do so and such market making may be interrupted or discontinued at any time without notice at the sole discretion of any Underwriter. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the development or liquidity of any market for the Capital Securities.

The Company and the Issuer Trust have agreed to indemnify the Underwriters and certain other persons against, or contribute to payments that the Underwriters may be required to make in respect of, certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Certain of the Underwriters or their affiliates have provided from time to time, and expect to provide in the future, investment or commercial banking services to the Company and its affiliates, for which such Underwriters or their affiliates have received or will receive customary fees and commissions.

VALIDITY OF SECURITIES

Certain matters of Delaware law relating to the validity of the Capital Securities, the enforceability of the Trust Agreement and the creation of the Issuer Trust will be passed upon by Richards, Layton & Finger, Wilmington, Delaware, special Delaware counsel to the Company and the Issuer Trust. The validity of the Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be passed upon for the Company by Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C. and New York, New York, special counsel to the Company, and Richard A. Lammert, Esquire, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company, and for the Underwriters by Cravath, Swaine & Moore, New York, New York. As of March 31, 1997, Mr. Lammert was the beneficial owner of 5,650 shares of common stock, par value \$5 per share, of the Company. Mr. Lammert also holds unexercised options granted under the Company's 1983 Stock Option Plan to purchase 10,000 shares of such common stock.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996 (included in the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders), are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus (and elsewhere in the Registration Statement) in reliance upon the report of Price Waterhouse LLP, independent public accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Documents incorporated herein by reference in the future will include financial statements, related schedules (if required) and auditors' reports, which financial statements and schedules will have been audited to the extent and for the periods set forth in such reports by the firm or firms rendering such reports, and, to the extent so audited and consent to incorporation by reference is given, will be incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given upon the authority of such firms as experts in accounting and auditing.

PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following expenses will be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the Securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions.

To be borne by the Company:

Registration Fee.....	\$	30,303	
Legal Services.....		100,000	*
Printing and Engraving.....		50,000	*
Accounting Fees.....		25,000	*
Blue Sky Fees and Expenses.....		15,000	*
Miscellaneous.....		129,697	*

Total.....	\$	350,000	

*Estimated.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Sections 722-725 of the New York Business Corporation Law permit the indemnification of any person made or threatened to be made a party to an action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, other than an action brought by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the corporation or was serving in any capacity for another enterprise at the request of the corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and for a purpose he or she reasonably believed to be in, or in the case of service for another enterprise, not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation.

With respect to a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation, such person may be indemnified against amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) if he or she acted in good faith and for a purpose he or she reasonably believed to be in, or in the case of service for another enterprise, not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation. The statute provides, however, that no indemnification is allowed with respect to a threatened action, pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of, or as to any person who is adjudged liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court, upon application, determines that such person is entitled to indemnification under the circumstances.

The Bylaws of the Company provide that directors and officers shall be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by the New York Business Corporation Law or any other applicable law; provided, however, that a director or officer shall be indemnified with respect to any action or proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by any such director or officer only if such action or proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the board of directors.

The Company has purchased insurance insuring officers and directors of the Company against certain liabilities incurred in their capacities as such to insure the Company against payments which it is obligated to make to such persons under the foregoing indemnification provisions. Such liabilities could include liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

Item 16. Exhibits

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index on page II-6 of this Registration Statement are filed herewith, or will be filed by amendment.

Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

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

2. That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

3. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Buffalo, New York, on this 2nd day of June, 1997.

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

By /s/ Michael P. Pinto

Michael P. Pinto
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on June 2, 1997:

Signature	Title
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*Robert G. Wilmers ----- Robert G. Wilmers	Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Michael P. Pinto ----- Michael P. Pinto	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
----- Brent D. Baird	Director
*John H. Benisch ----- John H. Benisch	Director
*C. Angela Bontempo ----- C. Angela Bontempo	Director
*Robert T. Brady ----- Robert T. Brady	Director
*Patrick J. Callan ----- Patrick J. Callan	Director

*Richard E. Garman

Richard E. Garman Director

*James V. Glynn

James V. Glynn Director

*Roy M. Goodman

Roy M. Goodman Director

*Patrick W.E. Hodgson

Patrick W.E. Hodgson Director

*Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr.

Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr. Director

*Lambros J. Lambros

Lambros J. Lambros Director

Wilfred J. Larson Director

*Jorge G. Pereira

Jorge G. Pereira Director

*Raymond D. Stevens, Jr.

Raymond D. Stevens, Jr. Director

*Herbert L. Washington

Herbert L. Washington Director

*John L. Wehle, Jr.

John L. Wehle, Jr. Director

*By /s/ Michael P. Pinto

Michael P. Pinto
(Attorney-in-Fact)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Trust has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Buffalo, State of New York on June 2, 1997.

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

By FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION,
as Depositor

By /s/ Michael P. Pinto

Michael P. Pinto
Executive Vice President

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 1.1 Form of Underwriting Agreement, filed herewith.
- 4.1 Form of Junior Subordinated Indenture, filed herewith.
- 4.2 Form of Trust Agreement, filed herewith.
- 4.3 Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement, filed herewith.
- 4.4 Form of Guarantee, filed herewith.
- 5.1 Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, filed herewith.
- 5.2 Opinion of Arnold & Porter, to be filed by amendment.
- 8.1 Tax opinion of Arnold & Porter, filed herewith.
- 23.1 Consent of Price Waterhouse, filed herewith.
- 23.2 Consent of Richards, Layton & Finger, included in Exhibit 5.1.
- 23.3 Consent of Arnold & Porter, to be filed by amendment.
- 23.4 Consent of Arnold & Porter, included in Exhibit 8.1.
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney of certain directors and officers of First Empire State Corporation, filed herewith.
- 25.1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee under the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement and the Guarantee Agreement relating to First Empire Capital Trust II, filed herewith.

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

\$100,000,000

_____% Capital Securities
(Liquidation Amount \$25 per Capital Security)
by

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

June ____, 1997

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
1585 Broadway, 2nd Floor
New York, New York 10036

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

First Empire Capital Trust II (the "Trust"), a statutory business trust organized under the Business Trust Act (the "Delaware Act") of the State of Delaware (Chapter 38, Title 12, of the Delaware Business Code, 12 Del. C. Section 3801 et seq.), and First Empire State Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), as depositor of the Trust and as guarantor, propose, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein to issue and sell ____% Capital Securities with an aggregate liquidation amount equal to \$100,000,000 (the "Capital Securities") to Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (collectively, the "Underwriters"), for whom you (the "Representative") are acting as representative.

The Capital Securities and Common Securities (as defined herein) are to be issued pursuant to the terms of an Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated as of June ____, 1997 (the "Trust Agreement"), among First Empire State Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Corporation" and, together with the Trust, the "Offerors"), as depositor, and Bankers Trust Company ("Trust Company"), a New York banking corporation, as property trustee ("Property Trustee") and Bankers Trust (Delaware) ("Trust Delaware"), a Delaware banking corporation, as Delaware trustee ("Delaware Trustee") and the holders from time to time of undivided interests in the assets of the Trust. The Capital Securities will be guaranteed by the Corporation on a subordinated basis and subject to certain limitations with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation,

redemption or otherwise (the "Guarantee") pursuant to a Guarantee Agreement dated as of June ____, 1997 (the "Guarantee Agreement"), between the Corporation and the Trust Company, as Trustee (the "Guarantee Trustee"). The assets of the Trust will consist of ____% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures, due June ____, 2027 (the "Subordinated Debentures") of the Corporation which will be issued under a Junior Subordinated Indenture dated as of June ____, 1997 (the "Indenture"), between the Corporation and the Trust Company, as Trustee (the "Indenture Trustee"). Under certain circumstances, the Subordinated Debentures will be distributable to the holders of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

The Corporation and the Trust have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-____) and a related preliminary prospectus for the registration of the Capital Securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Securities Act Regulations"). The Corporation and the Trust have prepared and filed such amendments thereto, if any, and such amended preliminary prospectuses, if any, as may have been required to the date hereof, and will file such additional amendments thereto and such amended prospectuses as may hereafter be required. The registration statement has been declared effective under the Securities Act by the Commission. The registration statement as amended at the time it became effective (including the Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to the section therein entitled "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" and all information deemed to be a part of the registration statement at the time it became effective pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the Securities Act Regulations) is hereinafter called the "Registration Statement," except that, if the Corporation files a post-effective amendment to such registration statement which becomes effective prior to the Closing Date (as defined below), "Registration Statement" shall refer to such registration statement as so amended. Each prospectus included in the Registration Statement, or amendments thereof, before it became effective under the Securities Act and any prospectus filed with the Commission by the Corporation with the consent of the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 424(a) of the Securities Act Regulations (including the documents incorporated by reference therein) is hereinafter called the "Preliminary Prospectus." The term "Prospectus" means the final prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as first filed with the Commission pursuant to paragraph (1) or (4) of Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act Regulations. The Commission has not issued

any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus. The Corporation hereby agrees with the Underwriters as follows:

1. Representation and Warranties. Each of the Offerors represents and warrants to the Underwriters that as of the date hereof and on the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined):

(a) The Registration Statement conforms, and the Prospectus and any further amendments or supplements thereto will, when they become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, conform, in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), with respect to the documents incorporated by reference, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"), and the applicable rules and regulations under said acts; the Trust Agreement, the Guarantee Agreement, and the Indenture conform with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder; the Registration Statement did not, and any amendment thereto will not, in each case as of the applicable effective date, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, not misleading; and the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto will not, as of the applicable filing date and at the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Trust or the Corporation by or on behalf of any Underwriter in writing expressly for use in the Registration Statement or Prospectus.

(b) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus pursuant to the section therein entitled "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference," at the time they were filed with the Commission, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act, the Securities Act Regulations, and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(c) Neither the Corporation nor the Trust is an open-end investment company, unit investment trust or

face-amount certificate company that is, or is required to be, registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), nor is either a closed-end investment company required to be registered but not registered thereunder.

(d) Each report filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, complied when filed with the SEC as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

(e) The Trust and the Corporation meet the requirements for the use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act.

(f) The Commission has not issued an order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus, nor instituted proceedings for that purpose.

2. Offering. The Representative has advised the Corporation that the Underwriters will make an offering of the Capital Securities purchased by such Underwriters hereunder on the terms and conditions set forth in the Registration Statement as soon as practicable after this Agreement is entered into, as in the Representative's sole judgment is advisable. The entire proceeds from the sale of the Capital Securities will be combined with the entire proceeds from the sale by the Trust to the Corporation of the Trust's common securities (the "Common Securities"), and will be used by the Trust to purchase an equivalent amount of the Subordinated Debentures. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 2810 of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.'s Conduct Rules, each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, hereby represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Corporation that it has not solicited any offer to buy, or offered or sold the Capital Securities, except from or to (i) persons that it reasonably believes are "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act, (ii) institutions which it reasonably believes are institutional "accredited investors" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1)-(3) of Regulation D under the Securities Act, or (iii) individual investors for whom it reasonably believes an investment in non-convertible investment grade preferred securities is appropriate.

3. Purchase and Delivery; Commission. The Trust hereby agrees to sell to the Underwriters and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, upon the basis of the

representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agrees to purchase from the Trust the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name on Schedule I hereto.

As compensation to the Underwriters for their commitments hereunder, and in view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities will be used by the Trust to purchase the Subordinated Debentures of the Corporation, the Corporation hereby agrees to pay at the Time of Delivery (as defined below) to the Representative, for the accounts of the several Underwriters, an amount equal to \$____ per Capital Security for the Capital Securities to be delivered at the Time of Delivery.

Except as set forth in the next paragraph, the Capital Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter hereunder will be represented by one or more definitive global Capital Securities in book entry form which will be deposited by or on behalf of the Trust with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its designated custodian. The Trust will deliver the Capital Securities to the Representative, for the account of each Underwriter, against payment by or on behalf of such Underwriter of the purchase price therefor by certified or official bank check or checks or fedwire, payable to the order of the Trust in Federal (same day) funds, by causing DTC to credit the Capital Securities to the account of the Representative at DTC. The Trust will cause the certificates representing the Securities to be made available to the Representative for checking at least 24 hours prior to the Time of Delivery (as defined below) at the office of DTC or its designated custodian (the "Designated Office"). The time and date of such delivery and payment shall be at the offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, Worldwide Plaza, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019, at 9:30 a.m, New York time, on June ____, 1997 (the "Closing Date") or such other time and date as the Representative, the Corporation and the Trust may agree upon in writing. Such time and date are herein called the "Time of Delivery".

Such Capital Securities, if any, as the Representative may request upon at least 48 hours' prior notice to the Trust (such request to include the authorized denominations and the names in which they are to be registered), shall be delivered in definitive certificated form, by and on behalf of the Trust to the Representative for the account of certain of the Underwriters, against payment by or on behalf of such Underwriter of the purchase price therefor by fedwire, payable to the order of the Trust in Federal (same day) funds. The

Trust will cause the certificates representing the Capital Securities to be made available for checking and packaging at least 24 hours prior to the Time of Delivery at the office of the Trust Company, 4 Albany Street, New York, New York 10006.

4. Conditions to Closing. The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Capital Securities will be subject to the following conditions:

(a) The Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 430A of the Securities Act Regulations; and at the Closing Date, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued under the Securities Act or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission; and any request of the Commission for inclusion of additional information in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall have been complied with and there shall not have come to the attention of the Underwriters any fact that would cause the Underwriters to believe that the Prospectus, at the time it was required to be delivered to a purchaser of the Capital Securities, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances existing at such time, not misleading.

(b) The Underwriters shall have received, on the Closing Date, a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board, the President, a Vice Chairman of the Board or any Executive or Senior Vice President and the principal financial or accounting officer of the Corporation, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement and this Agreement and that:

(i) the representations and warranties of the Corporation in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as if made on the Closing Date and the Corporation has complied in all material respects with all the agreements and satisfied in all material respects all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date; and

(ii) since the date of the most recent financial statements included in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any supplement thereto), there has been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Corporation and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising from

transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

(c) Subsequent to the date hereof or, if earlier, the dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof), there shall not have been any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the business or properties of the Corporation and its subsidiaries the effect of which is, in the judgment of the Underwriters, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Capital Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof).

(d) The Underwriters shall have received an opinion, dated the Closing Date, of Arnold & Porter, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In rendering such opinion, counsel may state that they are passing only on matters of New York and United States Federal law. In rendering such opinion, counsel may rely upon an opinion or opinions, each dated the Closing Date, of other counsel retained by them or the Corporation as to laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States or the State of New York, provided that (A) such reliance is expressly authorized by each opinion so relied upon and a copy of each such opinion is delivered to the Underwriters, and (B) counsel shall state in their opinion that they and the Underwriters are justified in relying thereon. Insofar as such opinions involve factual matters, such counsel may rely, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Corporation, its subsidiaries and the Trust and certificates of public officials.

(e) The Underwriters shall have received an opinion, dated the Closing Date, of Richard A. Lammert, General Counsel to the Corporation, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may state that he is passing only on matters of New York and United States Federal law. Insofar as such opinions involve factual matters, such counsel may rely, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Corporation, its subsidiaries and the Trust, and certificates of public officials.

(f) The Underwriters shall have received an opinion, dated the Closing Date, of White & Case, counsel to the Trust Company and Trust Delaware, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

(g) The Underwriters shall have received an opinion, dated the Closing Date, of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, counsel to the Underwriters as to such matters as the Underwriters shall reasonably request.

In rendering such opinion, counsel may rely upon an opinion or opinions, each dated the Closing Date, of other counsel retained by them or the Corporation as to laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States or the State of New York, provided that (A) such reliance is expressly authorized by each opinion so relied upon and a copy of each such opinion is delivered to the Underwriters, and (B) counsel shall state in their opinion that they believe that they and the Underwriters are justified in relying thereon. Insofar as such opinions involve factual matters, such counsel may rely, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Corporation, its subsidiaries and the Trust and certificates of public officials.

(h) The Underwriters shall have received an opinion, dated the Closing Date, of Richards, Layton & Finger, special Delaware counsel to the Corporation and the Trust, substantially to the effect and in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

(i) The Capital Securities shall have received a rating from each of Moody's Investor Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Rating Services, each such rating to be not less than the rating set forth in the Registration Statement.

(j) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a letter, dated the Closing Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to them, from Price Waterhouse LLP independent public accountants, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information, including the financial information contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement as identified by the Representative.

(k) Prior to the Closing Date, the Corporation shall have furnished to the Underwriters such further information, certificates and documents as the Underwriters may reasonably

request in connection with the offering of the Capital Securities.

(1) No downgrading in the rating accorded the Capital Securities or any other debt securities of the Corporation by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as that term is defined by the SEC for the purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act) shall have occurred, or any public announcement that any such organization has under surveillance or review their ratings of the Capital Securities or any other debt securities of the Corporation (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading, and no implication of a possible downgrading, of such rating), and if, in any such case, the effect thereof in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriters makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the purchase of the Capital Securities.

5. Covenants of the Offerors. In further consideration of the agreements of the Underwriters herein contained, the Offerors covenant as follows:

(a) The Trust and the Corporation will prepare the Prospectus in a form approved by the Underwriters and will file such Prospectus with the Commission pursuant to subparagraph (1) or (4) of Rule 424(b) not later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement. The Trust and the Corporation will notify the Underwriters immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto (including any post-effective amendment), and of the filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b), (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement 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, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Trust and the Corporation will make every reasonable effort to prevent 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 and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(b) The Trust and the Corporation will deliver to the Underwriters one manually executed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated by reference into the Prospectus), such number of conformed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including documents incorporated by reference into the Prospectus but without exhibits) as such Underwriters may reasonably request and copies of each Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amended or supplemented Prospectus.

(c) The Trust and the Corporation will furnish to the Underwriters, from time to time during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented, if applicable) as they may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the Securities Act or the Securities Act Regulations.

(d) The Trust and the Corporation will deliver to the Underwriters notice of their intention to prepare or file any amendment to the Registration Statement relating to the Capital Securities (including any post-effective amendment) or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus (other than documents deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Prospectus) which the Trust and the Corporation propose for use by the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Capital Securities and which differs from the prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement becomes effective, whether or not such revised prospectus is required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act Regulations), will furnish the Underwriters and counsel for the Underwriters with copies of any such amendment or supplement a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file any such amendment or supplement or use any such prospectus to which the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.

(e) If, during such period after the Closing Date and prior to the date on which the distribution of Capital Securities by the Underwriters is completed, any event shall occur as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of the Offerors' counsel, to amend or supplement the Prospectus (as then amended or supplemented) in order to ensure that the Prospectus does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under

which they were made, not misleading, or it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with law, forthwith to prepare and furnish, at the Corporation's own expense, to the Underwriters, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with law, as the case may be.

(f) The Trust and the Corporation, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, will file promptly all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15 of the Exchange Act subsequent to the time the Registration Statement becomes effective.

(g) To endeavor to qualify the Capital Securities for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as any Underwriter shall reasonably request and to pay all reasonable expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel) in connection with such qualification and the printing of any memoranda concerning the aforesaid qualification; provided, however, that neither Offeror shall be required to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not now qualified or to take any action which would subject it to general or unlimited service of process in any jurisdiction where they are not now subject.

(h) During the period beginning on the date hereof and continuing to and including the Closing Date, not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of (other than in an offering made exclusively outside the United States) any securities of the Corporation or the Trust substantially similar to the Capital Securities or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for the Capital Securities without the prior written consent of the Underwriters.

(i) During the period when the Capital Securities are outstanding, the Corporation will not be or become an open-end investment company, unit investment trust or face-amount certificate company that is or is required to be registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.

(j) Neither the Corporation nor the Trust shall enter into any contractual agreement with respect to the distribution of the Capital Securities except for the arrangements with the Underwriters.

(k) The Corporation will make generally available to its security holders, as soon as it is practicable to do so,

but in any event not later than 15 months after the effective date of the Registration Statement, an earnings statement (which need not be audited) in reasonable detail, covering a period of at least 12 consecutive months beginning on the first day of the first full fiscal quarter after the effective date of the Registration Statement, which earnings statement shall satisfy the requirements of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 of the Securities Act Regulations and will advise you in writing when such statement has been so made available. If such fiscal quarter is the last fiscal quarter of the Trust's fiscal year, such earnings statement shall be made available not later than 90 days after the close of the period covered thereby and in all other cases shall be made available not later than 45 days after the close of the period covered thereby.

(1) For a period of five years (but not beyond any such date on which no Securities shall be outstanding) after the Closing Date, the Trust and the Corporation will furnish to the Underwriters copies of all reports and communications delivered to the Trust's shareholders or to holders of the Capital Securities and will also furnish copies of all reports (excluding exhibits) filed with the Commission on Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K, and all other reports and information furnished to its shareholders generally, not later than the time such reports are first furnished to its shareholders generally.

6. Expenses. The Corporation covenants and agrees with the Underwriters that the Corporation will, whether or not any sale of the Capital Securities is consummated, pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) costs of preparation and printing (including reasonable word processing and duplication costs) of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, and all amendments and supplements thereto, (ii) all expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Corporation and the Trust) payable pursuant to Section 5 of the Agreement, (iii) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, issuance and delivery of the Capital Securities, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Corporation's accountants, (v) all costs and expenses incurred in the preparation and the printing (including word processing and duplication costs) of the Capital Securities, the Indenture, the Guarantee Agreement, the Trust Agreement and all other documents relating to the issuance, purchase and initial resale of the Capital Securities, and (vi) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance by the Corporation of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided in this Section. The Underwriters shall be responsible for all of their own expenses, including the fees of the Underwriters' counsel, any taxes on resales of the

Capital Securities by the Underwriters and the costs of assigning a rating or ratings to the Capital Securities.

7. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) Each of the Corporation and the Trust jointly and severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls each such Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities are caused by any such untrue statement or omission based upon information furnished in writing to the Corporation by the Underwriters expressly for use therein; provided, however, that the foregoing indemnity agreement with respect to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter from whom the person asserting any such losses, claims, damages or liabilities purchased Capital Securities, or any person controlling such Underwriter, if a copy of the Registration Statement (as then amended or supplemented if the Corporation shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto) was not sent or given by or on behalf of such Underwriter to such person at or prior to the written confirmation of the sale of the Capital Securities to such persons, and if the Registration Statement (as so amended or supplemented) would have cured the defect giving rise to such loss, claim, damage or liability. This indemnity agreement shall be in addition to any liability that the Corporation or Trust may otherwise have.

(b) Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Corporation, the Trust, any authorized representative of the Corporation or the Trust and any person controlling the Corporation, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Corporation and the Trust to the Underwriters, but only with reference to information furnished in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto. The Corporation and the Trust each acknowledge that the statements set forth in the last paragraph on the outside front cover of the Prospectus, in the penultimate paragraph of the third page of the Prospectus, and

in the third, fifth and seventh paragraphs under the caption "Underwriting" in the Prospectus constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the Underwriters for use in the Registration Statement, and the Representative confirms that such statements are correct. This indemnity agreement shall be in addition to any liability that any Underwriter may otherwise have.

(c) In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be threatened or instituted involving any person in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 7, such person (the "indemnified party") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the "indemnifying party") in writing (but the omission to so notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party other than under this Section 7) and the indemnifying party, upon request of the indemnified party, shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and pay the reasonable fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and the representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm for all such indemnified parties. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 7, such separate firm shall be designated in writing by the Representative. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section 8, such separate firm shall be designated in writing by the Corporation. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the 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 7 is unavailable to an indemnified party under paragraphs (a) or (b) hereof or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Corporation and the Trust on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Capital 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 Corporation and the Trust on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Corporation and the Trust on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the offering of such Capital Securities shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds (before deducting expenses) from the offering of such Capital Securities received by the Corporation bear to the total discounts and commissions received by such Underwriter in respect thereof. The relative fault of the Corporation and the Trust on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Corporation and the Trust or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statements or omissions.

(e) The Corporation, the Trust and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the considerations referred to in paragraph (d) of this Section 7. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in paragraph (d) of this Section 7 shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any reasonable legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim.

(f) The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 7 and the representations and warranties of the Corporation, the Trust and the Underwriters in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement, (ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of a Underwriter or any person controlling such Underwriter, or by or on behalf of the Trust or the Corporation, its directors or officers, any authorized representative of the Corporation or the Trust or any person controlling the Corporation or the Trust, and (iii) acceptance of and payment for any of the Capital Securities.

8. Termination.

(a) This Agreement shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representative, by notice to the Corporation, if prior to the Closing Date (i) trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or materially limited, (ii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities in New York shall have been declared by either Federal or New York State authorities, or (iii) there shall have occurred any material outbreak or escalation of hostilities or other calamity or crisis the effect of which on the financial markets of the United States is such as to make it, in the reasonable judgment of the Representative, impracticable to market the Capital Securities or to enforce contracts for the resale of Capital Securities.

(b) The Corporation may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the Representative at any time at or prior to the Closing Date if the Corporation shall receive the reasonable opinion of Arnold & Porter, its special tax counsel, following consultation with the Representative and its counsel, that there is more than an insubstantial risk that interest payable by the Corporation on the Subordinated Debentures will not be deductible by the Corporation for federal income tax purposes as a result of action taken on any federal legislative tax proposal. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 8(b), such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party and each party shall bear its own out-of-pocket expenses, except as provided in Section 7.

9. Pro Rata Purchase in Certain Events. If on the Closing Date any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Capital Securities that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder and the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities that such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated severally in the proportions which the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities set forth opposite their names in Schedule I to this Agreement bears to the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as the Representative may specify, to purchase the Capital Securities that such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date. If on the Closing Date any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Capital Securities and the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities to be purchased on such date, and

arrangements satisfactory to the Representative and the Corporation for the purchase of such Capital Securities are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement shall thereupon terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriters or of the Corporation or the Trust. In any such case either the Representative or the Corporation shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. An action taken under this Section 9 shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

10. Reimbursement upon Termination in Certain Circumstances. If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters or any of them, because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Corporation to comply in any material respect with the terms or to fulfill in any material respect any of the conditions of this Agreement, or if for any reason the Corporation shall be unable to perform in any material respect its obligations under this Agreement, the Corporation shall reimburse the Underwriters or such Underwriters as have so terminated the Agreement, with respect to themselves, severally, for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Capital Securities.

11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

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

Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth the agreement among the Trust, the Corporation and the several Underwriters by having an authorized officer sign a copy of this Agreement in the space set forth below and by returning the signed copy to us.

Very truly yours,

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

By: FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION,
on behalf of First Empire Capital
Trust II

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Accepted by:

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER
as representative of the several
Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SCHEDULE I

Underwriter - - - - -	Amount -----
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	\$
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	\$
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	\$
Total	\$100,000,000 =====

EXHIBIT A

The opinion of special counsel to the Corporation to be delivered pursuant to Section 4(d) of the Underwriting Agreement shall be substantially to the effect that:

1. The Underwriting Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation.

2. The Trust Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation, and is a valid and binding obligation of the Corporation, enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, readjustment of debt, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, general equity principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

3. The Guarantee Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation and is a valid and binding obligation of the Corporation enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, readjustment of debt, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, general equity principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

4. The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, and is a valid and binding agreement of the Corporation, enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, readjustment of debt, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, general equity principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

5. The Subordinated Debentures have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation and when duly authenticated in accordance with the Indenture and

delivered and paid for in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement, will be valid and binding obligations of the Corporation, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with their terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, readjustment of debt, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, general equity principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

6. The Trust is not an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

7. The statements set forth in the Registration Statement under the captions "Description of Capital Securities," "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures," "Description of Guarantee" and "Relationship Among the Capital Securities, the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Guarantee," insofar as they purport to describe the provisions of the laws and documents referred to therein, fairly summarize the matters described therein.

8. The Registration Statement was declared effective under the Securities Act as of the date and time specified in such opinion and, to the best of such counsel's knowledge and information, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings therefor have been initiated or threatened by the Commission.

9. The statements of law or legal conclusions and opinions set forth in the Registration Statement under the caption "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences," subject to the assumptions and conditions described therein, constitute our opinion.

10. The Registration Statement and the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein and other than documents incorporated therein by reference, as to all of which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act and the Trust Indenture Act and the respective rules thereunder.

EXHIBIT B

The opinion of counsel to be delivered by the Corporation pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Underwriting Agreement shall be substantially to the effect that:

1. Each of the Corporation and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company is a corporation validly organized and presently subsisting under the laws of the State of New York, with requisite corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, except for such power and authority the absence of which would not have a material adverse effect on the Corporation on a consolidated basis, and, in the case of the Corporation, is duly registered as bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended.

2. No consent, approval, authorization or order of any court or governmental agency, authority, or body is required for the consummation by the Corporation of the transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, except those that have been obtained; it being understood that he expresses no opinion as to the securities or Blue Sky laws of any jurisdiction.

3. The issuance and sale of the Capital Securities and the Subordinated Debentures and the execution, delivery and performance by the Corporation and the Trust of the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture, the Guarantee Agreement and the Trust Agreement will not violate the Articles of Incorporation or by-laws of the Corporation, as amended to date, or any material agreement or other instrument known to him to which the Corporation or the Trust is a party or any material order or regulation known to him to be applicable to the Corporation or the Trust of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over the Corporation.

Such counsel shall further state that nothing has come to his attention that has caused him to believe that the Registration Statement (except for the financial statements and schedules and other financial or statistical data contained or incorporated therein, as to which he need express no belief), including the documents incorporated by reference therein, as of the date of the Registration Statement, contained, and as of the date of such opinion, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact required to be stated

therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

4. To the best knowledge of such counsel, there is no pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement which is not adequately disclosed in the Prospectus, and there is no franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit, which is not described or filed as required; and the statements included or incorporated in the Prospectus describing any legal proceedings or material contracts or agreements relating to the Corporation fairly summarize such matters. The opinion set forth in this paragraph need not express any view as to matters covered by the opinion of Arnold & Porter delivered pursuant to Section 4(d) of the Underwriting Agreement.

5. The documents incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) complies as of their respective dates as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder.

EXHIBIT C

The opinion of counsel to the Trust Company and Trust Delaware to be delivered pursuant to Section 4(f) of the Underwriting Agreement shall be substantially to the effect that:

1. The Trust Company is duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing as a banking corporation with trust powers under the laws of the State of New York.

2. Trust Delaware is duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing as a banking corporation with trust powers under the laws of the State of Delaware.

3. The Indenture Trustee has the requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Indenture, and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Indenture.

4. The Guarantee Trustee has the requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Guarantee Agreement, and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Guarantee Agreement.

5. The Property Trustee has the requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the Trust Agreement, and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement.

6. The Delaware Trustee has the requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the Trust Agreement, and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement.

7. Each of the Indenture and the Guarantee Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Indenture Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively, enforceable against the Indenture Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively in accordance with its respective terms, except that certain payment obligations may be enforceable solely against the assets of the Trust and except that such enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, liquidation, fraudulent conveyance and transfer or other similar laws applicable to Delaware banking

corporations affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and by general principles of equity, including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

8. The Subordinated Debentures delivered on the date hereof have been duly authenticated by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF OPINION OF RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER,
SPECIAL DELAWARE COUNSEL TO THE COMPANY AND
THE TRUST TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(h)

1. The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a business trust under the Delaware Business Trust Act, 12 Del. C. 3801 et seq. (the "Delaware Act"), with the business trust power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, the Underwriting Agreement, and issue and perform its obligations under the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

2. The Common Securities have been duly authorized for issuance by the Trust Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Trust to the Corporation against payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement and as described in the Registration Statement, will be validly issued and (subject to the terms of the Trust Agreement) fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. Under the Delaware Act and the Trust Agreement, the issuance of the Common Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights. We note that the Holders of Common Securities will be liable for the debts and obligations of the Trust to the extent provided in Section 4.8 of the Trust Agreement and will be required to make payment or provide indemnity or security as set forth in the Trust Agreement.

3. The Capital Securities have been duly authorized for issuance by the Trust Agreement and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement, against payment of the consideration as set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the Capital Securities will be validly issued and (subject to the terms of the Trust Agreement) fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. The Holders of the Capital Securities will be entitled to the benefits of the Trust Agreement (subject to the limitations set forth in Paragraph 5 below) and will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the Delaware General Corporation Law; provided that we express no opinion as to any Holder of a Capital Security that is, was, or becomes a named Trustee of the Trust. We note that the

Holders of Capital Securities will be required to make payment or provide indemnity or security as set forth in the Trust Agreement.

4. All necessary trust action has been taken to duly authorize the execution, delivery and performance by the Trust of the Underwriting Agreement.

5. The Trust Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Corporation and the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against the Corporation and the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, liquidation, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and remedies, (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered and applied in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) considerations of public policy and the effect of applicable law relating to fiduciary duties.

6. The issuance and sale by the Trust of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities, the purchase by the Trust of the Subordinated Debentures, the execution, delivery and performance by the Trust of the Underwriting Agreement, the consummation by the Trust of the transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement and the compliance by the Trust with its obligations thereunder will not violate (i) any of the provisions of the Certificate of Trust or the Trust Agreement or (ii) any applicable Delaware law or administrative regulation.

7. Assuming that the Trust derives no income from or connected with services provided within the State of Delaware and has no assets, activities (other than having a Delaware Trustee as required by the Delaware Act and the filing of documents with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware) or employees in the State of Delaware, no filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any Delaware court or Delaware governmental authority or agency (other than as may be required under the securities or blue sky laws of the State of Delaware as to which we express no opinion) is required to be obtained by the Trust in connection with the issuance and sale or delivery of the Capital Securities.

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JUNIOR SUBORDINATED INDENTURE

Between

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

and

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
(as Trustee)

dated as of

June ____, 1997

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FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

Certain Sections of this Junior Subordinated Indenture relating
to Sections 310 through 318 of the
Trust Indenture Act of 1939:

Trust Indenture Act Section	Junior Subordinated Indenture Section
Section 310(a)(1)	6.9
(a)(2)	6.9
(a)(3)	Not Applicable
(a)(4)	Not Applicable
(a)(5)	6.9
(b)	6.8, 6.10
Section 311(a)	6.13
(b)	6.13
(b)(2)	7.3(a)
Section 312(a)	7.1, 7.2(a)
(b)	7.2(b)
(c)	7.2(c)
Section 313(a)	7.3(a)
(a)(4)	7.3(a)
(b)	7.3(b)
(c)	7.3(a)
(d)	7.3(c)
Section 314(a)	7.4
(b)	7.4
(c)(1)	1.2
(c)(2)	1.2
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(e)	1.2
Section 315(a)	6.1(a)
(b)	6.2, 7.3
(c)	6.1(b)
(d)	6.1(c)
(e)	5.14
Section 316(a)	5.12
(a)(1)(A)	5.12
(a)(1)(B)	5.13
(a)(2)	Not Applicable
(b)	5.8
(c)	1.4(f)
Section 317(a)(1)	5.3
(a)(2)	5.4
(b)	10.3
Section 318(a)	1.7

Note: This reconciliation and tie shall not, for any purpose,
be deemed to be a part of the Indenture.

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ANNEX A	FORM OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES CERTIFICATE

JUNIOR SUBORDINATED INDENTURE

THIS JUNIOR SUBORDINATED INDENTURE, dated as of June ____, 1997, between FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION, a New York corporation (the "Company"), having its principal office at One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York, and BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee, having its principal office at Four Albany Street, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10006 (the "Trustee").

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of its unsecured junior subordinated debt securities in series (hereinafter called the "Securities") of substantially the tenor hereinafter provided, including Securities issued to evidence loans made to the Company from the proceeds from the issuance from time to time by one or more business trusts (each an "Issuer Trust") of undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of such Issuer Trusts (the "Preferred Securities") and common undivided interests in the assets of such Issuer Trusts (the "Common Securities" and, collectively with the Preferred Securities, the "Trust Securities"), and to provide the terms and conditions upon which the Securities are to be authenticated, issued and delivered; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders (as such term is defined in Section 1.1 hereof) thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities or of any series thereof, and intending to be legally bound hereby, as follows:

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS
OF GENERAL APPLICATION

SECTION 1.1. Definitions.

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

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

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

(3) The words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation";

(4) All accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as in effect at the time of computation;

(5) Whenever the context may require, any gender shall be deemed to include the other;

(6) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to an "Article" or a "Section" refers to an Article or a Section, as the case may be, of this Indenture; and

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

"Act" when used with respect to any Holder has the meaning specified in Section 1.4(a).

"Additional Interest" means the interest, if any, that shall accrue on any interest on the Securities of any series the payment of which has not been made on the applicable Interest Payment Date and which shall accrue at the rate per annum specified or determined as specified in such Security.

"Additional Sums" has the meaning specified in Section 10.6.

"Additional Taxes" means any additional taxes, duties and other governmental charges to which an Issuer Trust has become subject from time to time as a result of a Tax Event.

"Administrator" means, in respect of any Issuer Trust, each Person appointed in accordance with the related Trust Agreement, solely in such Person's capacity as Administrator of such Issuer

Trust and not in such Person's individual capacity, or any successor Administrator appointed as therein provided.

"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.

"Agent Member" means any member of, or participant in, the Depositary.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Security or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depositary for such Global Security, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

"Authenticating Agent" means any Person authorized by the Trustee pursuant to Section 6.14 to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of one or more series.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company or the Executive Committee of the board of directors of the Company (or any other committee of the board of directors of the Company performing similar functions) or, for purposes of this Indenture, a committee designated by the board of directors of the Company (or such committee), comprised of two or more members of the board of directors of the Company or officers of the Company, or both.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors, or such committee of the Board of Directors or officers of the Company to which authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors has been delegated, and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday, (ii) a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or the Borough of Boyertown are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed, or (iii) day on which the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, or, with respect to the Securities of a series initially issued to an Issuer Trust, the "Corporate Trust Office" (as defined in the related Trust

Agreement) of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee under the related Trust Agreement, is closed for business.

"Capital Treatment Event" means, in respect of any Issuer Trust, the reasonable determination by the Company that, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any rules or regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of the issuance of the Preferred Securities of such Issuer Trust, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Company will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the Liquidation Amount (as such term is defined in the related Trust Agreement) of such Preferred Securities as "Tier 1 Capital" (or the then equivalent thereof) for purposes of the risk-based capital adequacy guidelines of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as then in effect and applicable to the Company, provided, however, that it shall not be deemed to be a Capital Treatment Event if the Company is not entitled to treat the aggregate amount of the Liquidation Amount of such Preferred Securities as "Tier 1 Capital" due to the restriction imposed by the Federal Reserve that no more than 25% of Tier 1 Capital can consist of perpetual preferred stock.

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

"Common Securities" has the meaning specified in the first recital of this Indenture.

"Common Stock" means the common stock, par value \$5.00 per share, of the Company.

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

"Company Request" and "Company Order" mean, respectively, the written request or order signed in the name of the Company by any Chairman of the Board of Directors, any Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, its President or a Vice President, and by its

Chief Financial Officer, its Treasurer, its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and delivered to the Trustee.

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

"Creditor" has the meaning specified in Section 6.7(c).

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 3.8.

"Delaware Trustee" means, with respect to any Issuer Trust, the Person identified as the "Delaware Trustee" in the related Trust Agreement, solely in its capacity as Delaware Trustee of such Issuer Trust under such Trust Agreement and not in its individual capacity, or its successor in interest in such capacity, or any successor Delaware trustee appointed as therein provided.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities of any series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the Person designated as Depository by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to such series (or any successor thereto).

"Discount Security" means any security that provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2.

"Dollar" or "\$" means the currency of the United States of America that, as at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

The term "entity" includes a bank, corporation, association, company, limited liability company, joint-stock company or business trust.

"Event of Default," unless otherwise specified in the supplemental indenture creating a series of Securities, has the meaning specified in Article V.

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

"Expiration Date" has the meaning specified in Section 1.4(f).

"Extension Period" has the meaning specified in Section 3.12.

"Global Security" means a Security in the form prescribed in Section 2.4 evidencing all or part of a series of Securities, issued to the Depositary or its nominee for such series, and registered in the name of such Depositary or its nominee.

"Guarantee" means, with respect to any Issuer Trust, the Guarantee Agreement executed by the Company for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Securities Register.

"Indenture" means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and shall include the terms of each particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 3.1.

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means an institutional accredited investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act.

"Interest Payment Date" means, as to each series of Securities, the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Securities.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940 and any statute successor thereto, in each case as amended from time to time.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by an Issuer Trust of an Opinion of Counsel (as defined in the relevant Trust Agreement) experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a written change (including any announced prospective change) in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority, there is more than an insubstantial risk that such Issuer Trust is or will be considered an "investment company" that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act, which change or prospective change becomes effective or would become effective, as the case may be, on or after the date of the issuance of the Preferred Securities of such Issuer Trust.

"Issuer Trust" has the meaning specified in the first recital of this Indenture.

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

"Notice of Default" means a written notice of the kind specified in Section 5.1(3).

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, President or a Vice President, and by the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, of the Depositor, and delivered to the party provided herein. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Trust Agreement shall include:

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

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

(c) a statement that such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, 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

(d) 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 for or an employee of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company.

"Original Issue Date" means the date of issuance specified as such in each Security.

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

(i) Securities theretofore canceled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(ii) Securities for whose payment money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Securities; and

(iii) Securities in substitution for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered or that have been paid pursuant to Section 3.6, unless proof satisfactory to the Trustee is presented that any such Securities are held by Holders in whose hands such Securities are valid, binding and legal obligations of the Company;

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or such other obligor (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer Trust to which Securities of the applicable series were initially issued) shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities that the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or such other obligor (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, such Issuer Trust). Upon the written request of the Trustee, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee promptly an Officers' Certificate listing and identifying all Securities, if any, known by the Company to be owned or held by or for the account of the Company, or any other obligor on the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or such obligor (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, such Issuer Trust), and, subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such Officers' Certificate as conclusive evidence of the facts therein set forth and of the fact that all Securities not listed therein are Outstanding for the purpose of any such determination.

"Paying Agent" means the Trustee or any Person authorized by the Company to pay the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on, or other amounts in respect of any Securities on behalf of the Company.

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

"Place of Payment" means, with respect to the Securities of any series, the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Securities of such series are payable pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security. For the purposes of this definition, any security authenticated and delivered under Section 3.7 in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security.

"Preferred Securities" has the meaning specified in the first recital of this Indenture.

"Proceeding" has the meaning specified in Section 13.2.

"Property Trustee" means, with respect to any Issuer Trust, the Person identified as the "Property Trustee" in the related Trust Agreement, solely in its capacity as Property Trustee of such Issuer Trust under such Trust Agreement and not in its individual capacity, or its successor in interest in such capacity, or any successor property trustee appointed as therein provided.

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

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

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date with respect to the Securities of a series means, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Securities of such series, the close of business on March 15, June 15, September 15 or December 15 next preceding such Interest Payment Date (whether or not a Business Day).

"Responsible Officer", when used with respect to the Property Trustee means any officer assigned to the Corporate Trust Office, including any managing director, vice president, assistant vice president, assistant treasurer, assistant secretary or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions

similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and having direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Security" means each Security required pursuant to Section 3.6(c) to bear a Restricted Securities Legend.

"Restricted Securities Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Annex A.

"Restricted Securities Legend" means a legend substantially in the form of the legend required in the form of Security set forth in Section 2.2 to be placed upon a Restricted Security.

"Rights Plan" means any plan of the Company providing for the issuance by the Company to all holders of its Common Stock, par value \$5.00 per share, of rights entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for or purchase shares of any class or series of capital stock of the Company which rights (i) are deemed to be transferred with such shares of such Common Stock, (ii) are not exercisable, and (iii) are also issued in respect of future issuances of such Common Stock, in each case until the occurrence of a specified event or events.

"Securities" or "Security" means any debt securities or debt security, as the case may be, authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Securities Register" and "Securities Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 3.6(a).

"Senior Indebtedness" means, whether recourse is to all or a portion of the assets of the Company and whether or not contingent, (i) every obligation of the Company for money borrowed; (ii) every obligation of the Company evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, including obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses; (iii) every reimbursement obligation of the Company with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities issued for the account of the Company; (iv) every obligation of the Company issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services (but excluding trade accounts payable or accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business); (v) every capital lease obligation of the Company; (vi) every obligation of the

Company for claims (as defined in Section 101(4) of the United States Bankruptcy Code of 1978, as amended) in respect of derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts, commodity contracts and similar arrangements; and (vii) every obligation of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) of another person and all dividends of another person the payment of which, in either case, the Company has guaranteed or is responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, as obligor or otherwise; provided that "Senior Indebtedness" shall not include (i) any obligations which, by their terms, are expressly stated to rank pari passu in right of payment with, or to not be superior in right of payment to, the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) any Senior Indebtedness of the Company which when incurred and without respect to any election under Section 1111(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code of 1978, as amended, was without recourse to the Company, (iii) any indebtedness of the Company to any of its subsidiaries, (iv) indebtedness to any executive officer or director of the Company, or (v) any indebtedness in respect of debt securities issued to any trust, or a trustee of such trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with the Company that is a financing entity of the Company in connection with the issuance of such financing entity of securities that are similar to the Preferred Securities.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 3.8.

"Stated Maturity", when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date specified pursuant to the terms of such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable, as such date may, in the case of such principal, be shortened or extended as provided pursuant to the terms of such Security and this Indenture.

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

"Successor Security" of any particular Security means every Security issued after, and evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by, such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 3.7 in exchange for or in lieu of a

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

"Tax Event" means the receipt by an Issuer Trust of an Opinion of Counsel (as defined in the relevant Trust Agreement) experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Preferred Securities of such Issuer Trust, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) such Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such Opinion of Counsel, subject to United States Federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the corresponding series of Securities issued by the Company to such Issuer Trust, (ii) interest payable by the Company on such corresponding series of Securities is not, or within 90 days of the delivery of such Opinion of Counsel will not be, deductible by the Company, in whole or in part, for United States Federal income tax purposes, or (iii) such Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such Opinion of Counsel, subject to more than a de minimis amount of other taxes, duties or other governmental charges.

"Trust Agreement" means, with respect to any Issuer Trust, the trust agreement or other governing instrument of such Issuer Trust.

"Trustee" means the Person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this Indenture, solely in its capacity as such and not in its individual capacity, until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder and, if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, except as provided in Section 9.5.

"Trust Securities" has the meaning specified in the first recital of this Indenture.

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

SECTION 1.2. Compliance Certificate and Opinions.

Upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent (including covenants compliance with which constitutes a condition precedent), if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent (including covenants compliance with which constitutes a condition 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 Indenture 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 Indenture (other than the certificates provided pursuant to Section 10.4) shall include:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1.3. Forms of Documents Delivered to Trustee.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person,

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

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

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

SECTION 1.4. Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given to 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 is or are delivered to the Trustee, 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 Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Trustee 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 by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments

of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him or her the execution thereof. Where such execution is by a Person acting in other than his or her individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his or her authority.

(c) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be provided in any other manner that the Trustee deems sufficient and in accordance with such reasonable rules as the Trustee may determine.

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

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

(f) The Company may set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities of any series entitled to give, make or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Indenture to be given, made or taken by Holders of Securities of such series, provided that the Company may not set a record date for, and the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to, the giving or making of any notice, declaration, request or direction referred to in the next succeeding paragraph. If any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders of Outstanding Securities of the relevant series on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to take the relevant action, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date, provided that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date (as defined below) by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date. Nothing 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 of no effect), and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to render ineffective any action taken by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of the relevant series 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 Trustee in writing and to each Holder of Securities of the relevant series in the manner set forth in Section 1.6.

The Trustee may set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities of any series entitled to join in the giving or making of (i) any Notice of Default, (ii) any declaration of acceleration referred to in Section 5.2, (iii) any request to institute proceedings referred to in Section 5.7(2), or (iv) any direction referred to in Section 5.12, in each case with respect to Securities of such series. If any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to join in such notice, declaration, request or direction, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date, provided that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of such series on such record date. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Trustee 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 of no effect) and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to render ineffective any action taken by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of the relevant series on the date such action is taken. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Trustee, at the Company's expense, shall cause notice of such record date, the proposed action by Holders and the applicable Expiration Date to be given to the Company in writing and to each Holder of Securities of the relevant series in the manner set forth in Section 1.6.

With respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section, the party hereto that sets such record date may designate any day 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 other party hereto in writing, and to each Holder of Securities of the relevant series in the manner set forth in Section 1.6 on or prior to the existing Expiration Date. If an Expiration Date is not designated with respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section, the party hereto that set such record date 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.

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

SECTION 1.5. Notices, Etc. to Trustee and Company.

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

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

(2) the Company by the Trustee, any Holder or any holder of Preferred Securities shall be sufficient for every purpose (except as otherwise provided in Section 5.1) hereunder if in writing and mailed, first class, postage prepaid, to the Company addressed to it at the address of its principal office specified in the first paragraph of this instrument or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company.

SECTION 1.6. Notice to Holders; Waiver.

Where this Indenture 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 the address of such Holder as it appears in the Securities Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. If, by reason of the suspension of or irregularities in regular mail services or for any other reason, it shall be impossible or impracticable to mail notice of any event to Holders when said notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture or of the relevant Securities, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient 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 Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 1.7. Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

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

SECTION 1.8. 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 1.9. Successors and Assigns.

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

SECTION 1.10. Separability Clause.

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

SECTION 1.11. Benefits of Indenture.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors and assigns, the holders of Senior Indebtedness, the Holders of the Securities and, to the extent expressly provided in Sections 5.2, 5.8, 5.9, 5.11, 5.13, 9.1 and 9.2, the holders of Preferred Securities, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

SECTION 1.12. Governing Law.

THIS INDENTURE AND THE SECURITIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 1.13. Non-Business Days.

If any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Security shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or the Securities) payment of interest or principal (and premium, if any) or other amounts in respect of such Security need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day (and no interest shall accrue in respect of the amounts whose payment is so delayed for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be, until such next succeeding Business Day) except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day (in each case with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date or at the Stated Maturity).

ARTICLE II
SECURITY FORMS

SECTION 2.1. Forms Generally.

The Securities of each series and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be in substantially the forms set forth in this Article, or in such other form or forms as shall be established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may be required to comply with applicable tax laws or the rules of any securities exchange or as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers executing such securities, as evidenced by their execution of the Securities. If the form of Securities of any series is established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Company Order contemplated by Section 3.3 with respect to the authentication and delivery of such Securities.

The Trustee's certificates of authentication shall be substantially in the form set forth in this Article.

The definitive Securities shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods, if required by any securities exchange on which the Securities may be

listed, on a steel engraved border or steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner permitted by the rules of any securities exchange on which the Securities may be listed, all as determined by the officers executing such Securities, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities.

Securities distributed to holders of Global Preferred Securities (as defined in the applicable Trust Agreement) upon the dissolution of an Issuer Trust shall be distributed in the form of one or more Global Securities registered in the name of a Depositary or its nominee, and deposited with the Securities Registrar, as custodian for such Depositary, or with such Depositary, for credit by the Depositary to the respective accounts of the beneficial owners of the Securities represented thereby (or such other accounts as they may direct). Securities distributed to holders of Preferred Securities other than Global Preferred Securities upon the dissolution of an Issuer Trust shall not be issued in the form of a Global Security or any other form intended to facilitate book-entry trading in beneficial interests in such Securities.

SECTION 2.2. Form of Face of Security.

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[Title of Security]

[If the Security is a Restricted Security, insert--THE SECURITIES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) BY ANY INITIAL INVESTOR THAT IS NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (I) TO A PERSON WHO THE TRANSFEROR REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (II) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (III) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), OR (B) BY AN INITIAL INVESTOR THAT IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER OR BY ANY SUBSEQUENT INVESTOR, AS SET FORTH IN (A) ABOVE AND, IN ADDITION, TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, AND, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY AGREES THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS. SECURITIES OWNED BY AN INITIAL INVESTOR THAT IS NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER MAY NOT BE HELD IN GLOBAL FORM AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT CERTIFICATION THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS, AS PROVIDED

IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO BELOW. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 FOR RESALES OF THE SECURITIES.]

No. \$

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION, a New York corporation (hereinafter called the "Company", which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to _____, or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ Dollars on _____, [if the Security is a Global Security, then insert, if applicable--, or such other principal amount represented hereby as may be set forth in the records of the Securities Registrar hereinafter referred to in accordance with the Indenture,] [; provided that the Company may (i) shorten the Stated Maturity of the principal of this Security to a date not earlier than _____, and (ii) extend the Stated Maturity of the principal of this Security at any time on one or more occasions, subject to certain conditions specified in Section 3.15 of the Indenture, but in no event to a date later than _____]. The Company further promises to pay interest on said principal from _____, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, [monthly] [quarterly] [semi-annually] [if applicable, insert--(subject to deferral as set forth herein)] in arrears on [insert applicable Interest Payment Dates] of each year, commencing _____ at the rate of ___% per annum, [if applicable insert--together with Additional Sums, if any, as provided in Section 10.6 of the Indenture,] until the principal hereof is paid or duly provided for or made available for payment [if applicable, insert--; provided that any overdue principal, premium or Additional Sums and any overdue installment of interest shall bear Additional Interest at the rate of ___% per annum (to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable), compounded [monthly] [quarterly] [semi-annually], from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment, and such interest shall be payable on demand]. The amount of interest payable for any period less than a full interest period shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. The amount of interest payable for any full interest period shall be computed by dividing the applicable rate per annum by [twelve/four/two]. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest installment [if applicable, insert--, which shall be the [_____ or _____] (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such

Interest Payment Date]. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

[If applicable, insert--So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company shall have the right, at any time during the term of this Security, from time to time to defer the payment of interest on this Security for up to _____ consecutive [monthly] [quarterly] [semi-annual] interest payment periods with respect to each deferral period (each an "Extension Period") [if applicable, insert--, during which Extension Periods the Company shall have the right to make partial payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date, and] at the end of which the Company shall pay all interest then accrued and unpaid including Additional Interest, as provided below; provided, however, that no Extension Period shall extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the principal of this Security [If Stated Maturity can be shortened or extended, insert--, as then in effect,] and no such Extension Period may end on a date other than an Interest Payment Date; and provided, further, however, that during any such Extension Period, the Company shall not (i) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock, or (ii) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior in interest to this Security (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a Subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's

capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a dividend in connection with any Rights Plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any Rights Plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Company may further defer the payment of interest, provided that no Extension Period shall exceed _____ consecutive [monthly] [quarterly] [semi-annual] interest payment periods, extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the principal of this Security or end on a date other than an Interest Payment Date. Upon the termination of any such Extension Period and upon the payment of all accrued and unpaid interest and any Additional Interest then due on any Interest Payment Date, the Company may elect to begin a new Extension Period, subject to the above conditions. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof, but each installment of interest that would otherwise have been due and payable during such Extension Period shall bear Additional Interest (to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable) at the rate of ___% per annum, compounded [monthly] [quarterly] [semi-annually] and calculated as set forth in the first paragraph of this Security, from the date on which such amounts would otherwise have been due and payable until paid or made available for payment. The Company shall give the Holder of this Security and the Trustee notice of its election to begin any Extension Period at least one Business Day prior to the next succeeding Interest Payment Date on which interest on this Security would be payable but for such deferral [if applicable, insert--or so long as such securities are held by [insert name of applicable Issuer Trust], at least one Business Day prior to the earlier of (i) the next succeeding date on which Distributions on the Preferred Securities of such Issuer Trust would be payable but for such deferral, and (ii) the date on which the Property Trustee of such Issuer Trust is required to give notice to holders of such Preferred Securities of the record date or the date such Distributions are payable, but in any event not less than one Business Day prior to such record date.]

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Security will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the United States, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts [if applicable, insert--; provided, however that at the

option of the Company payment of interest may be made (i) by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Securities Register, or (ii) if to a Holder of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of this Security, by wire transfer in immediately available funds upon written request to the Trustee not later than 15 calendar days prior to the date on which the interest is payable].

The indebtedness evidenced by this Security is, to the extent provided in the Indenture, subordinate and subject in right of payments to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, and this Security is issued subject to the provisions of the Indenture with respect thereto. Each Holder of this Security, by accepting the same, (a) agrees to and shall be bound by such provisions, (b) authorizes and directs the Trustee on his or her behalf to take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination so provided, and (c) appoints the Trustee his or her attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes. Each Holder hereof, by his or her acceptance hereof, waives all notice of the acceptance of the subordination provisions contained herein and in the Indenture by each holder of Senior Indebtedness, whether now outstanding or hereafter incurred, and waives reliance by each such holder upon said provisions.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security 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 Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed under its corporate seal.

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By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest:

Secretary or Assistant Secretary

SECTION 2.3. Form of Reverse of Security.

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the "Securities"), issued and to be issued in one or more series under the Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of June ____, 1997 (herein called the "Indenture"), between the Company and Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee", which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, the holders of Senior Indebtedness and the Holders of the Securities, and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof [if applicable, insert--, limited in aggregate principal amount to \$ _____].

All terms used in this Security that are defined in the Indenture [if applicable, insert--or in [insert name of trust agreement], dated as of June ____, 1997 (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time the "Trust Agreement"), relating to [insert name of Issuer Trust] [the ("Issuer Trust") among the Company, as Depositor, the Trustees named therein and the Holders from time to time of the Trust Securities issued pursuant thereto] shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture [if applicable, insert--or the Trust Agreement, as the case may be].

[If applicable, insert--The Company has the right to redeem this Security (i) on or after _____, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, or (ii) in whole (but not in part), at any time within 90 days following the occurrence and during the continuation of a Tax Event, Investment Company Event, or Capital Treatment Event, in each case at the Redemption Price described below, and subject to possible regulatory approval. The Redemption Price shall equal 100% of the principal amount hereof being redeemed, together with accrued interest to but excluding the date fixed for redemption.]

[If the Security is subject to redemption of any kind, insert--In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.]

[If applicable, insert--The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time [of the entire indebtedness of this Security] [or] [certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to this Security] [, in each case] upon compliance by the Company with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.]

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the Company and the Trustee at any time to enter into a supplemental indenture or indentures for the purpose of modifying in any manner the rights and obligations of the Company and of the Holders of the Securities, with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series to be affected by such supplemental indenture. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

[If the Security is not a Discount Security, insert--As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, if an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of this series may declare the principal amount of all the Securities of this series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders) [if applicable, insert--, provided that, if upon an Event of Default, the Trustee or such Holders fail to declare the principal of all the outstanding Securities of this series to be immediately due and payable, the holders of at least 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities then outstanding shall have the right to make such declaration by a notice in writing to the Company and the Trustee]; and upon any such declaration the principal amount of and the accrued interest (including any Additional Interest) on all the Securities of this series shall become immediately due and payable, provided that the payment of principal and interest (including any Additional Interest) on such Securities shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XIII of the Indenture.]

[If the Security is a Discount Security, insert--As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, if an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of this series may declare an amount of principal of the Securities of this series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders) [if applicable, insert--, provided that, if upon an Event of Default, the Trustee or such Holders fail to declare such principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of this series to be immediately due and payable, the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities then outstanding shall have the right to make such declaration by a notice in writing to the Company and the Trustee. The principal amount payable upon such acceleration shall be equal to--insert formula for determining the amount]. Upon any such declaration, such amount of the principal of and the accrued interest (including any Additional Interest) on all the Securities of this series shall become immediately due and payable, provided that the payment of such principal and interest (including any Additional Interest) on all the Securities of this series shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XIII of the Indenture. Upon payment (i) of the amount of principal so declared due and payable and (ii) of interest on any overdue principal, premium and interest (in each case to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable), all of the Company's obligations in respect of the payment of the principal of and premium and interest, if any, on this Security shall terminate.]

No reference herein to the Indenture and 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 (and premium, if any) and interest (including Additional Interest) on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Securities Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company maintained under Section 10.2 of the Indenture for such purpose, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Securities Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series, 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 denominations of \$_____ and any integral multiple of \$_____ in excess thereof. 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 Company or the Trustee may treat the Person 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.

The Company and, by its acceptance of this Security or a beneficial interest therein, the Holder of, and any Person that acquires a beneficial interest in, this Security agrees that for United States Federal, state and local tax purposes it is intended that this Security constitute indebtedness.

THIS SECURITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

THIS SECURITY IS A DIRECT AND UNSECURED OBLIGATION OF THE COMPANY, DOES NOT EVIDENCE DEPOSITS AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER INSURER OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

SECTION 2.4. Additional Provisions Required in Global Security.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, any Global Security issued hereunder shall, in addition to the provisions contained in Sections 2.2 and 2.3, bear a legend in substantially the following form:

THIS SECURITY IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF A DEPOSITARY. THIS SECURITY IS EXCHANGEABLE FOR SECURITIES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITARY OR ITS NOMINEE ONLY IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT 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, EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

SECTION 2.5. Form of Trustee's Certificate of Authentication.

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

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

Dated: ----- BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
as Trustee

By: -----
Authorized Signatory

ARTICLE III
THE SECURITIES

SECTION 3.1. Title and Terms.

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

The Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution and, subject to Section 3.3, set forth or determined in the manner provided, in an Officers' Certificate, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities as a series:

(a) the title of the securities of such series, which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from all other Securities;

(b) the limit, if any, upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 9.6 or 11.6 and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 3.3, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder); provided, however, that the authorized aggregate principal amount of such series may

be increased above such amount by a Board Resolution to such effect;

(c) the Person to whom any interest on a Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the Person in whose name that security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest;

(d) the Stated Maturity or Maturities on which the principal of the Securities of such series is payable or the method of determination thereof, and any dates on which or circumstances under which, the Company shall have the right to extend or shorten such Stated Maturity or Maturities;

(e) the rate or rates, if any, at which the Securities of such series shall bear interest, if any, the rate or rates and extent to which Additional Interest, if any, shall be payable with respect to any Securities of such series, the date or dates from which any such interest or Additional Interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable, the right, pursuant to Section 3.12 or as otherwise set forth therein, of the Company to defer or extend an Interest Payment Date, and the Regular Record Date for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date or the method by which any of the foregoing shall be determined;

(f) the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest or Additional Interest on the Securities of such series shall be payable, the place or places where the Securities of such series may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange, any restrictions that may be applicable to any such transfer or exchange in addition to or in lieu of those set forth herein and the place or places where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such series may be made;

(g) the period or periods within or the date or dates on which, if any, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Securities of such series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company, and if other than by a Board Resolution, the manner in which any election by the Company to redeem such Securities shall be evidenced;

(h) the obligation or the right, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay or purchase the Securities of such series pursuant to any sinking fund, amortization or analogous provisions, or at the option of a Holder thereof, and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, the currency or currencies (including currency unit or units) in which and the other terms

and conditions upon which Securities of the series shall be redeemed, repaid or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(i) the denominations in which any Securities of such series shall be issuable;

(j) if other than Dollars, the currency or currencies (including any currency unit or units) in which the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest and Additional Interest, if any, on the Securities of the series shall be payable, or in which the Securities of the series shall be denominated and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in Dollars for purposes of the definition of Outstanding;

(k) the additions, modifications or deletions, if any, in the Events of Default or covenants of the Company set forth herein with respect to the Securities of such series;

(l) if, other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of such series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof;

(m) if the principal amount payable at the Stated Maturity of any Securities of the series will not be determinable as of any one or more dates prior to the Stated Maturity, the amount which shall be deemed to be the principal amount of such Securities as of any such date for any purpose thereunder or hereunder, including the principal amount thereof which shall be due and payable upon any Maturity other than the Stated Maturity or which shall be deemed to be Outstanding as of any date prior to the Stated Maturity (or, in any such case, the manner in which such amount deemed to be the principal amount shall be determined);

(n) if applicable, that the Securities of the series, in whole or in any specified part, shall be defeasible and, if other than by a Board Resolution, the manner in which any election by the Company to defease such Securities shall be evidenced;

(o) the additions or changes, if any, to this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the issuance of the Securities of such series in bearer form, registrable or not registrable as to principal, and with or without interest coupons;

(p) any index or indices used to determine the amount of payments of principal of and premium, if any, on the Securities of such series or the manner in which such amounts will be determined;

(q) if applicable, that any Securities of the series shall be issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, in such case, the respective Depositaries for such Global Securities, the form of any legend or legends that shall be borne by any such Global Security in addition to or in lieu of that set forth in Section 2.4 and any circumstances in addition to or in lieu of those set forth in Section 3.5 in which any such Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Securities registered, and any transfer of such Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name or names of Persons other than the Depositary for such Global Security or a nominee thereof;

(r) the appointment of any Paying Agent or agents for the Securities of such series;

(s) the terms of any right to convert or exchange Securities of such series into any other securities or property of the Company, and the additions or changes, if any, to this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series to permit or facilitate such conversion or exchange;

(t) if such Securities are to be issued to an Issuer Trust, the form or forms of the Trust Agreement and Guarantee relating thereto;

(u) if, other than as set forth herein, the relative degree, if any, to which the Securities or the series shall be senior to or be subordinated to other series of Securities in right of payment, whether such other series of Securities are Outstanding or not;

(v) any addition to or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 5.2;

(w) any addition to or change in the covenants set forth in Article X which applies to Securities of the series; and

(x) any other terms of the Securities of such series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, except as permitted by Section 9.1(6)).

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided herein or in or pursuant to such Board Resolution and set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in such Officers' Certificate or in any indenture supplemental hereto.

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

The securities shall be subordinated in right of payment to Senior Indebtedness as provided in Article XIII.

SECTION 3.2. Denominations.

The Securities of each series shall be in registered form without coupons and shall be issuable in denominations specified as contemplated by Section 3.1(i).

SECTION 3.3. Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.

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

Securities bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Securities or did not hold such offices at the date of such Securities. At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, and the Trustee in accordance with the Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. If the form or terms of the Securities of the series have been established by or pursuant to one or more Board Resolutions as permitted by Sections 2.1 and 3.1, in authenticating such Securities, and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating,

(1) if the form of such Securities has been established by or pursuant to Board Resolution as permitted by Section 2.1, that such form has been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;

(2) if the terms of such Securities have been established by or pursuant to Board Resolution as permitted by Section 3.1, that such terms have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and

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

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.1 and the preceding paragraph, if all Securities of a series are not to be originally issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver the Officers' Certificate otherwise required pursuant to Section 3.1 or the Company Order and Opinion of Counsel otherwise required pursuant to such preceding paragraph at or prior to the authentication of each Security of such series if such documents are delivered at or prior to the authentication upon original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued.

Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

No Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized officers or signatories, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security shall have been authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 3.10, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

SECTION 3.4. Temporary Securities.

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and upon receipt of a Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities that are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Securities of such series in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Securities may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities.

If temporary Securities of any series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Securities of such series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Securities, the temporary Securities shall be exchangeable for definitive Securities upon surrender of the temporary Securities at the office or agency of the Company designated for that purpose without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor one or more definitive securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations having the same Original Issue Date and Stated Maturity and having the same terms as such temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series.

SECTION 3.5. Global Securities.

(a) Each Global Security issued under this Indenture shall be registered in the name of the Depository designated by the Company for such Global Security or a nominee thereof and delivered to such Depository or a nominee thereof or custodian therefor, and each such Global Security shall constitute a single Security for all purposes of this Indenture.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, no Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Securities registered, and no transfer of a Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than the Depository for such Global Security or a nominee thereof unless (i) such Depository advises the Trustee in writing that such Depository is no longer willing or able to properly discharge its responsibilities as Depository with respect to such Global Security, and the Company is unable to locate a qualified successor, (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee a Company Order stating that the Company elects to terminate the

book-entry system through the Depository, or (iii) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default.

(c) If any Global Security is to be exchanged for other Securities or cancelled in whole, it shall be surrendered by or on behalf of the Depository or its nominee to the Securities Registrar for exchange or cancellation as provided in this Article III. If any Global Security is to be exchanged for other Securities or cancelled in part, or if another Security is to be exchanged in whole or in part for a beneficial interest in any Global Security, then either (i) such Global Security shall be so surrendered for exchange or cancellation as provided in this Article III or (ii) the principal amount thereof shall be reduced or increased by an amount equal to the portion thereof to be so exchanged or cancelled, or equal to the principal amount of such other Security to be so exchanged for a beneficial interest therein, as the case may be, by means of an appropriate adjustment made on the records of the Securities Registrar, whereupon the Trustee, in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, shall instruct the Depository or its authorized representative to make a corresponding adjustment to its records. Upon any such surrender or adjustment of a Global Security by the Depository, accompanied by registration instructions, the Trustee shall, subject to Section 3.6(b) and as otherwise provided in this Article III, authenticate and deliver any Securities issuable in exchange for such Global Security (or any portion thereof) in accordance with the instructions of the Depository. The Trustee shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and may conclusively rely on, and shall be fully protected in relying on, such instructions.

(d) Every Security authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for or in lieu of, a Global Security or any portion thereof, whether pursuant to this Article III, Section 9.6 or 11.6 or otherwise, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Security, unless such Security is registered in the name of a Person other than the Depository for such Global Security or a nominee thereof.

(e) The Depository or its nominee, as the registered owner of a Global Security, shall be the Holder of such Global Security for all purposes under this Indenture and the Securities, and owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security shall hold such interests pursuant to the Applicable Procedures. Accordingly, any such owner's beneficial interest in a Global Security shall be shown only on, and the transfer of such interest shall be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository or its nominee or agent. Neither the Trustee nor the Securities Registrar shall have any liability in respect of any transfers effected by the Depository.

(f) The rights of owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security shall be exercised only through the Depositary and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such owners and the Depositary and/or its Agent Members.

SECTION 3.6. Registration, Transfer and Exchange Generally; Certain Transfers and Exchanges; Securities Act Legends.

(a) The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee a register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Securities and transfers of Securities. Such register is herein sometimes referred to as the "Securities Register." The Trustee is hereby appointed "Securities Registrar" for the purpose of registering Securities and transfers of Securities as herein provided.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Security at the offices or agencies of the Company designated for that purpose, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Securities of the same series of any authorized denominations of like tenor and aggregate principal amount and bearing such restrictive legends as may be required by this Indenture.

At the option of the Holder, Securities may be exchanged for other Securities of the same series of any authorized denominations, of like tenor and aggregate principal amount and bearing such restrictive legends as may be required by this Indenture, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

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

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

Neither the Company nor the Trustee shall be required, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Security of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of selection for redemption of Securities of that series pursuant to Article XI and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the notice of redemption, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except, in the case of any such Security to be redeemed in part, any portion thereof not to be redeemed.

(b) Certain Transfers and Exchanges. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, transfers and exchanges of Securities and beneficial interests in a Global Security shall be made only in accordance with this Section 3.6(b).

(i) Restricted Non-Global Security to Global Security. If the Holder of a Restricted Security (other than a Global Security) wishes at any time to transfer all or any portion of such Security to a Person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Global Security, such transfer may be effected only in accordance with the provisions of this clause (b)(i) and subject to the Applicable Procedures. Upon receipt by the Securities Registrar of (A) such Security as provided in Section 3.6(a) and instructions satisfactory to the Securities Registrar directing that a beneficial interest in the Global Security in a specified principal amount not greater than the principal amount of such Security be credited to a specified Agent Member's account and (B) a Restricted Securities Certificate duly executed by such Holder or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, then the Securities Registrar shall cancel such Security (and issue a new Security in respect of any untransferred portion thereof) as provided in Section 3.6(a) and increase the aggregate principal amount of the Global Security by the specified principal amount as provided in Section 3.5(c).

(ii) Non-Global Security to Non-Global Security. A Security that is not a Global Security may be transferred, in whole or in part, to a Person who takes delivery in the form of another Security that is not a Global Security as provided in Section 3.6(a), provided that if the Security

to be transferred in whole or in part is a Restricted Security, the Securities Registrar shall have received a Restricted Securities Certificate duly executed by the transferor Holder or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing.

(iii) Exchanges Between Global Security and Non-Global Security. A beneficial interest in a Global Security may be exchanged for a Security that is not a Global Security as provided in Section 3.5.

(iv) Certain Initial Transfers of Non-Global Securities. In the case of Securities initially issued other than in global form, an initial transfer or exchange of such Securities that does not involve any change in beneficial ownership may be made to an Institutional Accredited Investor or Investors as if such transfer or exchange were not an initial transfer or exchange; provided that written certification shall be provided by the transferee and transferor of such Securities to the Securities Registrar that such transfer or exchange does not involve a change in beneficial ownership.

(c) Restricted Securities Legend. Except as set forth below, all Securities shall bear a Restricted Securities Legend:

(i) subject to the following clauses of this Section 3.6(c), a Security or any portion thereof that is exchanged, upon transfer or otherwise, for a Global Security or any portion thereof shall bear the Restricted Securities Legend while represented thereby;

(ii) subject to the following clauses of this Section 3.6(c), a new Security which is not a Global Security and is issued in exchange for another Security (including a Global Security) or any portion thereof, upon transfer or otherwise, shall, if such new Security is required pursuant to Section 3.6(b)(ii) or (iii) to be issued in the form of a Restricted Security, bear a Restricted Securities Legend;

(iii) a new Security (other than a Global Security) that does not bear a Restricted Securities Legend may be issued in exchange for or in lieu of a Restricted Security or any portion thereof that bears such a legend if, in the Company's judgment, placing such a legend upon such new Security is not necessary to ensure compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and the Trustee, at the written direction of the Company in the form of an Officers' Certificate, shall authenticate and

deliver such a new Security as provided in this Article III;

(iv) notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 3.6(c), a Successor Security of a Security that does not bear a Restricted Securities Legend shall not bear such form of legend unless the Company has reasonable cause to believe that such Successor Security is a "restricted security" within the meaning of Rule 144, in which case the Trustee, at the written direction of the Company in the form of an Officers' Certificate, shall authenticate and deliver a new Security bearing a Restricted Securities Legend in exchange for such Successor Security as provided in this Article III; and

(v) Securities distributed to a holder of Preferred Securities upon dissolution of an Issuer Trust shall bear a Restricted Securities Legend if the Preferred Securities so held bear a similar legend.

SECTION 3.7. Mutilated, Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee together with such security or indemnity as may be required by the Company or the Trustee to save each of them harmless, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Security of the same series, of like tenor and aggregate principal amount, bearing the same legends, and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and to the Trustee (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security, and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon its request the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of the same series, of like tenor and aggregate principal amount and bearing the same legends as such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

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

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section 3.7, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may

be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

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

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

SECTION 3.8. Payment of Interest and Additional Interest; Interest Rights Preserved.

Interest and Additional Interest on any Security of any series that is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date, shall be paid to the Person in whose name that Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest in respect of Securities of such series, except that, unless otherwise provided in the Securities of such series, interest payable on the Stated Maturity of the principal of a Security shall be paid to the Person to whom principal is paid. The initial payment of interest on any Security of any series that is issued between a Regular Record Date and the related Interest Payment Date shall be payable as provided in such Security or in the Board Resolution pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the related series of Securities.

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

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names the Securities of such series in respect of which interest is in default (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted

Interest proposed to be paid on each Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon, the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first class, postage prepaid, to each Holder of a Security of such series at the address of such Holder as it appears in the Securities Register not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. The Trustee may, in its discretion, in the name and at the expense of the Company, cause a similar notice to be published at least once in a newspaper, customarily published in the English language on each Business Day and of general circulation in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, but such publication shall not be a condition precedent to the establishment of such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names the Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

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

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall

carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue interest, that were carried by such other Security.

SECTION 3.9. Persons Deemed Owners.

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall treat the Person in whose name any Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and (subject to Section 3.8) any interest on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

No holder of any beneficial interest in any Global Security held on its behalf by a Depository shall have any rights under this Indenture with respect to such Global Security, and such Depository may be treated by the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee as the owner of such Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by a Depository or impair, as between a Depository and such holders of beneficial interests, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of the Depository (or its nominee) as Holder of any Security.

SECTION 3.10. Cancellation.

All Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer or exchange shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee, and any such Securities and Securities surrendered directly to the Trustee for any such purpose shall be promptly canceled by it. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder that the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Securities so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities canceled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All canceled Securities shall be destroyed by the Trustee and the Trustee shall deliver to the Company a certificate of such destruction.

SECTION 3.11. Computation of Interest.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 for Securities of any series, interest on the Securities of each series for any period shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual

number of days elapsed in any partial month in such period, and interest on the Securities of each series for a full period shall be computed by dividing the rate per annum by the number of interest periods that together constitute a full twelve months.

SECTION 3.12. Deferrals of Interest Payment Dates.

If specified as contemplated by Section 2.1 or Section 3.1 with respect to the Securities of a particular series, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company shall have the right, at any time during the term of such series, from time to time to defer the payment of interest on such Securities for such period or periods (each an "Extension Period") not to exceed the number of consecutive quarterly, semi-annual or other periods that equal five years with respect to each Extension Period, during which Extension Periods the Company shall, if so specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, have the right to make partial payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date. No Extension Period shall end on a date other than an Interest Payment Date. At the end of any such Extension Period, the Company shall pay all interest then accrued and unpaid on the Securities (together with Additional Interest thereon, if any, at the rate specified for the Securities of such series to the extent permitted by applicable law); provided, however, that no Extension Period shall extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the principal of the Securities of such series; and provided further, however, that, during any such Extension Period, the Company shall not (i) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of the Company's capital stock, or (ii) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank pari passu in all respects with or junior in interest to the Securities of such series (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a Subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a

dividend in connection with any Rights Plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any Rights Plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock). Prior to that termination of any such Extension Period, the Company may further defer the payment of interest, provided that no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and provided further that no Extension Period shall exceed the period or periods specified in such Securities, extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the principal of such Securities or end on a date other than an Interest Payment Date. Upon the termination of any such Extension Period and upon the payment of all accrued and unpaid interest and any Additional Interest then due on any Interest Payment Date, the Company may elect to begin a new Extension Period, subject to the above conditions. No interest or Additional Interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof, but each installment of interest that would otherwise have been due and payable during such Extension Period shall bear Additional Interest as and to the extent as may be specified as contemplated by Section 3.1. The Company shall give the Holders of the Securities of such series and the Trustee notice of its election to begin any such Extension Period at least one Business Day prior to the next succeeding Interest Payment Date on which interest on Securities of such series would be payable but for such deferral or, with respect to any Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust, so long as any such Securities are held by such Issuer Trust, at least one Business Day prior to the earlier of (i) the next succeeding date on which Distributions on the Preferred Securities of such Issuer Trust would be payable but for such deferral, and (ii) the date on which the Property Trustee of such Issuer Trust is required to give notice to holders of such Preferred Securities of the record date or the date such Distributions are payable, but in any event not less than one Business Day prior to such record date.

The Trustee shall promptly give notice of the Company's election to begin any such Extension Period to the Holders of the Outstanding Securities of such series.

SECTION 3.13. Right of Set-Off.

With respect to the Securities of a series initially issued to an Issuer Trust, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Company shall have the right to set off any payment it is otherwise required to make in respect of any such Security to the extent the Company has theretofore made, or is concurrently on the date of such payment making, a payment under the Guarantee relating to such Security or to a holder of Preferred Securities

pursuant to an action undertaken under Section 5.8 of this Indenture.

SECTION 3.14. Agreed Tax Treatment.

Each Security issued hereunder shall provide that the Company and, by its acceptance of a Security or a beneficial interest therein, the Holder of, and any Person that acquires a beneficial interest in, such Security agree that for United States Federal, state and local tax purposes it is intended that such Security constitutes indebtedness.

SECTION 3.15. Shortening or Extension of Stated Maturity.

If specified as contemplated by Section 2.1 or Section 3.1 with respect to the Securities of a particular series, the Company shall have the right to (i) shorten the Stated Maturity of the principal of the Securities of such series at any time to any date and (ii) extend the Stated Maturity of the principal of the Securities of such series at any time at its election for one or more periods, provided that, if the Company elects to shorten the Stated Maturity of the principal of the Securities of such series, pursuant to clause (i) above, the Company shall give notice to the Holders, the Trustee and, in the case of Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust, the Issuer Trust of such shortening no less than 90 days prior to the effectiveness thereof, and provided further that, if the Company elects to exercise its right to extend the Stated Maturity of the principal of the Securities of such series pursuant to clause (ii) above, at the time such election is made and at the time of extension, such conditions as may be specified in such Securities shall have been satisfied.

SECTION 3.16 CUSIP Numbers.

The Company, in issuing the Securities, may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notice of redemption and other similar or related materials as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice or other materials may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption or other materials and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers.

ARTICLE IV
SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 4.1. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall, upon Company Request, cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Securities herein expressly provided for and as otherwise provided in this Section 4.1) and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

(1) either

(A) all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Securities that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 3.7 and (ii) Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 10.3) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(B) all such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation

(i) have become due and payable, or

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

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

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

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

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

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 6.7, the obligations of the Company to any Authenticating Agent under Section 6.14 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 4.2 and the last paragraph of Section 10.3 shall survive.

SECTION 4.2. Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 10.3, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.1 shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest and Additional Interest for the payment of which such money or obligations have been deposited with or received by the Trustee.

ARTICLE V
REMEDIES

SECTION 5.1. Events of Default.

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

(1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Security of that series, including any Additional Interest in respect thereof, when it becomes due and payable (subject to the deferral of any due date in the case of an Extension Period); or

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

(3) failure on the part of the Company duly to observe or perform any other of the covenants or agreements on the part of the Company in the Securities of that series or in this Indenture for a period of 90 days after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring the Company to remedy the same, shall have been given to the Company by the Trustee by registered or certified mail or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series; or

(4) the occurrence of the appointment of a receiver or other similar official in any liquidation, insolvency or similar proceeding with respect to the Company or all or substantially all of its property; or a court or other governmental agency shall enter a decree or order appointing a receiver or similar official and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and undischarged for a period of 60 days; or

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

SECTION 5.2. Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(4)) with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then, and in every such case, the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series may declare the principal amount (or, if the Securities of that series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) of all the Securities of that series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), provided that, in the case of the Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust, if, upon an Event of Default, the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series fail to declare the principal of all the Outstanding Securities of such series to be immediately due and payable, the holders of at least 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount (as defined in the related Trust Agreement) of the related series of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust then outstanding shall have the right to make such declaration by a notice in writing to the Company and the Trustee; and upon any such declaration such

principal amount (or specified portion thereof) of and the accrued interest (including any Additional Interest) on all the Securities of such series shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(4) with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs, the principal amount of all the Securities of such series (or, if the Securities of such series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Securities as may be specified by the terms of that series) shall automatically, and without any declaration or other action on the part of the Trustee or any Holder, become immediately due and payable. Payment of principal and interest (including any Additional Interest) on such Securities shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XIII notwithstanding that such amount shall become immediately due and payable as herein provided.

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

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

(A) all overdue installments of interest on all Securities of such series;

(B) any accrued Additional Interest on all Securities of such series;

(C) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Securities of such series that have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest and Additional Interest thereon at the rate borne by the Securities; and

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

(2) all Events of Default with respect to Securities of that series, other than the non-payment of the principal of Securities of that series that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.13.

In the case of Securities of a series initially issued to an Issuer Trust, if the Holders of such Securities fail to annul such declaration and waive such default, the holders of a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount (as defined in the related Trust Agreement) of the related series of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust then outstanding shall also have the right to rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in clauses (1) and (2) above of this section 5.2.

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

SECTION 5.3. Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

The Company covenants that if:

(1) default is made in the payment of any installment of interest (including any Additional Interest) on any Security of any series when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days, or

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

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to the Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, the whole amount then due and payable on such Securities for principal (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest), and, in addition thereto, all amounts owing the Trustee under Section 6.7.

If the Company fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Company or any other obligor upon such Securities and collect the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities, wherever situated.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series by such appropriate judicial

proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

SECTION 5.4. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial or administrative proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors,

(a) the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Securities of any series shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal (and premium, if any) or interest (including any Additional Interest)) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest) owing and unpaid in respect to the Securities and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable and to take any and all actions as are authorized under the Trust Indenture Act in order to have the claims of the Holders and any predecessor to the Trustee under Section 6.7 allowed in any such judicial or administrative proceedings; and

(ii) in particular, the Trustee shall be authorized to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same in accordance with Section 5.6; and

(b) any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator, conservator (or other similar official) in any such judicial or administrative proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee for distribution in accordance with Section 5.6, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it and any predecessor Trustee under Section 6.7.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the

claim of any Holder in any such proceeding; provided, however, that the Trustee may, on behalf of the Holders, vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar official and be a member of a creditors' or other similar committee.

SECTION 5.5. Trustee May Enforce Claim Without Possession of Securities.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, subject to Article XIII and after provision for the payment of all the amounts owing the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee under Section 6.7, its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

SECTION 5.6 Application of Money Collected.

Any money or property collected or to be applied by the Trustee with respect to a series of Securities pursuant to this Article shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money or property on account of principal (or premium, if any) or interest (including any Additional Interest), upon presentation of the Securities and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee under Section 6.7;

SECOND: Subject to Article XIII, to the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid upon Securities of such series for principal (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest) in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such series of Securities for principal (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest), respectively; and

THIRD: The balance, if any, to the Person or Persons entitled thereto.

SECTION 5.7 Limitation on Suits.

Subject to Section 5.8, no Holder of any Securities of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator (or other similar official) or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5.8. Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal, Premium and Interest; Direct Action by Holders of Preferred Securities.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security of any series shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Sections 3.8 and 3.12) interest (including any Additional Interest) on such Security on

the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder. In the case of Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust, any registered holder of the series of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust shall have the right, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(1) or 5.1(2), to institute a suit directly against the Company for enforcement of payment to such holder of principal of (premium, if any) and (subject to Sections 3.8 and 3.12) interest (including any Additional Interest) on the Securities having a principal amount equal to the aggregate Liquidation Amount (as defined in the related Trust Agreement) of such Preferred Securities held by such holder.

SECTION 5.9. Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

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

SECTION 5.10. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided in the last paragraph of Section 3.7, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or 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 5.11. Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee, any Holder of any Security with respect to the Securities of the related series or any holder of any Preferred Security to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default with respect to the Securities of the related series shall impair any such right or

remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein.

Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders and the right and remedy given to the holders of Preferred Securities by Section 5.8 may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee, the Holders or the holders of Preferred Securities, as the case may be.

SECTION 5.12. Control by Holders.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Securities of such series, provided that:

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

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

(3) subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow such direction if a Responsible Officer or Officers of the Trustee shall, in good faith, determine that the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the Holders not joining in any such direction or would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

SECTION 5.13. Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series affected thereby and, in the case of any Securities of a series initially issued to an Issuer Trust, the holders of a majority in aggregate Liquidation Amount (as defined in the related Trust Agreement) of the Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust may waive any past default hereunder and its consequences with respect to such series except a default:

(1) in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest (including any Additional Interest) on any Security of such series (unless such default has been cured and the Company has paid to or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest (including Additional Interest) and all principal

of (and premium, if any, on) all Securities of that series due otherwise than by acceleration), or

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

Any such waiver shall be deemed to be on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such series, or in the case of waiver by holders of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust, by all holders of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust.

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

SECTION 5.14. Undertaking for Costs.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Security by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may, in its discretion, require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may, in its discretion, assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant, but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest (including any Additional Interest) on any Security on or after the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security.

SECTION 5.15. Waiver of Usury, Stay or Extension Laws.

The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any usury, stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or

advantage of any such law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

ARTICLE VI
THE TRUSTEE

SECTION 6.1. Certain Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default,

(1) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(b) In case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

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

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

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

(3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of Holders pursuant to Section 5.12 relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of a series.

(d) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if there shall be reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(e) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 6.2. Notice of Defaults.

Within 90 days after actual knowledge by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee of the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to the Securities of any series, the Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Holders of Securities of such series, as their names and addresses appear in the Securities Register, notice of such default, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest (including any Additional Interest) on any Security of such series, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of Securities of such series; and provided further that, in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 5.1(3), no such notice to Holders of Securities of such series shall be given until at least 30 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose of this Section, the term "default" means any event that is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to Securities of such series.

SECTION 6.3. Certain Rights of Trustee.

Subject to the provisions of Section 6.1:

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

(b) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

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

(d) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the 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;

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

(f) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, indenture, Security or other paper or document, but the Trustee in its discretion may make such inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney; and

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

SECTION 6.4. Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained herein and in the Securities, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent assumes any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Securities. Neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent shall be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the Securities or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 6.5. May Hold Securities.

The Trustee, any Authenticating Agent, any Paying Agent, any Securities Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and, subject to Sections 6.8 and 6.13, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Securities Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 6.6. Money Held in Trust.

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

SECTION 6.7. Compensation and Reimbursement.

(a) The Company agrees to pay the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for all services rendered by it hereunder in such amounts as the Company and the Trustee shall agree from time to time (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust).

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

(c) Since the Issuer Trust is being formed solely to facilitate an investment in the Preferred Securities, the Company, as Holder of the Common Securities, hereby covenants to pay all

debts and obligations (other than with respect to the Preferred Securities and the Common Securities) and all reasonable costs and expenses of the Issuer Trust (including without limitation all costs and expenses relating to the organization of the Issuer Trust, the fees and expenses of the trustees and all reasonable costs and expenses relating to the operation of the Issuer Trust) and to pay any and all taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (other than withholding taxes) imposed on the Issuer Trust by the United States, or any taxing authority, so that the net amounts received and retained by the Issuer Trust and the Property Trustee after paying such expenses will be equal to the amounts the Issuer Trust and the Property Trustee would have received had no such costs or expenses been incurred by or imposed on the Issuer Trust. The foregoing obligations of the Company are for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, any person to whom any such debts, obligations, costs, expenses and taxes are owed (each, a "Creditor") whether or not such Creditor has received notice thereof. Any such Creditor may enforce such obligations directly against the Company, and the Company irrevocably waives any right or remedy to require that any such Creditor take any action against the Issuer Trust or any other person before proceeding against the Company. The Company shall execute such additional agreements as may be necessary or desirable to give full effect to the foregoing.

(d) The Company shall indemnify the Trustee for, and hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel) incurred without negligence or bad faith, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust or the performance of its duties hereunder, including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Indenture or the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(4) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 or any successor statute.

SECTION 6.8. Disqualification; Conflicting Interests.

The Trustee for the Securities of any series issued hereunder shall be subject to the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. Nothing herein shall prevent the Trustee from filing with the Commission the application referred to in the second to last paragraph of said Section 310(b).

SECTION 6.9. Corporate Trustee Required; Eligibility.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be:

(a) an entity organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state or territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, state, territorial or District of Columbia authority, or

(b) an entity or other Person organized and doing business under the laws of a foreign government that is permitted to act as Trustee pursuant to a rule, regulation or order of the Commission, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by authority of such foreign government or a political subdivision thereof substantially equivalent to supervision or examination applicable to United States institutional trustees;

in either case having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by Federal or state authority. If such entity publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then, for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such entity shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article. Neither the Company nor any Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company shall serve as Trustee for the Securities of any series issued hereunder.

SECTION 6.10. Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee under Section 6.11.

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

for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

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

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 6.8 after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 6.9 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

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

then, in any such case, (i) the Company, acting pursuant to the authority of a Board Resolution, may remove the Trustee with respect to the Securities of all series issued hereunder, or (ii) subject to Section 5.14, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of such Holder and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of all series issued hereunder and the appointment of a successor Trustee or Trustees.

(e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor

Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders and accepted appointment in the manner hereinafter provided, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months may, subject to Section 5.14, on behalf of such Holder and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(f) The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series by mailing written notice of such event by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the Holders of Securities of such series as their names and addresses appear in the Securities Register. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

SECTION 6.11. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

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

(b) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers,

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

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

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

SECTION 6.12. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any entity into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any entity resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such entity shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated, and in

case any Securities shall not have been authenticated, any successor to the Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor Trustee or in the name of such successor Trustee, and in all cases the certificate of authentication shall have the full force which it is provided anywhere in the Securities or in this Indenture that the certificate of the Trustee shall have.

SECTION 6.13. Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

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

SECTION 6.14. Appointment of Authenticating Agent.

The Trustee may appoint an Authenticating Agent or Agents with respect to one or more series of Securities, which shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of such series issued upon original issue and upon exchange, registration of transfer or partial redemption thereof or pursuant to Section 3.6, and Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Securities by the Trustee or the Trustee's certificate of authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent. Each Authenticating Agent shall be acceptable to the Company and shall at all times be an entity organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, or of any state or territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to act as Authenticating Agent, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or state authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

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

An Authenticating Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of an Authenticating Agent by giving written notice thereof to such Authenticating Agent and to the Company. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time such Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee may appoint a successor Authenticating Agent, which shall be acceptable to the Company and shall give notice of such appointment in the manner provided in Section 1.6 to all Holders of Securities of the series with respect to which such Authenticating Agent will serve. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance hereunder shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent. No successor Authenticating Agent shall be appointed unless eligible under the provision of this Section.

The Company agrees to pay to each Authenticating Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services under this Section, and the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such payment, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7.

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

This is one of the Securities referred to in the within mentioned Indenture.

Dated: _____ BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
as Trustee

By: _____

As Authenticating Agent
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Authorized Signatory
Name:
Title:

ARTICLE VII
HOLDER'S LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE,
PAYING AGENT AND COMPANY

SECTION 7.1. Company to Furnish Trustee Names and
Addresses of Holders.

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

(a) quarterly, not more than 15 days after March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15 in each year, a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders as of such dates, excluding from any such list names and addresses received by the Trustee in its capacity as Securities Registrar, and

(b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished, excluding from any such list names and addresses received by the Trustee in its capacity as Securities Registrar.

SECTION 7.2. Preservation of Information, Communications
to Holders.

(a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 7.1 and the names and addresses of Holders received by the Trustee in its capacity as Securities Registrar. The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 7.1 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

(b) The rights of Holders to communicate with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under

the Securities, and the corresponding rights and privileges of the Trustee, shall be as provided in the Trust Indenture Act.

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

SECTION 7.3. Reports by Trustee and Paying Agent.

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

(b) Reports so required to be transmitted at stated intervals of not more than 12 months shall be transmitted no later than January 31 in each calendar year, commencing with the first January 31 after the first issuance of Securities under this Indenture.

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

(d) The Paying Agent shall comply with all withholding, backup withholding, tax and information reporting requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder with respect to payments on, or with respect to, the Securities.

SECTION 7.4. Reports by Company.

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

ARTICLE VIII
CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 8.1. Company May Consolidate, Etc., Only on
Certain Terms.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, and no Person shall consolidate with or merge into the Company or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to the Company, unless:

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

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event that, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing; and

(3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and any such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with and, in the case of a transaction subject to this Section 8.1 but not requiring a supplemental indenture under paragraph (1) of this Section 8.1, an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the surviving, resulting or successor entity is legally bound by the Indenture and the Securities; and the Trustee, subject to Section 6.1, may rely upon such Officers' Certificates and Opinions of Counsel as conclusive evidence that such transaction complies with this Section 8.1.

SECTION 8.2. Successor Company Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger by the Company with or into any other Person, or any conveyance, transfer or lease by the Company of its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person in accordance with Section 8.1, the successor entity formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein; and in the event of any such conveyance, transfer or lease the Company shall be discharged from all obligations and covenants under the Indenture and the Securities.

Such successor Person may cause to be executed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of the Company, any or all of the Securities issuable hereunder that theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee; and, upon the order of such successor Person instead of the Company and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this Indenture prescribed, the Trustee shall authenticate and shall deliver any Securities that previously shall have been signed and delivered by the officers of the Company to the Trustee for authentication pursuant to such provisions and any Securities that such successor Person thereafter shall cause to be executed and delivered to the Trustee on its behalf for the purpose pursuant to such provisions. All the Securities so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Securities theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance or lease, such changes in phraseology and form may be made in the Securities thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

ARTICLE IX
SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 9.1. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders.

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

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

(2) to convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge any property to or with the Trustee or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company; or

(3) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Sections 2.1 or 3.1; or

(4) to facilitate the issuance of Securities of any series in certificated or other definitive form; or

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

(6) to add any additional Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such additional Events of Defaults are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such additional Events of Default are expressly being included solely for the benefit of the series specified); or

(7) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall (a) become effective only when there is no Security Outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture that is entitled to the benefit of such provision or (b) not apply to any Outstanding Securities; or

(8) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture, provided that such action pursuant to this clause (8) shall not adversely affect the interest of the Holders of Securities of any series in any material respect or, in the case of the Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust and for so long as any of the corresponding series of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust shall remain outstanding, the holders of such Preferred Securities; or

(9) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide

for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.11(b); or

(10) to comply with the requirements of the Commission in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 9.2. Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Holders.

With the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Trustee, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of each series affected thereby,

(1) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest (including any Additional Interest) on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of principal of a Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, or change the place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Security or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), or

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

(3) modify any of the provisions of this Section, Section 5.13 or Section 10.5, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Security affected thereby;

provided further that, in the case of the Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust, so long as any of the corresponding series of Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust remains outstanding, (i) no such amendment shall be made that adversely affects the holders of such Preferred Securities in any material respect, and no termination of this Indenture shall occur, and no waiver of any Event of Default or compliance with any covenant under this Indenture shall be effective, without the prior consent of the holders of at least a majority of the aggregate Liquidation Amount (as defined in the related Trust Agreement) of such Preferred Securities then outstanding unless and until the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Securities of such series and all accrued and (subject to Section 3.8) unpaid interest (including any Additional Interest) thereon have been paid in full, and (ii) no amendment shall be made to Section 5.8 of this Indenture that would impair the rights of the holders of Preferred Securities issued by an Issuer Trust provided therein without the prior consent of the holders of each such Preferred Security then outstanding unless and until the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Securities of such series and all accrued and (subject to Section 3.8) unpaid interest (including any Additional Interest) thereon have been paid in full.

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

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

SECTION 9.3. Execution of Supplemental Indentures.

In executing or accepting the additional trusts created by any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1)

shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture, and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such action have been complied with. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

SECTION 9.4. Effect of Supplemental Indentures.

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

SECTION 9.5. Conformity with Trust Indenture Act.

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

SECTION 9.6. Reference in Securities to Supplemental Indentures.

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

ARTICLE X
COVENANTS

SECTION 10.1. Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of each series of Securities that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest) on the Securities of that series in accordance with the terms of such Securities and this Indenture.

SECTION 10.2. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company will maintain in each Place of Payment for any series of Securities an office or agency where Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Company initially appoints the Trustee, acting through its Corporate Trust Office, as its agent for said purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee 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 the Securities may be presented or surrendered for any or all of such purposes, and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in each Place of Payment for Securities of any series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation and any change in the location of any such office or agency.

SECTION 10.3. Money for Security Payments to be Held in Trust.

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

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents, it will, prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on each due date of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, including Additional Interest on any Securities, deposit with a Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest, including Additional Interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such principal (and premium, if any) or interest, including

Additional Interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its failure so to act.

The Company will cause each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will:

(1) hold all sums held by it for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, or interest (including Additional Interest) on the Securities of a series in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided;

(2) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon such Securities) in the making of any payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest (or Additional Interest) in respect of any Security of any Series;

(3) at any time during the continuance of any default with respect to a series of Securities, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent with respect to such series; and

(4) comply with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act applicable to it as a Paying Agent.

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

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company in trust for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest (including Additional Interest) on any Security and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal (and premium, if any) or interest (including Additional Interest) has become due and payable shall (unless otherwise required by mandatory provision of applicable escheat or abandoned or unclaimed property law) be paid on Company Request to the Company, or (if then held by the Company) shall (unless otherwise required by mandatory provision of applicable escheat or abandoned or unclaimed property law) be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Security shall thereafter, as

an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in a newspaper published in the English language, customarily published on each Business Day and of general circulation in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

SECTION 10.4. Statement as to Compliance.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company ending after the date hereof, an Officers' Certificate covering the preceding calendar year, stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signers thereof of the Company is in default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of or compliance with any of the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Indenture, and if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they may have knowledge. For the purpose of this Section 10.4, compliance shall be determined without regard to any grace period or requirement of notice provided pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

SECTION 10.5. Waiver of Certain Covenants.

Subject to the rights of holders of Preferred Securities specified in Section 9.2, if any, the Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any covenant or condition provided pursuant to Section 3.1, 9.1(3) or 9.1(4) with respect to the Securities of any series, if before or after the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such covenant or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such covenant or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company in respect of any such covenant or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10.6. Additional Sums.

In the case of the Securities of a series initially issued to an Issuer Trust, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and except as otherwise specified as

contemplated by Section 2.1 or Section 3.1, if (i) an Issuer Trust is the Holder of all of the Outstanding Securities of such series, and (ii) a Tax Event described in clause (i) or (iii) of the definition of "Tax Event" in Section 1.1 hereof has occurred and is continuing in respect of such Issuer Trust, the Company shall pay to such Issuer Trust (and its permitted successors or assigns under the related Trust Agreement) for so long as such Issuer Trust (or its permitted successor or assignee) is the registered holder of the Outstanding Securities of such series, such additional sums as may be necessary in order that the amount of Distributions (including any Additional Amounts (as defined in such Trust Agreement)) then due and payable by such Issuer Trust on the related Preferred Securities and Common Securities that at any time remain outstanding in accordance with the terms thereof shall not be reduced as a result of such Additional Taxes (the "Additional Sums"). Whenever in this Indenture or the Securities there is a reference in any context to the payment of principal of or interest on the Securities, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payments of the Additional Sums provided for in this paragraph to the extent that, in such context, Additional Sums are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph and express mention of the payment of Additional Sums (if applicable) in any provisions hereof shall not be construed as excluding Additional Sums in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made; provided, however, that the deferral of the payment of interest pursuant to Section 3.12 or the Securities shall not defer the payment of any Additional Sums that may be due and payable.

SECTION 10.7. Additional Covenants.

The Company covenants and agrees with each Holder of Securities of each series that it shall not (x) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any shares of the Company's capital stock, or (y) make any payment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of the Company that rank *pari passu* in all respects with or junior in interest to the Securities of such series (other than (a) repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock of the Company in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of any one or more employees, officers, directors or consultants, in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stockholder stock purchase plan or in connection with the issuance of capital stock of the Company (or securities convertible into or exercisable for such capital stock) as consideration in an acquisition transaction entered into prior to the applicable Extension Period or other event referred to below, (b) as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of the

Company's capital stock (or any capital stock of a Subsidiary of the Company) for any class or series of the Company's capital stock or of any class or series of the Company's indebtedness for any class or series of the Company's capital stock, (c) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (d) any declaration of a dividend in connection with any Rights Plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any Rights Plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto, or (e) any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where the dividend stock or the stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks pari passu with or junior to such stock) if at such time (i) there shall have occurred any event (A) of which the Company has actual knowledge that with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series, and (B) which the Company shall not have taken reasonable steps to cure, (ii) if the Securities of such series are held by an Issuer Trust, the Company shall be in default with respect to its payment of any obligations under the Guarantee relating to the Preferred Securities issued by such Issuer Trust, or (iii) the Company shall have given notice of its election to begin an Extension Period with respect to the Securities of such series as provided herein and shall not have rescinded such notice, or such Extension Period, or any extension thereof, shall be continuing.

The Company also covenants with each Holder of Securities of a series issued to an Issuer Trust (i) to hold, directly or indirectly, 100% of the Common Securities of such Issuer Trust, provided that any permitted successor of the Company as provided under Section 8.2 may succeed to the Company's ownership of such Common Securities, (ii) as holder of such Common Securities, not to voluntarily terminate, windup or liquidate such Issuer Trust, other than (a) in connection with a distribution of the Securities of such series to the holders of the related Preferred Securities in liquidation of such Issuer Trust, or (b) in connection with certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations permitted by the related Trust Agreement, and (iii) to use its reasonable efforts, consistent with the terms and provisions of such Trust Agreement, to cause such Issuer Trust to continue not to be taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 10.8. Original Issue Discount.

On or before December 15 of each year during which any Securities are outstanding, the Company shall furnish to each Paying Agent such information as may be reasonably requested by each Paying Agent in order that each Paying Agent may prepare the

information which it is required to report for such year on Internal Revenue Service Forms 1096 and 1099 pursuant to Section 6049 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such information shall include the amount of original issue discount includible in income for each authorized minimum denomination of principal amount at Stated Maturity of outstanding Securities during such year, if any.

ARTICLE XI
REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

SECTION 11.1. Applicability of This Article.

Redemption of Securities of any series as permitted or required by any form of Security issued pursuant to this Indenture shall be made in accordance with such form of Security and this Article; provided, however, that, if any provision of any such form of Security shall conflict with any provision of this Article, the provision of such form of Security shall govern.

SECTION 11.2. Election to Redeem; Notice to Trustee.

The election of the Company to redeem any Securities shall be evidenced by or pursuant to a Board Resolution. In case of any redemption at the election of the Company, the Company shall, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee and, in the case of Securities of a series held by an Issuer Trust, the Property Trustee under the related Trust Agreement, of such date and of the principal amount of Securities of the applicable series to be redeemed and provide the additional information required to be included in the notice or notices contemplated by Section 11.4; provided that, in the case of any series of Securities initially issued to an Issuer Trust, for so long as such Securities are held by such Issuer Trust, such notice shall be given not less than 45 nor more than 75 days prior to such Redemption Date (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Property Trustee under the related Trust Agreement). In the case of any redemption of Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel evidencing compliance with such restriction.

SECTION 11.3. Selection of Securities to be Redeemed.

If less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Securities of such series not

previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of a portion of the principal amount of any Security of such series, provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Securities selected for partial redemption and the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Security redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Security that has been or is to be redeemed.

SECTION 11.4. Notice of Redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not later than the thirtieth day, and not earlier than the sixtieth day, prior to the Redemption Date, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed, at the address of such Holder as it appears in the Securities Register.

With respect to Securities of such series to be redeemed, each notice of redemption shall state:

(a) the Redemption Date;

(b) the Redemption Price or, if the Redemption Price cannot be calculated prior to the time the notice is required to be sent, the estimate of the Redemption Price provided pursuant to the Indenture together with a statement that it is an estimate and that the actual Redemption Price will be calculated on the third Business Day prior to the Redemption Date (if such an estimate of the Redemption Price is given, a subsequent notice shall be given as set forth above setting forth the Redemption Price promptly following the calculation thereof);

(c) if less than all Outstanding Securities of such particular series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the particular Securities to be redeemed;

(d) that, on the Redemption Date, the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Security or portion thereof, and that interest thereon, if any, shall cease to accrue on and after said date;

(e) the place or places where such Securities are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price;

(f) such other provisions as may be required in respect of the terms of a particular series of Securities; and

(g) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company and shall be irrevocable. The notice, if mailed in the manner provided above, shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, a failure to give such notice by mail or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Security designated for redemption as a whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Security.

SECTION 11.5. Deposit of Redemption Price.

Prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Redemption Date specified in the notice of redemption given as provided in Section 11.4, the Company will deposit with the Trustee or with one or more Paying Agents (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, the Company will segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 10.3) an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and any accrued interest (including Additional Interest) on, all the Securities (or portions thereof) that are to be redeemed on that date.

SECTION 11.6. Payment of Securities Called for Redemption.

If any notice of redemption has been given as provided in Section 11.4, the Securities or portion of Securities with respect to which such notice has been given shall become due and payable on the date and at the place or places stated in such notice at the applicable Redemption Price, together with accrued interest (including any Additional Interest) to the Redemption Date. On presentation and surrender of such Securities at a Place of Payment in said notice specified, the said Securities or the specified portions thereof shall be paid and redeemed by the Company at the applicable Redemption Price, together with accrued interest (including any Additional Interest) to the Redemption Date; provided, however, that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, installments of interest (including Additional Interest) whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date will be payable to the Holders of such Securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, registered as such at the

close of business on the relevant record dates according to their terms and the provisions of Section 3.8.

Upon presentation of any Security redeemed in part only, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder thereof, at the expense of the Company, a new Security or Securities of the same series, of authorized denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Security so presented and having the same Original Issue Date, Stated Maturity and terms.

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

SECTION 11.7. Right of Redemption of Securities Initially Issued to an Issuer Trust.

In the case of the Securities of a series initially issued to an Issuer Trust, except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, the Company, at its option, may redeem such Securities (i) on or after the date specified in such Security, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, or (ii) upon the occurrence and during the continuation of a Tax Event, an Investment Company Event or a Capital Treatment Event, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence and during the continuation of such Tax Event, Investment Company Event or Capital Treatment Event, in whole (but not in part), in each case at a Redemption Price specified in such Security, together with accrued interest (including Additional Interest) to the Redemption Date.

If less than all the Securities of any such series are to be redeemed, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities remaining Outstanding after giving effect to such redemption shall be sufficient to satisfy any provisions of the Trust Agreement related to the Issuer Trust to which such Securities were issued.

**ARTICLE XII
SINKING FUNDS**

Except as may be provided in any supplemental or amended indenture, no sinking fund shall be established or maintained for the retirement of Securities of any series.

**ARTICLE XIII
SUBORDINATION OF SECURITIES**

SECTION 13.1. Securities Subordinate to Senior Indebtedness.

The Company covenants and agrees, and each Holder of a Security, by its acceptance thereof, likewise covenants and agrees, that, to the extent and in the manner hereinafter set forth in this Article, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest) on each and all of the Securities of each and every series are hereby expressly made subordinate and subject in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness.

SECTION 13.2. No Payment When Senior Indebtedness in Default; Payment Over of Proceeds Upon Dissolution, Etc.

If the Company shall default in the payment of any principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Senior Indebtedness when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise, then, upon written notice of such default to the Company by the holders of Senior Indebtedness or any trustee therefor, unless and until such default shall have been cured or waived or shall have ceased to exist, no direct or indirect payment (in cash, property, securities, by set-off or otherwise) shall be made or agreed to be made on account of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest (including Additional Interest) on any of the Securities, or in respect of any redemption, repayment, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of any of the Securities.

In the event of (i) any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, composition or other similar proceeding relating to the Company, its creditors or its property, (ii) any proceeding for the liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of the Company, voluntary or involuntary, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings, (iii) any assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors or (iv) any other marshalling of the assets of the Company (each such event, if any, herein sometimes referred to as a "Proceeding"), all Senior Indebtedness (including any interest thereon accruing after the commencement of any such proceedings) shall first be paid in full before any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made to any Holder of any of the Securities on account thereof. Any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property (other than securities of the Company or any other entity provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinate, at least to the extent provided in these subordination provisions with respect to the indebtedness

evidenced by the Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness at the time outstanding and to any securities issued in respect thereof under any such plan of reorganization or readjustment), which would otherwise (but for these subordination provisions) be payable or deliverable in respect of the Securities of any series shall be paid or delivered directly to the holders of Senior Indebtedness in accordance with the priorities then existing among such holders until all Senior Indebtedness (including any interest thereon accruing after the commencement of any Proceeding) shall have been paid in full.

In the event of any Proceeding, after payment in full of all sums owing with respect to Senior Indebtedness, the Holders of the Securities, together with the holders of any obligations of the Company ranking on a parity with the Securities, shall be entitled to be paid from the remaining assets of the Company the amounts at the time due and owing on account of unpaid principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Securities and such other obligations before any payment or other distribution, whether in cash, property or otherwise, shall be made on account of any capital stock or any obligations of the Company ranking junior to the Securities, and such other obligations. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment or distribution of any character or any security, whether in cash, securities or other property (other than securities of the Company or any other entity provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment the payment of which is subordinate, at least to the extent provided in these subordination provisions with respect to the indebtedness evidenced by the Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness at the time outstanding and to any securities issued in respect thereof under any plan of reorganization or readjustment), shall be received by the Trustee or any Holder in contravention of any of the terms hereof and before all Senior Indebtedness shall have been paid in full, such payment or distribution or security shall be received in trust for the benefit of, and shall be paid over or delivered and transferred to, the holders of the Senior Indebtedness at the time outstanding in accordance with the priorities then existing among such holders for application to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid, to the extent necessary to pay all such Senior Indebtedness in full. In the event of the failure of the Trustee or any Holder to endorse or assign any such payment, distribution or security, each holder of Senior Indebtedness is hereby irrevocably authorized to endorse or assign the same.

The Trustee and the Holders shall take such action (including, without limitation, the delivery of this Indenture to an agent for the holders of Senior Indebtedness or consent to the filing of a financing statement with respect hereto) as may, in the opinion of counsel designated by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Senior Indebtedness at the time

outstanding, be necessary or appropriate to assure the effectiveness of the subordination effected by these provisions.

The provisions of this Section 13.2 shall not impair any rights, interests, remedies or powers of any secured creditor of the Company in respect of any security interest the creation of which is not prohibited by the provisions of this Indenture.

The securing of any obligations of the Company, otherwise ranking on a parity with the Securities or ranking junior to the Securities shall not be deemed to prevent such obligations from constituting, respectively, obligations ranking on a parity with the Securities or ranking junior to the Securities.

SECTION 13.3. Payment Permitted If No Default.

Nothing contained in this Article or elsewhere in this Indenture or in any of the Securities shall prevent (a) the Company, at any time, except during the pendency of the conditions described in the first paragraph of Section 13.2 or of any Proceeding referred to in Section 13.2, from making payments at any time of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest (including Additional Interest) on the Securities, or (b) the application by the Trustee of any monies deposited with it hereunder to the payment of or on account of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest (including any Additional Interest) on the Securities or the retention of such payment by the Holders, if, at the time of such application by the Trustee, it did not have knowledge that such payment would have been prohibited by the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 13.4. Subrogation to Rights of Holders of Senior Indebtedness.

Subject to the payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on all Senior Indebtedness, or the provision for such payment in cash or cash equivalents or otherwise in a manner satisfactory to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, the Holders of the Securities shall be subrogated to the extent of the payments or distributions made to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness pursuant to the provisions of this Article (equally and ratably with the holders of all indebtedness of the Company that by its express terms is subordinated to Senior Indebtedness of the Company to substantially the same extent as the Securities are subordinated to the Senior Indebtedness and is entitled to like rights of subrogation by reason of any payments or distributions made to holders of such Senior Indebtedness) to the rights of the holders of such Senior Indebtedness to receive payments and distributions of cash, property and securities applicable to the Senior Indebtedness until the principal of (and premium if any) and interest (including Additional Interest) on the Securities

shall be paid in full. For purposes of such subrogation, no payments or distributions to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness of any cash, property or securities to which the Holders of the Securities or the Trustee would be entitled except for the provisions of this Article, and no payments over pursuant to the provisions of this Article to the holders of Senior Indebtedness by Holders of the Securities or the Trustee, shall, as among the Company, its creditors other than holders of Senior Indebtedness, and the Holders of the Securities, be deemed to be a payment or distribution by the Company to or on account of the Senior Indebtedness.

SECTION 13.5. Provisions Solely to Define Relative Rights.

The provisions of this Article are and are intended solely for the purpose of defining the relative rights of the Holders of the Securities on the one hand and the holders of Senior Indebtedness on the other hand. Nothing contained in this Article or elsewhere in this Indenture or in the Securities is intended to or shall (a) impair, as between the Company and the Holders of the Securities, the obligations of the Company, which are absolute and unconditional, to pay to the Holders of the Securities the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest (including any Additional Interest) on the Securities as and when the same shall become due and payable in accordance with their terms; or (b) affect the relative rights against the Company of the Holders of the Securities and creditors of the Company other than their rights in relation to the holders of Senior Indebtedness; or (c) prevent the Trustee or the Holder of any Security (or to the extent expressly provided herein, the holder of any Preferred Security) from exercising all remedies otherwise permitted by applicable law upon default under this Indenture, including filing and voting claims in any Proceeding, subject to the rights, if any, under this Article of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive cash, property and securities otherwise payable or deliverable to the Trustee or such Holder.

SECTION 13.6. Trustee to Effectuate Subordination.

Each Holder of a Security by his or her acceptance thereof authorizes and directs the Trustee on his or her behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to acknowledge or effectuate the subordination provided in this Article and appoints the Trustee his or her attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes.

SECTION 13.7. No Waiver of Subordination Provisions.

No right of any present or future holder of any Senior Indebtedness to enforce subordination as herein provided shall at any time in any way be prejudiced or impaired by any act or

failure to act on the part of the Company or by any act or failure to act, in good faith, by any such holder, or by any noncompliance by the Company with the terms, provisions and covenants of this Indenture, regardless of any knowledge thereof that any such holder may have or be otherwise charged with.

Without in any way limiting the generality of the immediately preceding paragraph, the holders of Senior Indebtedness may, at any time and from time to time, without the consent of or notice to the Trustee or the Holders of the Securities of any series, without incurring responsibility to such Holders of the Securities and without impairing or releasing the subordination provided in this Article or the obligations hereunder of such Holders of the Securities to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, do any one or more of the following: (i) change the manner, place or terms of payment or extent the time of payment of, or renew or alter, Senior Indebtedness, or otherwise amend or supplement in any manner Senior Indebtedness or any instrument evidencing the same or any agreement under which Senior Indebtedness is outstanding; (ii) sell, exchange, release or otherwise deal with any property pledged, mortgaged or otherwise securing Senior Indebtedness; (iii) release any Person liable in any manner for the collection of Senior Indebtedness; and (iv) exercise or refrain from exercising any rights against the Company and any other Person.

SECTION 13.8. Notice to Trustee.

The Company shall give prompt written notice to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee of any fact known to the Company that would prohibit the making of any payment to or by the Trustee in respect of the Securities. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article or any other provision of this Indenture, the Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts that would prohibit the making of any payment to or by the Trustee in respect of the Securities, unless and until the Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Company or a holder of Senior Indebtedness or from any trustee, agent or representative therefor; provided, however, that if the Trustee shall not have received the notice provided for in this Section at least two Business Days prior to the date upon which by the terms hereof any monies may become payable for any purpose (including, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) or interest (including any Additional Interest) on any Security), then, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall have full power and authority to receive such monies 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 such date.

Subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall be entitled to rely on the delivery to it of a written notice by a Person representing himself or herself to be a holder of Senior Indebtedness (or a trustee or attorney-in-fact therefor) to establish that such notice has been given by a holder of Senior Indebtedness (or a trustee or attorney-in-fact therefor). In the event that the Trustee determines in good faith that further evidence is required with respect to the right of any Person as a holder of Senior Indebtedness to participate in any payment or distribution pursuant to this Article, the Trustee may request such Person to furnish evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee as to the amount of Senior Indebtedness held by such Person, 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 this Article, and if such evidence is not furnished, the Trustee may defer any payment to such Person pending judicial determination as to the right of such Person to receive such payment.

SECTION 13.9. Reliance on Judicial Order or Certificate of Liquidating Agent.

Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in this Article, the Trustee, subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, and the Holders of the Securities shall be entitled to rely upon any order or decree entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in which such Proceeding is pending, or a certificate of the trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, conservator, liquidating trustee, custodian, assignee for the benefit of creditors, agent or other Person making such payment or distribution, delivered to the Trustee or to the Holders of Securities, for the purpose of ascertaining the Persons entitled to participate in such payment or distribution, the holders of the Senior Indebtedness and other indebtedness of the Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article.

SECTION 13.10. Trustee Not Fiduciary for Holders of Senior Indebtedness.

The Trustee, in its capacity as trustee under this Indenture, shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Indebtedness and shall not be liable to any such holders if it shall in good faith mistakenly pay over or distribute to Holders of Securities or to the Company or to any other Person cash, property or securities to which any holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be entitled by virtue of this Article or otherwise.

SECTION 13.11. Rights of Trustee as Holder of Senior Indebtedness; Preservation of Trustee's Rights.

The Trustee in its individual capacity shall be entitled to all the rights set forth in this Article with respect to any Senior Indebtedness that may at any time be held by it, to the same extent as any other holder of Senior Indebtedness, and nothing in this Indenture shall deprive the Trustee of any of its rights as such holder.

SECTION 13.12. Article Applicable to Paying Agents.

In case at any time any Paying Agent other than the Trustee shall have been appointed by the Company and be then acting hereunder, the term "Trustee" as used in this Article shall in such case (unless the context otherwise requires) be construed as extending to and including such Paying Agent within its meaning as fully for all intents and purposes as if such Paying Agent were named in this Article in addition to or in place of the Trustee.

SECTION 13.13. Certain Conversions or Exchanges Deemed Payment.

For purposes of this Article only, (a) the issuance and delivery of junior securities upon conversion or exchange of Securities of any series shall not be deemed to constitute a payment or distribution on account of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) or interest (including any Additional Interest) on such Securities or on account of the purchase or other acquisition of such Securities, and (b) the payment, issuance or delivery of cash, property or securities (other than junior securities) upon conversion or exchange of a Security of any series shall be deemed to constitute payment on account of the principal of such security. For the purposes of this Section, the term "junior securities" means (i) shares of any stock of any class of the Company, and (ii) securities of the Company that are subordinated in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness that may be outstanding at the time of issuance or delivery of such securities to substantially the same extent as, or to a greater extent than, the Securities are so subordinated as provided in this Article.

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

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

Attest: _____ FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest: _____ BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as
Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title:

ANNEX A
FORM OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES CERTIFICATE

RESTRICTED SECURITIES CERTIFICATE

(For transfers pursuant to Section 3.6(b) of
the Indenture referred to below)

[_____],
as Securities Registrar
[address]

Re: [Title of Securities] of First Empire State
Corporation (the "Securities")

Reference is made to the Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of June
____, 1997 (the "Indenture"), between First Empire State Corporation, a New York
corporation, and Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee. Terms used herein and
defined in the Indenture or in Regulation S, Rule 144A or Rule 144 under the
U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") are used here as so defined.

This certificate relates to \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of
Securities, which are evidenced by the following certificate(s) (the "Specified
Securities"):

CUSIP No(s).

CERTIFICATE No(s).

CURRENTLY IN GLOBAL FORM: Yes _____ No _____ (check one)

The person in whose name this certificate is executed below (the "Undersigned")
hereby certifies that either (i) it is the sole beneficial owner of the
Specified Securities or (ii) it is acting on behalf of all the beneficial owners
of the Specified Securities and is duly authorized by them to do so. Such
beneficial owner or owners are referred to herein collectively as the "Owner".
If the Specified Securities are represented by a Global Security, they are held
through a Depository or an Agent Member in the name of the Undersigned, as or on
behalf of the Owner. If the Specified Securities are not represented by a Global
Security, they are registered in the name of the Undersigned, as or on behalf of
the Owner.

The Owner has requested that the Specified Securities be transferred to a person (the "Transferee") who will take delivery in the form of a Restricted Security. In connection with such transfer, the Owner hereby certifies that, unless such transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, it is being effected in accordance with Rule 144A, Rule 904 of Regulation S or Rule 144 under the Securities Act and all applicable securities laws of the states of the United States and other jurisdictions. Accordingly, the Owner hereby further certifies that

(1) Rule 144A Transfers. If the transfer is being effected in accordance with Rule 144A:

(A) the Specified Securities are being transferred to a person that the Owner and any person acting on its behalf reasonably believe is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A, acquiring for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer; and

(B) the Owner and any person acting on its behalf have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the Transferee is aware that the Owner may be relying on Rule 144A in connection with the transfer; and

(2) Rule 904 Transfers. If the transfer is being effected in accordance with Rule 904:

(A) the Owner is not a distributor of the Securities, an affiliate of the Company or any such distributor or a person acting in behalf of any of the foregoing;

(B) the offer of the Specified Securities was not made to a person in the United States;

(C) either:

(i) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or the Owner and any person acting on its behalf reasonably believed that the Transferee was outside the United States, or

(ii) the transaction is being executed in, on or through the facilities of the Eurobond market, as regulated by the Association of International Bond Dealers, or another designated offshore securities market and neither the Owner nor any person acting on

its behalf know that the transaction has been prearranged with a buyer in the United States;

(D) no directed selling efforts within the meaning of Rule 902 of Regulation S have been made in the United States by or on behalf of the Owner or any affiliate thereof; and

(E) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

(3) Rule 144 Transfers. If the transfer is being effected pursuant to Rule 144:

(A) the transfer is occurring after a holding period of at least two years (computed in accordance with paragraph (d) of Rule 144) has elapsed since the date the Specified Securities were acquired from the Company or from an affiliate (as such term is defined in Rule 144), or such shorter period as Rule 144 may hereinafter require, of the Company, whichever is later, and is being effected in accordance with the applicable amount, manner of sale and notice requirements of paragraphs (e), (f) and (h) of Rule 144;

(B) the transfer is occurring after a holding period by the Owner of at least three years has elapsed since the date the Specified Securities were acquired from the Company or from an affiliate (as such term is defined in Rule 144) of the Company, whichever is later, and the Owner is not, and during the preceding three months has not been, an affiliate of the Company; or

(C) the Owner is a Qualified Institutional Buyer under Rule 144A or has acquired the Securities otherwise in accordance with Sections (1), (2) or (3) hereof and is transferring the Securities to an institutional accredited investor in a transaction exempt from the requirements of the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company and the Initial Purchasers (as defined in the Trust Agreement relating to the Issuer Trust to which the Securities were initially issued).

(Print the name of the Undersigned, as
such term is defined in the second
paragraph of this certificate.)

Dated: _____ By: _____
Name:
Title:

(If the Undersigned is a corporation, partnership
or fiduciary, the title of the person
signing on behalf of the Undersigned
must be stated.)

TRUST AGREEMENT

This TRUST AGREEMENT, dated as of May 30, 1997 (this "Trust Agreement"), among (i) FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION, a New York corporation (the "Depositor"), and (ii) BANKERS TRUST (DELAWARE), a Delaware banking corporation (the "Trustee"). The Depositor and the Trustee hereby agree as follows:

1. The trust created hereby (the "Trust") shall be known as "First Empire Capital Trust II" in which name the Trustee, or the Depositor to the extent provided herein, may engage in the transactions contemplated hereby, make and execute contracts, and sue and be sued.

2. The Depositor hereby assigns, transfers conveys and sets over to the Trustee the sum of \$10. The Trustee hereby acknowledges receipt of such amount in trust from the Depositor, which amount shall constitute the initial trust estate. The Trustee hereby declares that it will hold the trust estate in trust for the Depositor. It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust created hereby constitute a business trust under Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. C. ss. 3801, et seq. (the "Business Trust Act"), and that this document constitutes the governing instrument of the Trust. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a certificate of trust with the Delaware Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Business Trust Act.

3. The Depositor and the Trustee will enter into an amended and restated Trust Agreement, satisfactory to each such party and substantially in the form included as an exhibit to the 1933 Act Registration Statement (as defined below), to provide for the contemplated operation of the Trust created hereby and the issuance of the Preferred Securities and Common Securities referred to therein. Prior to the execution and delivery of such amended and restated Trust Agreement, the Trustee shall not have any duty or obligation hereunder or with respect to the trust estate, except as otherwise required by applicable law or as may be necessary to obtain prior to such execution and delivery of any licenses, consents or approvals required by applicable law or otherwise.

4. The Depositor and the Trustee hereby authorize and direct the Depositor, as the sponsor of the Trust, (i) to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and execute, in each case on behalf of the Trust, (a) the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "1933 Act Registration Statement"), including any pre-effective or post-effective amendments to the 1933 Act Registration Statement, relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of the Preferred Securities of the Trust and possibly certain other securities and (b) a Registration Statement on Form 8-A (the "1934 Act Registration Statement") (including all pre-effective and post-effective amendments thereto) relating to the registration of the Preferred Securities of the Trust under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; (ii) to file with the New York Stock Exchange or any other national stock exchange or The Nasdaq National Market (each, an "Exchange") and execute on behalf of the Trust one or more listing applications and all other applications, statements, certificates, agreements and other instruments as shall be necessary or desirable to cause the Preferred Securities to be listed on any

of the Exchanges; (iii) to file and execute on behalf of the Trust such applications, reports, surety bonds, irrevocable consents, appointments of attorney for service of process and other papers and documents as shall be necessary or desirable to register the Preferred Securities under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Depositor, on behalf of the Trust, may deem necessary or desirable and (iv) to execute on behalf of the Trust that certain Underwriting Agreement relating to the Preferred Securities, among the Trust, the Depositor and the several Underwriters named therein, substantially in the form included as an exhibit to the 1933 Act Registration Statement. In connection with the filings referred to above, the Depositor hereby constitutes and appoints Richard A. Lammert, Gary S. Paul, Michael P. Pinto and Steven L. Kaplin, and each of them, as its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the Depositor or in the Depositor's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the 1933 Act Registration Statement and the 1934 Act Registration Statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, the Exchange and administrators of state securities or blue sky laws, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as the Depositor might or could to in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their respective substitute or substitutes, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

5. This Trust Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts.

6. The number of Trustees initially shall be one (1) and thereafter the number of Trustees shall be such number as shall be fixed from time to time by a written instrument signed by the Depositor which may increase or decrease the number of Trustees; provided, however, that to the extent required by the Business Trust Act, one Trustee shall either be a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or, if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable Delaware law. Subject to the foregoing, the Depositor is entitled to appoint or remove without cause any Trustee at any time. The Trustees may resign upon thirty (30) days' prior notice to the Depositor.

7. This Trust Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to conflict of laws of principles).

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

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION,
as Depositor

By: -----

Name:
Title:

BANKERS TRUST (DELAWARE),
as Trustee

By: -----

Name:
Title:

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AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT

among

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

(as Depositor)

and

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
(as Property Trustee)

and

BANKERS TRUST (DELAWARE),
(as Delaware Trustee)

Dated as of June ____, 1997

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

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FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

Certain Sections of this Trust Agreement relating, to
Sections 310 through 318 of the

Trust Indenture Act of 1939:

Trust Indenture Section	Trust Agreement Act Section
Section 310(a)(1).....	8.7
(a)(2).....	8.7
(a)(3).....	8.9
(a)(4).....	2.7(a)(ii)
(b).....	8.8, 10.10(b)
Section 311(a).....	8.13, 10.10(b)
(b).....	8.13, 10.10(b)
Section 312(a).....	10.10(b)
(b).....	10.10(b), (f)
(c).....	5.7
Section 313(a).....	8.15(a)
(a)(4).....	10.10(c)
(b).....	8.15(c), 10.10(c)
(c).....	10.8, 10.10(c)
(d).....	10.10(c)
Section 314(a).....	8.16, 10.10(d)
(b).....	Not Applicable
(c)(1).....	8.17, 10.10(d), (e)
(c)(2).....	8.17, 10.10(d), (e)
(c)(3).....	8.17, 10.10(d), (e)
(e).....	8.17, 10.10(e)
Section 315(a).....	8.1(d)
(b).....	8.2
(c).....	8.1(c)
(d).....	8.1(d)
(e).....	Not Applicable
Section 316(a).....	Not Applicable
(a)(1)(A).....	Not Applicable
(a)(1)(B).....	Not Applicable
(a)(2).....	Not Applicable
(b).....	5.13
(c).....	6.7
Section 317(a)(1).....	Not Applicable
(a)(2).....	8.14
(b).....	5.10
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deemed to be a part of the Trust Agreement.

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AGREEMENT

Amended and Restated Trust Agreement, dated as of June ____, 1997, among First Empire State Corporation, a New York corporation (including any successors or assigns, the "Depositor"), (ii) Bankers Trust Company, a New York banking corporation, as property trustee, (in such capacity, the "Property Trustee" and, in its separate corporate capacity and not in its capacity as Property Trustee, the "Bank"), and (iii) Bankers Trust (Delaware), a Delaware banking corporation, as Delaware trustee (the "Delaware Trustee") (the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee are referred to collectively herein as the "Issuer Trustees") and (iv) the several Holders, as hereinafter defined.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Depositor, the Property Trustee, and the Delaware Trustee have heretofore duly declared and established a business trust pursuant to the Delaware Business Trust Act by the entering into a certain Trust Agreement, dated as of May 30, 1997 (the "Original Trust Agreement"), and by the execution and filing by the Delaware Trustee with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware of the Certificate of Trust, filed on May 30, 1997 (the "Certificate of Trust"), attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Depositor and the Delaware Trustee desire to amend and restate the Original Trust Agreement in its entirety as set forth herein to provide for, among other things, (i) the issuance of the Common Securities by the Issuer Trust to the Depositor, (ii) the issuance and sale of the Preferred Securities by the Issuer Trust pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, (iii) the acquisition by the Issuer Trust from the Depositor of all of the right, title and interest in the Junior Subordinated Debentures, and (iv) the appointment of the Administrators.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements and obligations set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each party, for the benefit of the other parties and for the benefit of the Holders, hereby amends and restates the Original Trust Agreement in its entirety and agrees, intending to be legally bound, as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINED TERMS

SECTION 1.1. Definitions.

For all purposes of this Trust 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) All other terms used herein that are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(c) The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation";

(d) All accounting terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect at the time of computation;

(e) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to an "Article" or a "Section" refers to an Article or a Section, as the case may be, of this Trust Agreement;

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

(g) all references to the date the Preferred Securities were originally issued shall refer to the date the Preferred Securities were originally issued.

"Act" has the meaning specified in Section 6.8.

"Additional Amount" means, with respect to Trust Securities of a given Liquidation Amount and/or a given period, the amount of Additional Interest (as defined in the Indenture) paid by the Depositor on a Like Amount of Debentures for such period.

"Additional Sums" has the meaning specified in Section 10.6 of the Indenture.

"Administrators" means each Person appointed in accordance with Section 8.20 solely in such Person's capacity as Administrator of the Issuer Trust heretofore formed and continued hereunder and not in such Person's individual capacity, or any successor Administrator appointed as herein provided; with the initial Administrators being Darlene Spsychala and Timothy C. McEvoy.

"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.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Preferred Security or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depository for such Preferred Security, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

"Bank" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Trust Agreement.

"Bankruptcy Event" means, with respect to any Person:

(a) the entry of a decree or order by a court having jurisdiction in the premises judging such Person a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjudication or composition of or in respect of such Person under any applicable federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of such Person or of any substantial part of its property or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(b) the institution by such Person of proceedings to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or the consent by it to the filing of any such petition or to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or similar official) of such Person or of any

substantial part of its property or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due and its willingness to be adjudicated a bankrupt, or the taking of corporate action by such Person in furtherance of any such action.

"Bankruptcy Laws" has the meaning specified in Section 10.9.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Depositor or the Executive Committee of the board of directors of the Depositor (or any other committee of the board of directors of the Depositor performing similar functions) or a committee designated by the board of directors of the Depositor (or any such committee), comprised of two or more members of the board of directors of the Depositor or officers of the Depositor, or both.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Depositor to have been duly adopted by the Depositor's Board of Directors, or such committee of the Board of Directors or officers of the Depositor to which authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors has been delegated, and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Issuer Trustees.

"Business Day" means a day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday, (b) a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York, New York or in the Borough of Boyertown, Pennsylvania are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed or (c) a day on which the Property Trustee's Corporate Trust Office or the Delaware Trustee's Corporate Trust Office or the Corporate Trust Office of the Debenture Trustee is closed for business.

"Capital Treatment Event" means, in respect of any Issuer Trust, the reasonable determination by the Depositor that, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any rules or regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of the issuance of the Preferred Securities of such Issuer Trust, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Depositor will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of such Preferred Securities as "Tier 1 Capital" (or the then equivalent thereof)

for purposes of the risk-based capital adequacy guidelines of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as then in effect and applicable to the Depositor, provided, however, that it shall not be deemed to be a Capital Treatment Event if the Company is not entitled to treat the aggregate amount of the Liquidation Amount of such Preferred Securities as "Tier 1 Capital" due to the restriction imposed by the Federal Reserve that no more than 25% of Tier 1 Capital can consist of perpetual preferred stock.

"Certificate Depository Agreement" means the agreement among the Issuer Trust, the Depositor and the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), as the initial Clearing Agency, dated as of the Closing Date, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

"Certificate of Trust" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Trust Agreement.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization registered as a "clearing agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. DTC shall be the initial Clearing Agency.

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

"Closing Date" means the Time of Delivery for the Preferred Securities, which date is also the date of execution and delivery of this Trust Agreement.

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

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

"Common Securities Certificate" means a certificate evidencing ownership of Common Securities, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C.

"Common Security" means an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Issuer Trust, having a Liquidation Amount of \$25 and having the rights provided therefor in this Trust Agreement, including the right to receive Distributions and a Liquidation Distribution as provided herein.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal office of the Property Trustee located in the City of New York, New York, which at the time of the execution of this Trust Agreement is located at Four Albany Street, New York, New York 10006; Attention: Corporate Trust and Agency Group - Corporate Market Services.

"Debenture Event of Default" means an "Event of Default" as defined in the Indenture.

"Debenture Redemption Date" means, with respect to any Debentures to be redeemed under the Indenture, the date fixed for redemption of such Debentures under the Indenture.

"Debenture Trustee" means Bankers Trust Company, a New York banking corporation and any successor.

"Delaware Business Trust Act" means Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. C. 3801, et seq., as it may be amended from time to time.

"Delaware Trustee" means the corporation identified as the "Delaware Trustee" in the preamble to this Trust Agreement solely in its capacity as Delaware Trustee of the Issuer Trust continued hereunder and not in its individual capacity, or its successor in interest in such capacity, or any successor trustee appointed as herein provided.

"Depository" means the Depository Trust Company or any successor thereto.

"Depositor" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Trust Agreement.

"Distribution Date" has the meaning specified in Section 4.1(a).

"Distributions" means amounts payable in respect of the Trust Securities as provided in Section 4.1.

"DTC" means the Depository Trust Company.

"Early Termination Event" has the meaning specified in Section 9.2.

"Event of Default" means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or

any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(a) the occurrence of a Debenture Event of Default; or

(b) default by the Issuer Trust in the payment of any Distribution when it becomes due and payable, and continuation of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(c) default by the Issuer Trust in the payment of any Redemption Price of any Trust Security when it becomes due and payable; or

(d) default in the performance, or breach, in any material respect, of any covenant or warranty of the Issuer Trustees in this Trust Agreement (other than a covenant or warranty a default in the performance of which or the breach of which is dealt with in clause (b) or (c) above) and continuation of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Issuer Trustees and the Depositor by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Outstanding Preferred Securities, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(e) the occurrence of any Bankruptcy Event with respect to the Property Trustee or all or substantially all of its property if a successor Property Trustee has not been appointed within a period of 90 days thereof.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any successor statute thereto, in each case as amended from time to time.

"Expiration Date" has the meaning specified in Section 9.1.

"Global Preferred Securities Certificate" means a Preferred Securities Certificate evidencing ownership of Global Preferred Securities.

"Global Preferred Security" means a Preferred Security, the ownership and transfers of which shall be made through book entries by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 5.4.

"Guarantee Agreement" means the Guarantee Agreement executed and delivered by the Depositor and Bankers Trust Company, as trustee, contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Trust Agreement, for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities, as amended from time to time.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Trust Security or Trust Securities is registered in the Securities Register; any such Person shall be deemed to be a beneficial owner within the meaning of the Delaware Business Trust Act.

"Indenture" means the Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of June ____, 1997, between the Depositor and the Debenture Trustee (as amended or supplemented from time to time) relating to the issuance of the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by the Issuer Trust of an Opinion of Counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a written change (including any announced prospective change) in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Issuer Trust is or will be considered an "investment company" that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act, which change or prospective change becomes effective or would become effective, as the case may be, on or after the date of the issuance of the Preferred Securities.

"Issuer Trust" means First Empire Capital Trust II.

"Issuer Trustees" means, collectively, the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee.

"Junior Subordinated Debentures" means the aggregate principal amount of the Depositor's ____% junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures due June ____, 2027, which date may be shortened once at any time by the Company to any date not earlier than June ____, 2002, issued pursuant to the Indenture.

"Lien" means any lien, pledge, charge, encumbrance, mortgage, deed of trust, adverse ownership interest, hypothecation, assignment, security interest or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever.

"Like Amount" means (a) with respect to a redemption of Trust Securities, Trust Securities having a Liquidation Amount equal to that portion of the principal amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures to be contemporaneously redeemed in accordance with the Indenture, allocated to the Common Securities and to the Preferred Securities based upon the relative

Liquidation Amounts of such classes and (b) with respect to a distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to Holders of Trust Securities in connection with a dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer Trust, Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Trust Securities of the Holder to whom such Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed.

"Liquidation Amount" means the stated amount of \$25 per Trust Security.

"Liquidation Date" means the date on which Junior Subordinated Debentures are to be distributed to Holders of Trust Securities in connection with a dissolution and liquidation of the Issuer Trust pursuant to Section 9.4.

"Liquidation Distribution" has the meaning specified in Section 9.4(d).

"Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities" or "Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Common Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, Preferred Securities or Common Securities, as the case may be, representing more than 50% of the aggregate Liquidation Amount of all then Outstanding Preferred Securities or Common Securities, as the case may be.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, President or a Vice President, and by the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, of the Depositor, and delivered to the party provided herein. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Trust Agreement shall include:

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

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

(c) a statement that such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, 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

(d) 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 for or an employee of the Depositor or any Affiliate of the Depositor.

"Original Trust Agreement" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Trust Agreement.

"Outstanding," with respect to Trust Securities, means, as of the date of determination, all Trust Securities theretofore executed and delivered under this Trust Agreement, except:

(a) Trust Securities theretofore canceled by the Property Trustee or delivered to the Property Trustee for cancellation;

(b) Trust Securities for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Property Trustee or any Paying Agent for the Holders of such Preferred Securities, provided that if such Trust Securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Trust Agreement; and

(c) Trust Securities which have been paid or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Trust Securities have been executed and delivered pursuant to Sections 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.13; provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Liquidation Amount of the Outstanding Preferred Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, Preferred Securities owned by the Depositor, any Issuer Trustee, any Administrator or any Affiliate of the Depositor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that (a) in determining whether any Issuer Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Preferred Securities that such Issuer Trustee or such Administrator, as the case may be, knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded and (b) the foregoing shall not apply at any time when all of the outstanding Preferred Securities are owned by the Depositor, one or more of the Issuer Trustees, one or more of the Administrators and/or any such Affiliate. Preferred Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Administrators the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Preferred Securities and that the pledgee is not the Depositor or any Affiliate of the Depositor.

"Owner" means each Person who is the beneficial owner of Global Preferred Securities as reflected in the records of the Clearing Agency or, if a Clearing Agency Participant is not the Owner, then as reflected in the records of a Person maintaining an account with such Clearing Agency (directly or indirectly, in accordance with the rules of such Clearing Agency).

"Paying Agent" means any paying agent or co-paying agent appointed pursuant to Section 5.10 and shall initially be the Property Trustee.

"Payment Account" means a segregated non-interest-bearing corporate trust account maintained by the Property Trustee with the Property Trustee in its trust department for the benefit of the Holders in which all amounts paid in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be held and from which the Property Trustee, through the Paying Agent, shall make payments to the Holders in accordance with Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

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

"Preferred Securities Certificate" means a certificate evidencing ownership of Preferred Securities, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit D.

"Preferred Security" means an aggregate Liquidation Amount of \$100,000,000 of the Issuer Trust's _____% preferred securities, constituting a preferred undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Issuer Trust, having a Liquidation Amount of \$25 per security, and having the rights provided therefor in this Trust Agreement, including the right to receive Distributions and a Liquidation Distribution as provided herein.

"Property Trustee" means the Person identified as the "Property Trustee" in the preamble to this Trust Agreement solely in its capacity as Property Trustee of the Issuer Trust formed and continued hereunder and not in its individual capacity, or its successor in interest in such capacity, or any successor property trustee appointed as herein provided.

"Redemption Date" means, with respect to any Trust Security to be redeemed, the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Trust Agreement; provided that each Junior Subordinated Debenture Redemption Date and the stated maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures shall be a Redemption Date for a Like

Amount of Trust Securities, including but not limited to any date of redemption pursuant to the occurrence of any Special Event.

"Redemption Price" means with respect to a redemption of any Trust Security, the Liquidation Amount of such Trust Security, together with accumulated but unpaid Distributions to but excluding the date fixed for redemption, plus the related amount of the premium, if any, paid by the Depositor upon the concurrent redemption of a Like Amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures.

"Relevant Trustee" has the meaning specified in Section 8.10.

"Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Property Trustee means any officer assigned to the Corporate Trust Office, including any managing director, vice president, assistant vice president, assistant treasurer, assistant secretary or any other officer of the Property Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and having direct responsibility for the administration of the Indenture, and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

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

"Securities Register" and "Securities Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 5.5.

"Special Event" means any Tax Event, Capital Treatment Event or Investment Company Event.

"Successor Preferred Securities" of any particular Preferred Securities Certificate means every Preferred Securities Certificate issued after, and evidencing all or a portion of the same beneficial interest in the Issuer Trust as that evidenced by, such particular Preferred Securities Certificate; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Preferred Securities Certificate executed and delivered under Section 5.6 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Preferred Securities Certificate shall be deemed to evidence the same beneficial interest in the Issuer Trust as the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Preferred Securities Certificate.

"Tax Event" means the receipt by the Issuer Trust of an Opinion of Counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any

announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Preferred Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) the Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such Opinion of Counsel, subject to United States Federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) interest payable by the Depositor on the Junior Subordinated Debentures is not, or within 90 days of the delivery of such Opinion of Counsel will not be, deductible by the Depositor, in whole or in part, for United States federal income tax purposes, or (iii) the Issuer Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the delivery of such Opinion of Counsel, subject to more than a de minimis amount of other taxes, duties or other governmental changes.

"Time of Delivery" means 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, with respect to the Preferred Securities or Common Securities, on the third Business Day following the date of execution of the Underwriting Agreement, or such other time not later than ten Business Days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Underwriters, the Issuer Trust and the Company.

"Trust Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Trust Agreement, as the same may be modified, amended or supplemented in accordance with the applicable provisions hereof, including (i) all Exhibits hereto, and (ii) for all purposes of this Amended and Restated Trust Agreement any such modification, amendment or supplement, the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are deemed to be a part of and govern this Amended and Restated Trust Agreement and any modification, amendment or supplement, respectively.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or any successor statute, in each case as amended from time to time.

"Trust Property" means (a) the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (b) any cash on deposit in, or owing to, the Payment Account, and (c) all proceeds and rights in respect of the foregoing and any other property and assets for the time being held or deemed to be held by the Property Trustee pursuant to the trusts of this Trust Agreement.

"Trust Securities Certificate" means any one of the Common Securities Certificates or the Preferred Securities Certificates.

"Trust Security" means any one of the Common Securities or the Preferred Securities.

"Underwriter" has the meaning specified in the Underwriting Agreement.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement, dated as of June ____, 1997, among the Issuer Trust, the Depositor and the Underwriter, as the same may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II

CONTINUATION OF THE ISSUER TRUST

SECTION 2.1. Name.

The Issuer Trust continued hereby shall be known as "First Empire Capital Trust II", as such name may be modified from time to time by the Administrators following written notice to the Holders of Trust Securities and the other Issuer Trustees, in which name the Administrators and the Issuer Trustees may engage in the transactions contemplated hereby, make and execute contracts and other instruments on behalf of the Issuer Trust and sue and be sued.

SECTION 2.2. Office of the Delaware Trustee; Principal Place of Business.

The address of the Delaware Trustee in the State of Delaware is Bankers Trust (Delaware), 1001 Jefferson Street, Suite 550, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attention: Lisa Wilkins, or such other address in the State of Delaware as the Delaware Trustee may designate by written notice to the Holders and the Depositor. The principal executive office of the Issuer Trust is in care of First Empire State Corporation, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240.

SECTION 2.3. Initial Contribution of Trust Property, Organizational Expenses.

The Property Trustee acknowledges receipt in trust from the Depositor in connection with this Trust Agreement of the sum of \$10, which constitutes the initial Trust Property. The Depositor shall pay all organizational expenses of the Issuer Trust as they arise or shall, upon request of any Issuer Trustee, promptly reimburse such Issuer Trustee for any such expenses paid by such reasonable Issuer Trustee. The Depositor shall make no claim upon the Trust Property for the payment of such expenses.

SECTION 2.4. Issuance of the Preferred Securities.

On June ____, 1997, the Depositor, both on its own behalf and on behalf of the Issuer Trust pursuant to the Original Trust Agreement, executed and delivered the Underwriting Agreement. Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Trust Agreement, an Administrator, on behalf of the Issuer Trust, shall manually execute in accordance with Section 5.3 and the Property Trustee shall authenticate in accordance with Section 5.3 and deliver to the Underwriter, Preferred Securities Certificates, registered in the names requested by the Underwriter, in an aggregate amount of 4,000,000 Preferred Securities having an aggregate Liquidation Amount of \$100,000,000, against receipt of the aggregate purchase price of such Preferred Securities of \$100,000,000, by the Property Trustee.

SECTION 2.5. Issuance of the Common Securities; Subscription and Purchase of Junior Subordinated Debentures.

Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Trust Agreement, an Administrator, on behalf of the Issuer Trust, shall execute or cause to be executed in accordance with Section 5.2 and the Property Trustee shall deliver to the Depositor Common Securities Certificates, registered in the name of the Depositor, in an aggregate amount of 123,712 Common Securities having an aggregate Liquidation Amount of \$3,092,800 against receipt of the aggregate purchase price of such Common Securities of \$3,092,800 by the Property Trustee. Contemporaneously with the executions, and deliveries of Common Securities Certificates and any Preferred Securities Certificates, an Administrator, on behalf of the Issuer Trust, shall subscribe for and purchase from the Depositor corresponding amounts of Junior Subordinated Debentures, registered in the name of the Property Trustee and having an aggregate principal amount equal to \$103,092,800; and, in satisfaction of the purchase price for such Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Property Trustee, on behalf of the Issuer Trust, shall deliver to the Depositor the sum of \$103,092,800 and receive on behalf of the Issuer Trust the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

SECTION 2.6. Declaration of Trust.

The exclusive purposes and functions of the Issuer Trust are to (a) issue and sell Trust Securities and use the proceeds from such sale to acquire the Junior Subordinated Debentures, and (b) engage in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto. The Depositor hereby appoints the Issuer Trustees as trustees of the Issuer Trust, to have all the rights, powers and duties to the extent set forth herein, and the Issuer Trustees hereby accept such appointment. The Property Trustee hereby declares that it will hold the Trust Property in trust upon and

subject to the conditions set forth herein for the benefit of the Issuer Trust and the Holders. The Depositor hereby appoints the Administrators, with such Administrators having all rights, powers and duties set forth herein with respect to accomplishing the purposes of the Issuer Trust, and the Administrators hereby accept such appointment, provided, however, that it is the intent of the parties hereto that such Administrators shall not be trustees or fiduciaries with respect to the Issuer Trust and this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with such intent. The Property Trustee shall have the right and power to perform those duties assigned to the Administrators. The Delaware Trustee shall not be entitled to exercise any powers, nor shall the Delaware Trustee have any of the duties and responsibilities, of the Property Trustee or the Administrators set forth herein. The Delaware Trustee shall be one of the trustees of the Issuer Trust for the sole and limited purpose of fulfilling the requirements of Section 3807 of the Delaware Business Trust Act and for taking such actions as are required to be taken by a Delaware trustee under the Delaware Business Trust Act.

SECTION 2.7. Authorization to Enter into Certain Transactions.

(a) The Issuer Trustees and the Administrators shall conduct the affairs of the Issuer Trust in accordance with the terms of this Trust Agreement. Subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section and in accordance with the following provisions (i), (ii) and (iii), the Issuer Trustees and the Administrators shall act as follows:

(i) Each Administrator shall:

(A) comply with the Underwriting Agreement regarding the issuance and sale of the Trust Securities;

(B) assist in compliance with the Securities Act, applicable state securities or blue sky laws, and the Trust Indenture Act;

(C) assist in the listing of the Preferred Securities upon such securities exchange or exchanges or upon the Nasdaq National Market as shall be determined by the Depositor, with the registration of the Preferred Securities under the Exchange Act, if required, and the preparation and filing of all periodic and other reports and other documents pursuant to the foregoing;

(D) execute and deliver an application for a taxpayer identification number for the Issuer Trust; and

(E) assist with the preparation of a registration statement and a prospectus in relation to the Preferred Securities, including any amendments thereto and the taking of any action necessary or desirable to sell the Preferred Securities in a transaction or series of transactions subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

(F) take any action incidental to the foregoing as necessary or advisable to give effect to the terms of this Trust Agreement.

(ii) The Property Trustee shall have the power and authority to act on behalf of the Issuer Trust with respect to the following matters:

(A) the establishment of the Payment Account;

(B) the receipt of the Junior Subordinated Debentures;

(C) the receipt and collection of interest, principal and any other payments made in respect of the Junior Subordinated Debentures in the Payment Account;

(D) the distribution of amounts owed to the Holders in respect of the Trust Securities;

(E) the exercise of all of the rights, powers and privileges of a holder of the Junior Subordinated Debentures;

(F) the sending of notices of default and other information regarding the Trust Securities and the Junior Subordinated Debentures to the Holders in accordance with this Trust Agreement;

(G) the distribution of the Trust Property in accordance with the terms of this Trust Agreement;

(H) to the extent provided in this Trust Agreement, the winding up of the affairs of and liquidation of the Issuer Trust and the preparation, execution and filing of the certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware; and

(I) after an Event of Default (other than under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of the definition of such term if such Event of Default is by or with respect to the Property Trustee), comply with the provisions of this Trust

Agreement and take any action to give effect to the terms of this Trust Agreement and protect and conserve the Trust Property for the benefit of the Holders (without consideration of the effect of any such action on any particular Holder); provided, however, that nothing in this Section 2.7(a)(ii) shall require the Property Trustee to take any action that is not otherwise required in this Trust Agreement.

(b) So long as this Trust Agreement remains in effect, the Issuer Trust (or the Issuer Trustees or Administrators acting on behalf of the Issuer Trust) shall not undertake any business, activities or transaction except as expressly provided herein or contemplated hereby. In particular, neither the Issuer Trustees nor the Administrators shall (i) acquire any investments or engage in any activities not authorized by this Trust Agreement, (ii) sell, assign, transfer, exchange, mortgage, pledge, set-off or otherwise dispose of any of the Trust Property or interests therein, including to Holders, except as expressly provided herein, (iii) take any action that would reasonably be expected to cause the Issuer Trust to become taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes, (iv) incur any indebtedness for borrowed money or issue any other debt, or (v) take or consent to any action that would result in the placement of a Lien on any of the Trust Property. The Property Trustee shall defend all claims and demands of all Persons at any time claiming any Lien on any of the Trust Property adverse to the interest of the Issuer Trust or the Holders in their capacity as Holders.

(c) In connection with the issue and sale of the Preferred Securities, the Depositor shall have the right and responsibility to assist the Issuer Trust with respect to, or effect on behalf of the Issuer Trust, the following (and any actions taken by the Depositor in furtherance of the following prior to the date of this Trust Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects):

(i) the preparation by the Issuer Trust of, and the execution and delivery of, a registration statement, and a prospectus in relation to the Preferred Securities, including any amendments thereto and the taking of any action necessary or desirable to sell the Preferred Securities in a transaction or a series of transactions subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act;

(ii) the determination of the States in which to take appropriate action to qualify or register for sale all or part of the Preferred Securities and the determination of

any and all such acts, other than actions that must be taken by or on behalf of the Issuer Trust, and the advice to the Issuer Trustees of actions they must take on behalf of the Issuer Trust, and the preparation for execution and filing of any documents to be executed and filed by the Issuer Trust or on behalf of the Issuer Trust, as the Depositor deems necessary or advisable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such States in connection with the sale of the Preferred Securities;

(iii) the negotiation of the terms of, and the execution and delivery of, the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Preferred Securities;

(iv) the taking of any other actions necessary or desirable to carry out any of the foregoing activities; and

(v) compliance with the listing requirements of the Preferred Securities upon such securities exchange or exchanges, or upon the Nasdaq National Market, as shall be determined by the Depositor, the registration of the Preferred Securities under the Exchange Act, if required, and the preparation and filing of all periodic and other reports and other documents pursuant to the foregoing.

(d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Administrators and the Property Trustee are authorized and directed to conduct the affairs of the Issuer Trust and to operate the Issuer Trust so that the Issuer Trust will not be deemed to be an "investment company" required to be registered under the Investment Company Act, and will not be taxable as a corporation for the United States Federal income tax purposes and so that the Junior Subordinated Debentures will be treated as indebtedness of the Depositor for United States income tax purposes. In this connection, the Property Trustee and the Holders of Common Securities are authorized to take any action, not inconsistent with applicable law, the Certificate of Trust or this Trust Agreement, that the Property Trustee and Holders of Common Securities determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable for such purposes, as long as such action does not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of the holders of the Outstanding Preferred Securities. In no event shall the Administrators or the Issuer Trustees be liable to the Issuer Trust or the Holders for any failure to comply with this section that results from a change in law or regulations or in the interpretation thereof.

SECTION 2.8. Assets of Trust.

The assets of the Issuer Trust shall consist solely of the Trust Property.

SECTION 2.9. Title to Trust Property.

Legal title to all Trust Property shall be vested at all times in the Property Trustee (in its capacity as such) and shall be held and administered by the Property Trustee for the benefit of the Issuer Trust and the Holders in accordance with this Trust Agreement.

ARTICLE III

PAYMENT ACCOUNT

SECTION 3.1. Payment Account.

(a) On or prior to the Closing Date, the Property Trustee shall establish the Payment Account. The Property Trustee and its agents shall have exclusive control and sole right of withdrawal with respect to the Payment Account for the purpose of making deposits in and withdrawals from the Payment Account in accordance with this Trust Agreement. All monies and other property deposited or held from time to time in the Payment Account shall be held by the Property Trustee in the Payment Account for the exclusive benefit of the Holders and for distribution as herein provided, including (and subject to) any priority of payments provided for herein.

(b) The Property Trustee shall deposit in the Payment Account, promptly upon receipt, all payments of principal of or interest on, and any other payments or proceeds with respect to, the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Amounts held in the Payment Account shall not be invested by the Property Trustee pending distribution thereof.

ARTICLE IV

DISTRIBUTIONS; REDEMPTION

SECTION 4.1. Distributions.

(a) The Trust Securities represent undivided beneficial interests in the Trust Property, and Distributions (including Distributions of Additional Amounts) will be made on the Trust Securities at the rate and on the dates that payments of interest (including payments of Additional Interest, as defined in the

Indenture) are made on the Junior Subordinated Debentures. Accordingly:

(i) Distributions on the Trust Securities shall be cumulative and will accumulate whether or not there are funds of the Issuer Trust available for the payment of Distributions. Distributions shall accumulate from June ____, 1997, and, except in the event (and to the extent) that the Depositor exercises its right to defer the payment of interest on the Debentures pursuant to the Indenture, shall be payable quarterly in arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year, commencing on June 30, 1997. If any date on which a Distribution is otherwise payable on the Trust Securities is not a Business Day, then the payment of such Distribution shall be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which such payment was originally payable (each date on which distributions are payable in accordance with this Section 4.1(a), a "Distribution Date").

(ii) The Trust Securities shall be entitled to Distributions payable at a rate of ____% per annum of the Liquidation Amount of the Trust Securities. The amount of Distributions payable for any period less than a full Distribution period shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the actual number of days elapsed in a partial month in a period. Distributions payable for each full Distribution period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four. The amount of Distributions payable for any period shall include any Additional Amounts in respect of such period.

(iii) So long as no Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Depositor has the right under the Indenture to defer the payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures at any time and from time to time for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond June 30, 2027. As a consequence of any such deferral, quarterly Distributions on the Trust Securities by the Trust will also be deferred (and the amount of Distributions to which Holders of the Trust Securities are entitled will accumulate additional Distributions thereon at the rate per annum of ____% per annum, compounded quarterly) from the relevant payment date for such Distributions, computed on the basis of a 360-day

year of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. Additional Distributions payable for each full Distribution period will be computed by dividing the rate per annum by four (4). The term "Distributions" as used in Section 4.1 shall include any such additional Distributions provided pursuant to this Section 4.1(a)(iii).

(iv) Distributions on the Trust Securities shall be made by the Property Trustee from the Payment Account and shall be payable on each Distribution Date only to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds then on hand and available in the Payment Account for the payment of such Distributions.

(b) Distributions on the Trust Securities with respect to a Distribution Date shall be payable to the Holders thereof as they appear on the Securities Register for the Trust Securities at the close of business on the relevant record date, which shall be at the close of business on the 15th day of March, June, September or December (whether or not a Business Day).

SECTION 4.2. Redemption.

(a) On each Junior Subordinated Debenture Redemption Date and on the stated maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures, the Issuer Trust will be required to redeem a Like Amount of Trust Securities at the Redemption Price.

(b) Notice of redemption shall be given by the Property Trustee by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to each Holder of Trust Securities to be redeemed, at such Holder's address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall state:

(i) the Redemption Date;

(ii) the Redemption Price, or if the Redemption Price cannot be calculated prior to the time the notice is required to be sent, the estimate of the Redemption Price provided pursuant to the Indenture together with a statement that it is an estimate and that the actual Redemption Price will be calculated on the third Business Day prior to the Redemption Date (and if an estimate is provided, a further notice shall be sent of the actual Redemption Price on the date, or as soon as practicable thereafter, that notice of such actual Redemption Price is received pursuant to the Indenture);

(iii) the CUSIP number or CUSIP numbers of the Preferred Securities affected;

(iv) if less than all the Outstanding Trust Securities are to be redeemed, the identification and the total Liquidation Amount of the particular Trust Securities to be redeemed;

(v) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Trust Security to be redeemed and that Distributions thereon will cease to accumulate on and after said date, except as provided in Section 4.2(d) below; and

(vi) the place or places where Trust Securities are to be surrendered for the payment of the Redemption Price.

The Issuer Trust in issuing the Trust Securities shall use "CUSIP" numbers, and the Property Trustee shall indicate the "CUSIP" numbers of the Trust Securities in notices of redemption and related materials as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Trust Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption and related material.

(c) The Trust Securities redeemed on each Redemption Date shall be redeemed at the Redemption Price with the applicable proceeds from the contemporaneous redemption of Junior Subordinated Debentures. Redemptions of the Trust Securities shall be made and the Redemption Price shall be payable on each Redemption Date only to the extent that the Issuer Trust has funds then on hand and available in the Payment Account for the payment of such Redemption Price.

(d) If the Property Trustee gives a notice of redemption in respect of any Preferred Securities, then, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Redemption Date, subject to Section 4.2(c), the Property Trustee will, with respect to Preferred Securities held in global form, irrevocably deposit with the Clearing Agency for such Preferred Securities, to the extent available therefor, funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price and will give such Clearing Agency irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the Holders of the Preferred Securities. With respect to Preferred Securities that are not held in global form, the Property Trustee, subject to Section 4.2(c), will irrevocably deposit with the Paying Agent, to the extent available therefor, funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price and will give the Paying Agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the

Holder of the Preferred Securities upon surrender of their Preferred Securities Certificates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Distributions payable on or prior to the Redemption Date for any Trust Securities called for redemption shall be payable to the Holders of such Trust Securities as they appear on the Register for the Trust Securities on the relevant record dates for the related Distribution Dates. If notice of redemption shall have been given and funds deposited as required, then, upon the date of such deposit, all rights of Holders holding Trust Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of such Holders to receive the Redemption Price and any Distribution payable in respect of the Trust Securities on or prior to the Redemption Date, but without interest, and such Securities will cease to be Outstanding. In the event that any date on which any applicable Redemption Price is payable is not a Business Day, then payment of the applicable Redemption Price 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), except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case, with the same force and effect as if made on such date. In the event that payment of the Redemption Price in respect of any Trust Securities called for redemption is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Issuer Trust or by the Depositor pursuant to the Guarantee Agreement, Distributions on such Trust Securities will continue to accumulate, as set forth in Section 4.1, from the Redemption Date originally established by the Issuer Trust for such Trust Securities to the date such applicable Redemption Price is actually paid, in which case the actual payment date will be the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the applicable Redemption Price.

(e) Subject to Section 4.3(a), if less than all the Outstanding Trust Securities are to be redeemed on a Redemption Date, then the particular Preferred Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Property Trustee from the Outstanding Preferred Securities not previously called for redemption in such a manner as the Property Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

SECTION 4.3. Subordination of Common Securities.

(a) Payment of Distributions (including Additional Amounts, if applicable) on, the Redemption Price of, and the Liquidation Distribution in respect of, the Trust Securities, as applicable, shall be made, subject to Section 4.2(e), pro rata among the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities based on the Liquidation Amount of such Trust Securities; provided, however, that if on any Distribution Date or Redemption Date any Event of Default resulting from a Debenture Event of Default in

Section 5.1(1) or 5.1(2) of the Indenture shall have occurred and be continuing, no payment of any Distribution (including any Additional Amounts) on, Redemption Price of, or Liquidation Distribution in respect of, any Common Security, and no other payment on account of the redemption, liquidation or other acquisition of Common Securities, shall be made unless payment in full in cash of all accumulated and unpaid Distributions (including any Additional Amounts) on all Outstanding Preferred Securities for all Distribution periods terminating on or prior thereto, or, in the case of payment of the Redemption Price, the full amount of such Redemption Price on all Outstanding Preferred Securities then called for redemption, or in the case of payment of the Liquidation Distribution the full amount of such Liquidation Distribution on all Outstanding Preferred Securities, shall have been made or provided for, and all funds immediately available to the Property Trustee shall first be applied to the payment in full in cash of all Distributions (including any Additional Amounts) on, or the Redemption Price of, Preferred Securities then due and payable. The existence of an Event of Default does not entitle the Holders of Preferred Securities to accelerate the maturity thereof.

(b) In the case of the occurrence of any Event of Default resulting from any Debenture Event of Default, the Holder of the Common Securities shall have no right to act with respect to any such Event of Default under this Trust Agreement until the effects of all such Events of Default with respect to the Preferred Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated. Until all such Events of Default under this Trust Agreement with respect to the Preferred Securities have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee shall act solely on behalf of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and not on behalf of the Holder of the Common Securities, and only the Holders of the Preferred Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee to act on their behalf.

SECTION 4.4. Payment Procedures.

Payments of Distributions (including any Additional Amounts) in respect of the Preferred Securities shall be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Securities Register or, if the Preferred Securities are held by a Clearing Agency, such Distributions shall be made to the Clearing Agency in immediately available funds, which will credit the relevant accounts on the applicable Distribution Dates. Payments of Distributions to Holders of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate Liquidation Amount of Preferred Securities may be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds upon written request of such Holder of Preferred Securities to the Securities Registrar not later than 15 calendar

days prior to the date on which the Distribution is payable. Payments in respect of the Common Securities shall be made in such manner as shall be mutually agreed between the Property Trustee and the Holder of the Common Securities.

SECTION 4.5. Tax Returns and Reports.

The Administrators shall prepare (or cause to be prepared), at the Depositor's expense, and file all United States Federal, state and local tax and information returns and reports required to be filed by or in respect of the Issuer Trust. In this regard, the Administrators shall (a) prepare and file (or cause to be prepared and filed) all Internal Revenue Service forms required to be filed in respect of the Issuer Trust in each taxable year of the Issuer Trust and (b) prepare and furnish (or cause to be prepared and furnished) to each Holder all Internal Revenue Service forms required to be provided by the Issuer Trust. The Administrators shall provide the Depositor and the Property Trustee with a copy of all such returns and reports promptly after such filing or furnishing. The Issuer Trustees shall comply with United States Federal withholding and backup withholding tax laws and information reporting requirements with respect to any payments to Holders under the Trust Securities.

On or before December 15 of each year during which any Preferred Securities are outstanding, the Administrators shall furnish to the Paying Agent such information as may be reasonably requested by the Property Trustee in order that the Property Trustee may prepare the information which it is required to report for such year on Internal Revenue Service Forms 1096 and 1099 pursuant to Section 6049 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such information shall include the amount of original issue discount includible in income for each outstanding Preferred Security during such year, if any.

SECTION 4.6. Payment of Taxes; Duties, Etc. of the Issuer Trust.

Upon receipt under the Junior Subordinated Debentures of Additional Sums, the Property Trustee shall promptly pay any taxes, duties or governmental charges of whatsoever nature (other than withholding taxes) imposed on the Issuer Trust by the United States or any other taxing authority.

SECTION 4.7. Payments under Indenture or Pursuant to Direct Actions.

Any amount payable hereunder to any Holder of Preferred Securities shall be reduced by the amount of any corresponding

payment such Holder has directly received pursuant to Section 5.8 of the Indenture or Section 5.13 of this Trust Agreement.

SECTION 4.8. Liability of the Holder of Common Securities.

The Holder of Common Securities shall be liable for the debts and obligations of the Issuer Trust as set forth in Section 6.7 of the Indenture regarding allocation of expenses.

ARTICLE V

TRUST SECURITIES CERTIFICATES

SECTION 5.1. Initial Ownership.

Upon the formation of the Issuer Trust and the contribution by the Depositor pursuant to Section 2.3 and until the issuance of the Trust Securities, and at any time during which no Trust Securities are outstanding, the Depositor shall be the sole beneficial owner of the Issuer Trust.

SECTION 5.2. The Trust Securities Certificates.

(a) The Trust Securities Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer Trust by manual or facsimile signature of at least one Administrator except as provided in Section 5.3. Trust Securities Certificates bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were, at the time when such signatures shall have been affixed, authorized to sign on behalf of the Issuer Trust, shall be validly issued and entitled to the benefits of this Trust Agreement, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them shall have ceased to be so authorized prior to the delivery of such Trust Securities Certificates or did not hold such offices at the date of delivery of such Trust Securities Certificates. A transferee of a Trust Securities Certificate shall become a Holder, and shall be entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations of a Holder hereunder, upon due registration of such Trust Securities Certificate in such transferee's name pursuant to Section 5.5.

(b) Upon their original issuance, Preferred Securities Certificates shall be issued in the form of one or more fully registered Global Preferred Securities Certificates which will be deposited with or on behalf of the Depository and registered in the name of the Depository's nominee. Unless and until it is exchangeable in whole or in part for the Preferred Securities in definitive form, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee

of the Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor of such Depository or a nominee of such successor.

(c) A single Common Securities Certificate representing the Common Securities shall be issued to the Depositor in the form of a definitive Common Securities Certificate.

SECTION 5.3. Execution and Delivery of Trust Securities Certificates.

At the Time of Delivery, the Administrators shall cause Trust Securities Certificates, in an aggregate Liquidation Amount as provided in Sections 2.4 and 2.5, to be executed on behalf of the Issuer Trust and delivered to the Property Trustee and upon such delivery the Property Trustee shall authenticate such Trust Securities Certificates and deliver such Trust Securities Certificates upon the written order of the Trust, executed by the Administrators thereof, without further corporate action by the Trust, in authorized denominations.

SECTION 5.4. Global Preferred Security.

(a) Any Global Preferred Security issued under this Trust Agreement shall be registered in the name of the nominee of the Clearing Agency and delivered to such custodian therefor, and such Global Preferred Security shall constitute a single Preferred Security for all purposes of this Trust Agreement.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Trust Agreement, a Global Preferred Security may not be exchanged in whole or in part for Preferred Securities registered, and no transfer of the Global Preferred Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than the Clearing Agency for such Global Preferred Security, or its nominee thereof unless (i) such Clearing Agency advises the Property Trustee in writing that such Clearing Agency is no longer willing or able to properly discharge its responsibilities as Clearing Agency with respect to such Global Preferred Security, and the Depositor is unable to locate a qualified successor, (ii) the Issuer Trust at its option advises the Depository in writing that it elects to terminate the book-entry system through the Clearing Agency, or (iii) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default.

(c) If a Preferred Security is to be exchanged in whole or in part for a beneficial interest in a Global Preferred Security, then either (i) such Global Preferred Security shall be so surrendered for exchange or cancellation as provided in this Article V or (ii) the Liquidation Amount thereof shall be reduced or increased by an amount equal to the portion thereof to be so

exchanged or cancelled, or equal to the Liquidation Amount of such other Preferred Security to be so exchanged for a beneficial interest therein, as the case may be, by means of an appropriate adjustment made on the records of the Security Registrar, whereupon the Property Trustee, in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, shall instruct the Clearing Agency or its authorized representative to make a corresponding adjustment to its records. Upon any such surrender or adjustment of a Global Preferred Security by the Clearing Agency, accompanied by registration instructions, the Property Trustee shall, subject to Section 5.4(b) and as otherwise provided in this Article V, authenticate and deliver any Preferred Securities issuable in exchange for such Global Preferred Security (or any portion thereof) in accordance with the instructions of the Clearing Agency. The Property Trustee shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and may conclusively rely on, and shall be fully protected in relying on, such instructions.

(d) Every Preferred Security authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for or in lieu of, a Global Preferred Security or any portion thereof, whether pursuant to this Article V or Article IV or otherwise, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Preferred Security, unless such Global Preferred Security is registered in the name of a Person other than the Clearing Agency for such Global Preferred Security or a nominee thereof.

(e) The Clearing Agency or its nominee, as the registered owner of a Global Preferred Security, shall be considered the Holder of the Preferred Securities represented by such Global Preferred Security for all purposes under this Trust Agreement and the Preferred Securities, and owners of beneficial interests in such Global Preferred Security shall hold such interests pursuant to the Applicable Procedures and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall not be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such Preferred Securities in definitive form and shall not be considered the Holders thereof under this Trust Agreement. Accordingly, any such owner's beneficial interest in the Global Preferred Security shall be shown only on, and the transfer of such interest shall be effected only through, records maintained by the Clearing Agency or its nominee. Neither the Property Trustee, the Securities Registrar nor the Depositor shall have any liability in respect of any transfers effected by the Clearing Agency.

(f) The rights of owners of beneficial interests in a Global Preferred Security shall be exercised only through the Clearing Agency and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such owners and the Clearing Agency.

SECTION 5.5. Registration of Transfer and Exchange Generally; Certain Transfers and Exchanges; Preferred Securities Certificates.

(a) The Property Trustee shall keep or cause to be kept at its Corporate Trust Office a register or registers for the purpose of registering Preferred Securities Certificates and transfers and exchanges of Preferred Securities Certificates in which the registrar and transfer agent with respect to the Preferred Securities (the "Securities Registrar"), subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, shall provide for the registration of Preferred Securities Certificates and Common Securities Certificates (subject to Section 5.11 in the case of Common Securities Certificates) and registration of transfers and exchanges of Preferred Securities Certificates as herein provided. Such register is herein sometimes referred to as the "Securities Register." The Property Trustee is hereby appointed "Securities Registrar" for the purpose of registering Preferred Securities and transfers of Preferred Securities as herein provided.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Preferred Security at the offices or agencies of the Property Trustee designated for that purpose, the Depositor shall execute, and authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Preferred Securities of the same series of any authorized denominations of like tenor and aggregate principal amount and bearing such legends as may be required by this Trust Agreement.

At the option of the Holder, Preferred Securities may be exchanged for other Preferred Securities of any authorized denominations, of like tenor and aggregate Liquidation Amount and bearing such legends as may be required by this Trust Agreement, upon surrender of the Preferred Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Property Trustee shall execute and authenticate and deliver the Preferred Securities that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

Every Preferred Security presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall (if so required by the Property Trustee) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Property

Trustee and the Securities Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing.

No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any transfer or exchange of Preferred Securities, but the Property Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Preferred Securities.

Neither the Issuer Trust nor the Property Trustee shall be required, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Preferred Security during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of selection for redemption of Preferred Securities pursuant to Article IV and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the notice of redemption, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Preferred Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except, in the case of any such Preferred Security to be redeemed in part, any portion thereof not to be redeemed.

(b) Certain Transfers and Exchanges. Trust Securities may only be transferred, in whole or in part, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Trust Agreement. Any transfer or purported transfer of any Trust Security not made in accordance with this Trust Agreement shall be null and void.

(i) Non Global Security to Non Global Security. A Trust Security that is not a Global Preferred Security may be transferred, in whole or in part, to a Person who takes delivery in the form of another Trust Security that is not a Global Security as provided in Section 5.5(a).

(ii) Free Transferability. Subject to this Section 5.5, Preferred Securities shall be freely transferable.

(iii) Exchanges Between Global Preferred Security and Non-Global Preferred Security. A beneficial interest in a Global Preferred Security may be exchanged for a Preferred Security that is not a Global Preferred Security as provided in Section 5.4.

SECTION 5.6. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Trust Securities Certificates.

If (a) any mutilated Trust Securities Certificate shall be surrendered to the Securities Registrar, or if the Securities Registrar shall receive evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Trust Securities Certificate and (b) there shall be delivered to the Securities Registrar and the

Administrators such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then in the absence of notice that such Trust Securities Certificate shall have been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Administrators, or any one of them, on behalf of the Issuer Trust shall execute and make available for delivery, and the Property Trustee shall authenticate, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Trust Securities Certificate, a new Trust Securities Certificate of like class, tenor and denomination. In connection with the issuance of any new Trust Securities Certificate under this Section, the Administrators or the Securities Registrar may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith. Any duplicate Trust Securities Certificate issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute conclusive evidence of an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Issuer Trust corresponding to that evidenced by the lost, stolen or destroyed Trust Certificate, as if originally issued, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Trust Securities Certificate shall be found at any time.

SECTION 5.7. Persons Deemed Holders.

The Issuer Trustees, the Securities Registrar or the Depositor shall treat the Person in whose name any Trust Securities are issued as the owner of such Trust Securities for the purpose of receiving Distributions and for all other purposes whatsoever, and none of the Issuer Trustees, the Administrators, the Securities Registrar nor the Depositor shall be bound by any notice to the contrary.

SECTION 5.8. Access to List of Holders' Names and Addresses.

Each Holder and each Owner shall be deemed to have agreed not to hold the Depositor, the Property Trustee, or the Administrators accountable by reason of the disclosure of its name and address, regardless of the source from which such information was derived.

SECTION 5.9. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Property Trustee shall designate, with the consent of the Administrators, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, an office or offices or agency or agencies where Preferred Securities Certificates may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer Trustees in respect of the Trust Securities Certificates may be served. The Property Trustee initially designates its Corporate Trust Office at Four Albany Street, New

York, NY 10006, Attention: Corporate Trust and Agency Group Corporate Market Services, as its corporate trust office for such purposes. The Property Trustee shall give prompt written notice to the Depositor, the Administrators and to the Holders of any change in the location of the Securities Register or any such office or agency.

SECTION 5.10. Appointment of Paying Agent.

The Paying Agent shall make Distributions to Holders from the Payment Account and shall report the amounts of such Distributions to the Property Trustee and the Administrators. Any Paying Agent shall have the revocable power to withdraw funds from the Payment Account solely for the purpose of making the Distributions referred to above. The Property Trustee may revoke such power and remove any Paying Agent in its sole discretion. The Paying Agent shall initially be the Property Trustee. Any Person acting as Paying Agent shall be permitted to resign as Paying Agent upon 30 days' written notice to the Administrators, and the Property Trustee. In the event that the Property Trustee shall no longer be the Paying Agent or a successor Paying Agent shall resign or its authority to act be revoked, the Property Trustee shall appoint a successor (which shall be a bank or trust company) that is reasonably acceptable to the Administrators to act as Paying Agent. Such successor Paying Agent or any additional Paying Agent appointed by the Administrators shall execute and deliver to the Issuer Trustees an instrument in which such successor Paying Agent or additional Paying Agent shall agree with the Issuer Trustees that as Paying Agent, such successor Paying Agent or additional Paying Agent will hold all sums, if any, held by it for payment to the Holders in trust for the benefit of the Holders entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Holders. The Paying Agent shall return all funds unclaimed for two years to the Property Trustee and upon removal of a Paying Agent such Paying Agent shall also return all funds in its possession to the Property Trustee. The provisions of Sections 8.1, 8.3 and 8.6 herein shall apply to the Bank also in its role as Paying Agent, for so long as the Bank shall act as Paying Agent and, to the extent applicable, to any other paying agent appointed hereunder. Any reference in this Trust Agreement to the Paying Agent shall include any co-paying agent chosen by the Property Trustee unless the context requires otherwise.

SECTION 5.11. Ownership of Common Securities by Depositor.

At each Time of Delivery, the Depositor shall acquire and retain beneficial and record ownership of the Common Securities except (i) in connection with a consolidation or merger of the Depositor into another corporation or any conveyance, transfer or lease by the Depositor of its properties and assets substantially

as an entirety to any Person, pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Indenture, or (ii) a transfer to an Affiliate of the Depositor in compliance with applicable law (including the Securities Act and applicable state securities and blue sky laws). To the fullest extent permitted by law, any attempted transfer of the Common Securities shall be void. The Administrators shall cause each Common Securities Certificate issued to the Depositor to contain a legend stating "THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE EXCEPT TO A SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE DEPOSITOR OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE DEPOSITOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND SECTION 5.11 OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT."

SECTION 5.12. Notices to Clearing Agency.

To the extent that a notice or other communication to the Holders is required under this Trust Agreement, for so long as Preferred Securities are represented by a Global Preferred Securities Certificate, the Administrators and the Issuer Trustees shall give all such notices and communications specified herein to be given to the Clearing Agency, and shall have no obligations to the Owners.

SECTION 5.13. Rights of Holders.

(a) The legal title to the Trust Property is vested exclusively in the Property Trustee (in its capacity as such) in accordance with Section 2.9, and the Holders shall not have any right or title therein other than the undivided beneficial ownership interest in the assets of the Issuer Trust conferred by their Trust Securities and they shall have no right to call for any partition or division of property, profits or rights of the Issuer Trust except as described below. The Trust Securities shall be personal property giving only the rights specifically set forth therein and in this Trust Agreement. The Trust Securities shall have no preemptive or similar rights and when issued and delivered to Holders against payment of the purchase price therefor will be fully paid and nonassessable by the Issuer Trust. The Holders of the Trust Securities, in their capacities as such, shall be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

(b) For so long as any Preferred Securities remain Outstanding, if, upon a Debenture Event of Default, the Debenture Trustee fails or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures fail to declare the principal of all of the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be immediately due and payable, the Holders of at least 25% in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities then Outstanding

shall have such right to make such declaration by a notice in writing to the Property Trustee, the Depositor and the Debenture Trustee.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Debenture Trustee as provided in the Indenture, the Holders of a majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, by written notice to the Property Trustee, the Depositor and the Debenture Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Depositor has paid or deposited with the Debenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay

(A) all overdue installments of interest on all of the Junior Subordinated Debentures,

(B) any accrued Additional Interest on all of the Junior Subordinated Debentures,

(C) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Junior Subordinated Debentures which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest and Additional Interest thereon at the rate borne by the Junior Subordinated Debentures, and

(D) all sums paid or advanced by the Debenture Trustee under the Indenture and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Debenture Trustee and the Property Trustee, their agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, other than the non-payment of the principal of the Junior Subordinated Debentures which has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.13 of the Indenture.

If the Property Trustee fails to annul any such declaration and waive such default, the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities shall also have the right to rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences by written notice to the Depositor, the Property Trustee and the Debenture Trustee, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Clause (i) and (ii) of this Section 5.13.

The Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities may, on behalf of the Holders of all the Preferred Securities, waive any past default under the Indenture, except a default in the payment of principal or interest (unless such default has been cured and a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest and principal due otherwise than by acceleration has been deposited with the Debenture Trustee) or a default in respect of a covenant or provision which under the Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Junior Subordinated Debentures. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Upon receipt by the Property Trustee of written notice declaring such an acceleration, or rescission and annulment thereof, by Holders of the Preferred Securities all or part of which is represented by Global Preferred Securities, a record date shall be established for determining Holders of Outstanding Preferred Securities entitled to join in such notice, which record date shall be at the close of business on the day the Property Trustee receives such notice. The Holders on such record date, or their duly designated proxies, and only such Persons, shall be entitled to join in such notice, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided, that, unless such declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, shall have become effective by virtue of the requisite percentage having joined in such notice prior to the day which is 90 days after such record date, such notice of declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment, as the case may be, shall automatically and without further action by any Holder be canceled and of no further effect. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a Holder, or a proxy of a Holder, from giving, after expiration of such 90-day period, a new written notice of declaration of acceleration, or rescission and annulment thereof, as the case may be, that is identical to a written notice which has been canceled pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, in which event a new record date shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.13(b).

(c) For so long as any Preferred Securities remain Outstanding, to the fullest extent permitted by law and subject to the terms of this Trust Agreement and the Indenture, upon a Debenture Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(1) or 5.1(2) of the Indenture, any Holder of Preferred Securities shall have the right to institute a proceeding directly against the Depositor, pursuant to Section 5.8 of the Indenture, for enforcement of payment to such Holder of the principal amount of or interest on Junior Subordinated Debentures having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities of such Holder (a "Direct Action"). Except

as set forth in Sections 5.13(b) and 5.13 (c), the Holders of Preferred Securities shall have no right to exercise directly any right or remedy available to the holders of, or in respect of, the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

ARTICLE VI

ACTS OF HOLDERS; MEETINGS; VOTING

SECTION 6.1. Limitations on Holder's Voting Rights.

(a) Except as provided in this Trust Agreement and in the Indenture and as otherwise required by law, no Holder of Preferred Securities shall have any right to vote or in any manner otherwise control the administration, operation and management of the Issuer Trust or the obligations of the parties hereto, nor shall anything herein set forth or contained in the terms of the Trust Securities Certificates be construed so as to constitute the Holders from time to time as members of an association.

(b) So long as any Junior Subordinated Debentures are held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Issuer Trust, the Property Trustee shall not (i) direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Debenture Trustee, or executing any trust or power conferred on the Property Trustee with respect to such Junior Subordinated Debentures, (ii) waive any past default that may be waived under Section 5.13 of the Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Junior Subordinated Debentures shall be due and payable or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Junior Subordinated Debentures, where such consent shall be required, without, in each case, obtaining the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, provided, however, that where a consent under the Indenture would require the consent of each Holder of Junior Subordinated Debentures affected thereby, no such consent shall be given by the Property Trustee without the prior written consent of each Holder of Preferred Securities. The Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of Preferred Securities, except by a subsequent vote of the Holders of Preferred Securities. The Property Trustee shall notify all Holders of the Preferred Securities of any notice of default received with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. In addition to obtaining the foregoing approvals of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, prior to taking any of the foregoing actions, the Issuer Trustees shall, at the expense of the Depositor, obtain an Opinion of Counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that such action

will not cause the Issuer Trust to be taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes.

(c) If any proposed amendment to the Trust Agreement provides for, or the Issuer Trust otherwise proposes to effect, (i) any action that would adversely affect in any material respect the interests, powers, preferences or special rights of the Preferred Securities, whether by way of amendment to the Trust Agreement or otherwise, or (ii) the dissolution of the Issuer Trust, other than pursuant to the terms of this Trust Agreement, then the Holders of Outstanding Trust Securities as a class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Trust Agreement, no amendment to this Trust Agreement may be made if, as a result of such amendment, it would cause the Issuer Trust to be taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 6.2. Notice of Meetings.

Notice of all meetings of the Holders, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, shall be given by the Property Trustee pursuant to Section 10.8 to each Holder of record, at his registered address, at least 15 days and not more than 90 days before the meeting. At any such meeting, any business properly before the meeting may be so considered whether or not stated in the notice of the meeting. Any adjourned meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice.

SECTION 6.3. Meetings of Holders.

No annual meeting of Holders is required to be held. The Property Trustee, however, shall call a meeting of Holders to vote on any matter upon the written request of the Holders of record of 25% of the aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities and the Administrators or the Property Trustee may, at any time in their discretion, call a meeting of Holders of Preferred Securities to vote on any matters as to which Holders are entitled to vote.

Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of Holders of the Preferred Securities.

If a quorum is present at a meeting, an affirmative vote by the Holders of record present, in person or by proxy, holding Preferred Securities representing at least a Majority in

Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities held by the Holders present, either in person or by proxy, at such meeting shall constitute the action of the Holders of Preferred Securities, unless this Trust Agreement requires a greater number of affirmative votes.

SECTION 6.4. Voting Rights.

Holders shall be entitled to one vote for each \$25 of Liquidation Amount represented by their Outstanding Trust Securities in respect of any matter as to which such Holders are entitled to vote.

SECTION 6.5. Proxies, etc.

At any meeting of Holders, any Holder entitled to vote thereat may vote by proxy, provided that no proxy shall be voted at any meeting unless it shall have been placed on file with the Property Trustee, or with such other officer or agent of the Issuer Trust as the Property Trustee may direct, for verification prior to the time at which such vote shall be taken. Pursuant to a resolution of the Property Trustee, proxies may be solicited in the name of the Property Trustee or one or more officers of the Property Trustee. Only Holders of record shall be entitled to vote. When Trust Securities are held jointly by several persons, any one of them may vote at any meeting in person or by proxy in respect of such Trust Securities, but if more than one of them shall be present at such meeting in person or by proxy, and such joint owners or their proxies so present disagree as to any vote to be cast, such vote shall not be received in respect of such Trust Securities. A proxy purporting to be executed by or on behalf of a Holder shall be deemed valid unless challenged at or prior to its exercise, and the burden of proving invalidity shall rest on the challenger. No proxy shall be valid more than three years after its date of execution.

SECTION 6.6. Holder Action by Written Consent.

Any action which may be taken by Holders at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if Holders holding at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of all Trust Securities entitled to vote in respect of such action (or such larger proportion thereof as shall be required by any other provision of this Trust Agreement) shall consent to the action in writing.

SECTION 6.7. Record Date for Voting and Other Purposes.

For the purposes of determining the Holders who are entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting or by written consent, or to participate in any distribution on the Trust

Securities in respect of which a record date is not otherwise provided for in this Trust Agreement, or for the purpose of any other action, the Administrators or Property Trustee may from time to time fix a date, not more than 90 days prior to the date of any meeting of Holders or the payment of a distribution or other action, as the case may be, as a record date for the determination of the identity of the Holders of record for such purposes.

SECTION 6.8. Acts of Holders.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Trust Agreement to be given, made 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 otherwise expressly provided herein, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Property Trustee. 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 Trust Agreement and (subject to Section 8.1) conclusive in favor of the Issuer Trustees, if made in the manner provided in this Section.

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

The ownership of Trust Securities shall be proved by the Securities Register.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Trust Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Trust Security and the Holder of every Trust 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

Issuer Trustees, the Administrators or the Issuer Trust in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Trust Security.

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

If any dispute shall arise among the Holders, the Administrators or the Issuer Trustees with respect to the authenticity, validity or binding nature of any request, demand, authorization, direction, consent, waiver or other Act of such Holder or Issuer Trustee under this Article VI, then the determination of such matter by the Property Trustee shall be conclusive with respect to such matter.

A Holder may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Depositor under the Guarantee Agreement to enforce its rights under the Guarantee Agreement without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Guarantee Trustee (as defined in the Guarantee Agreement), the Issuer Trust, any Issuer Trustee, any Administrator or any person or entity.

SECTION 6.9. Inspection of Records.

Upon reasonable notice to the Administrators and the Property Trustee, the records of the Issuer Trust shall be open to inspection by Holders during normal business hours for any purpose reasonably related to such Holder's interest as a Holder.

ARTICLE VII

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

SECTION 7.1. Representations and Warranties of the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee.

The Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee, each severally on behalf of and as to itself, hereby represents and warrants for the benefit of the Depositor and the Holders that:

(a) The Property Trustee is a banking corporation with trust powers, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of New York, with trust power and

authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of this Trust Agreement.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by the Property Trustee of this Trust Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Property Trustee; and this Trust Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Property Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(c) The execution, delivery and performance of this Trust Agreement by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Property Trustee.

(d) At the Time of Delivery, the Property Trustee has not knowingly created any liens or encumbrances on the Trust Securities.

(e) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York State or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee, of this Trust Agreement.

(f) The Delaware Trustee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with trust power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, the Trust Agreement.

(g) The execution, delivery and performance by the Delaware Trustee of this Trust Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Delaware Trustee; and this Trust Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Delaware Trustee, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' right generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(h) The execution, delivery and performance of this Trust Agreement by the Delaware Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Delaware Trustee.

(i) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to any state or Federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee, of this Trust Agreement.

(j) The Delaware Trustee is an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware.

SECTION 7.2. Representations and Warranties of Depositor.

The Depositor hereby represents and warrants for the benefit of the Holders that:

(a) the Trust Securities Certificates issued at the Time of Delivery on behalf of the Issuer Trust have been duly authorized and will have been duly and validly executed, and, subject to payment therefor, issued and delivered by the Issuer Trustees pursuant to the terms and provisions of, and in accordance with the requirements of, this Trust Agreement, and the Holders will be, as of each such date, entitled to the benefits of this Trust Agreement; and

(b) there are no taxes, fees or other governmental charges payable by the Issuer Trust (or the Issuer Trustees on behalf of the Issuer Trust) under the laws of the State of Delaware or any political subdivision thereof in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by either the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, of this Trust Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

THE ISSUER TRUSTEES; THE ADMINISTRATORS

SECTION 8.1. Certain Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) The duties and responsibilities of the Issuer Trustees and the Administrators shall be as provided by this Trust Agreement and, in the case of the Property Trustee, by the Trust Indenture Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision of this Trust Agreement shall require the Issuer Trustees or the Administrators to expend or risk their own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of their duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of their rights or powers, if they shall have reasonable grounds for believing that

repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it or them. Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Trust Agreement relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Issuer Trustees or the Administrators shall be subject to the provisions of this Section. Nothing in this Trust Agreement shall be construed to release an Administrator from liability for his or its own negligent action, his or its own negligent failure to act, or his or its own willful misconduct. To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Issuer Trustee or Administrator has duties and liabilities relating to the Issuer Trust or to the Holders, such Issuer Trustee or Administrator shall not be liable to the Issuer Trust or to any Holder for such Issuer Trustee's or Administrator's good faith reliance on the provisions of this Trust Agreement. The provisions of this Trust Agreement, to the extent that they restrict the duties and liabilities of the Issuer Trustees and Administrators otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the Depositor and the Holders to replace his or such other duties and liabilities of the Issuer Trustees and Administrators.

(b) All payments made by the Property Trustee or a Paying Agent in respect of the Trust Securities shall be made only from the revenue and proceeds from the Trust Property and only to the extent that there shall be sufficient revenue or proceeds from the Trust Property to enable the Property Trustee or a Paying Agent to make payments in accordance with the terms hereof. Each Holder, by his or its acceptance of a Trust Security, agrees that he or it will look solely to the revenue and proceeds from the Trust Property to the extent legally available for distribution to it or him as herein provided and that neither the Issuer Trustees nor the Administrators are personally liable to it or him for any amount distributable in respect of any Trust Security or for any other liability in respect of any Trust Security. This Section 8.1(b) does not limit the liability of the Issuer Trustees expressly set forth elsewhere in this Trust Agreement or, in the case of the Property Trustee, in the Trust Indenture Act.

(c) The Property Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Trust Agreement (including pursuant to Section 10.10), and no implied covenants shall be read into this Trust Agreement against the Property Trustee. If an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 5.13 of the Indenture), the Property Trustee shall enforce this Trust Agreement for the benefit of the Holders and shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Trust Agreement, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent

person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Trust Agreement shall be construed to relieve the Property Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

(A) the duties and obligations of the Property Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Trust Agreement (including pursuant to Section 10.10), and the Property Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Trust Agreement (including pursuant to Section 10.10); and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Property Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Trust Agreement; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof or of the Trust Indenture Act are specifically required to be furnished to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Trust Agreement;

(ii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by an authorized officer of the Property Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Property Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(iii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power

conferred upon the Property Trustee under this Trust Agreement;

(iv) the Property Trustee's sole duty with respect to the custody, safe keeping and physical preservation of the Junior Subordinated Debentures and the Payment Account shall be to deal with such Property in a similar manner as the Property Trustee deals with similar property for its own account, subject to the protections and limitations on liability afforded to the Property Trustee under this Trust Agreement and the Trust Indenture Act;

(v) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any interest on any money received by it except as it may otherwise agree with the Depositor; and money held by the Property Trustee need not be segregated from other funds held by it except in relation to the Payment Account maintained by the Property Trustee pursuant to Section 3.1 and except to the extent otherwise required by law;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall not be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the Administrators or the Depositor with their respective duties under this Trust Agreement, nor shall the Property Trustee be liable for the default or misconduct of any other Issuer Trustee, the Administrators or the Depositor; and

(vii) no provision of this Trust Agreement shall require the Property Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Property Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Trust Agreement or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(e) The Administrators shall not be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the Issuer Trustee or the Depositor with their respective duties under this Trust Agreement, nor shall either Administrator be liable for the default or misconduct of any other Administrator, the Issuer Trustees or the Depositor.

SECTION 8.2. Certain Notices.

Within five Business Days after the occurrence of any Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall transmit, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 10.8, notice of such Event of Default to the Holders and the Administrators, unless such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived.

Within five Business Days after the receipt of notice of the Depositor's exercise of its right to defer the payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures pursuant to the Indenture, the Property Trustee shall transmit, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 10.8, notice of such exercise to the Holders and the Administrators, unless such exercise shall have been revoked.

In the event the Property Trustee receives notice of the Depositor's exercise of its right to shorten the stated maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures as provided in Section 3.15 of the Indenture, the Property Trustee shall give notice of such shortening of the stated maturity to the Holders at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the effective date thereof.

SECTION 8.3. Certain Rights of Property Trustee.

Subject to the provisions of Section 8.1:

(a) the Property Trustee may rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting in good faith upon any resolution, Opinion of Counsel, certificate, written representation of a Holder or transferee, certificate of auditors or any other certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, appraisal, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any direction or act of the Depositor contemplated by this Trust Agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate;

(c) the Property Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (including any financing or continuation statement or any filing under tax or securities laws) or any re-recording, re-filing or re-registration thereof;

(d) the Property Trustee may consult with counsel of its own choosing (which counsel may be counsel to the Depositor or any

of its Affiliates, and may include any of its employees) and the advice of such 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 and in accordance with such advice; the Property Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Trust Agreement from any court of competent jurisdiction;

(e) the Property Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Trust Agreement at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Trust Agreement, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Property Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 8.3(e) shall be taken to relieve the Property Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Trust Agreement;

(f) the Property Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, unless requested in writing to do so by one or more Holders, but the Property Trustee may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit;

(g) the Property Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any of its duties hereunder either directly or by or through its agents or attorneys, provided that the Property Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder;

(h) whenever in the administration of this Trust Agreement the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Property Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders (which instructions may only be given by the Holders of the same proportion in Liquidation Amount of the Trust Securities as would be entitled to direct the Property Trustee under the terms of the Trust Securities in respect of such remedy, right or action), (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with such instructions; and

(i) except as otherwise expressly provided by this Trust Agreement, the Property Trustee shall not be under any obligation to take any action that is discretionary under the provisions of this Trust Agreement.

No provision of this Trust Agreement shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on any Issuer Trustee or Administrator to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it, in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Property Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts, or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to any Issuer Trustee or Administrator shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 8.4. Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained herein and in the Trust Securities Certificates shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer Trust, and the Issuer Trustees and the Administrators do not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Issuer Trustees and the Administrators shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Depositor of the proceeds of the Junior Subordinated Debentures.

SECTION 8.5. May Hold Securities.

Except as provided in the definition of the term "Outstanding" in Article I, the Administrators, any Issuer Trustee or any other agent of any Issuer Trustee or the Issuer Trust, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Trust Securities and, subject to Sections 8.8 and 8.13, may otherwise deal with the Issuer Trust with the same rights it would have if it were not an Administrator, Issuer Trustee or such other agent.

SECTION 8.6. Compensation; Indemnity; Fees.

The Depositor, as borrower, agrees:

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

(b) to reimburse the Issuer Trustees upon request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made

by the Issuer Trustees in accordance with any provision of this Trust Agreement (including the reasonable compensation, expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to their negligence or willful misconduct; and

(c) to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to indemnify and hold harmless (i) each Issuer Trustee, (ii) each Administrator, (iii) any Affiliate of any Issuer Trustee, (iv) any officer, director, shareholder, employee, representative or agent of any Issuer Trustee, and (v) any employee or agent of the Issuer Trust, (referred to herein as an "Indemnified Person") from and against any loss, damage, liability, tax (excluding income taxes, other than taxes referred to in Sections 4.5 and 4.6 hereunder), penalty, expense or claim of any kind or nature whatsoever incurred by such Indemnified Person arising out of or in connection with the creation, operation or dissolution of the Issuer Trust or any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Issuer Trust and in a manner such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Trust Agreement, except that no Indemnified Person shall be entitled to be indemnified in respect of any loss, damage or claim incurred by such Indemnified Person by reason of negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

The provisions of this Section 8.6 shall survive the termination of this Trust Agreement.

No Issuer Trustee may claim any lien or charge on any Trust Property as a result of any amount due pursuant to this Section 8.6.

The Depositor, any Administrator and any Issuer Trustee may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of any nature or description, independently or with others, similar or dissimilar to the business of the Issuer Trust, and the Issuer Trust and the Holders of Trust Securities shall have no rights by virtue of this Trust Agreement in and to such independent ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom, and the pursuit of any such venture, even if competitive with the business of the Issuer Trust, shall not be deemed wrongful or improper. Neither the Depositor, any Administrator, nor any Issuer Trustee shall be obligated to present any particular investment or other opportunity to the Issuer Trust even if such opportunity is of a character that, if presented to the Issuer Trust, could be taken by the Issuer Trust, and the Depositor, any Administrator or any Issuer Trustee shall have the right to take for its own account (individually or as a partner or fiduciary) or to recommend to others any such particular investment or other opportunity. Any

Issuer Trustee may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Depositor or any Affiliate of the Depositor, or may act as depository for, trustee or agent for, or act on any committee or body of holders of, securities or other obligations of the Depositor or its Affiliates.

SECTION 8.7. Corporate Property Trustee Required; Eligibility of Trustees and Administrators.

(a) There shall at all times be a Property Trustee hereunder with respect to the Trust Securities. The Property Trustee shall be a Person that is a national or state chartered bank and eligible pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act to act as such and has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. If any such Person publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Person shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Property Trustee with respect to the Trust Securities 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. At the time of appointment, the Property Trustee must have securities rated in one of the three highest rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

(b) There shall at all times be one or more Administrators hereunder. Each Administrator shall be either a natural person who is at least 21 years of age or a legal entity that shall act through one or more persons authorized to bind that entity. An employee, officer or Affiliate of the Depositor may serve as an Administrator.

(c) There shall at all times be a Delaware Trustee. The Delaware Trustee shall either be (i) a natural person who is at least 21 years of age and a resident of the State of Delaware or (ii) a legal entity with its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and that otherwise meets the requirements of applicable Delaware law that shall act through one or more persons authorized to bind such entity.

SECTION 8.8. Conflicting Interests.

(a) If the Property Trustee has or shall acquire a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, the Property Trustee shall either eliminate such interest or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject

to the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and this Trust Agreement.

(b) The Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture shall be deemed to be sufficiently described in this Trust Agreement for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 8.9. Co-Trustees and Separate Trustee.

Unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, at any time or times, for the purpose of meeting the legal requirements of the Trust Indenture Act or of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Trust Property may at the time be located, the Property Trustee shall have power to appoint, and upon the written request of the Property Trustee, the Depositor and the Administrators shall for such purpose join with the Property Trustee in the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to appoint, one or more Persons approved by the Property Trustee either to act as co-trustee, jointly with the Property Trustee, of all or any part of such Trust Property, or to the extent required by law to act as separate trustee of any such property, in either case with such powers as may be provided in the instrument of appointment, and to vest in such Person or Persons in the capacity aforesaid, any property, title, right or power deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the other provisions of this Section. Any co-trustee or separate trustee appointed pursuant to this Section shall either be (i) a natural person who is at least 21 years of age and a resident of the United States or (ii) a legal entity with its principal place of business in the United States that shall act through one or more persons authorized to bind such entity.

Should any written instrument from the Depositor be required by any co-trustee or separate trustee so appointed for more fully confirming to such co-trustee or separate trustee such property, title, right, or power, any and all such instruments shall, on request, be executed, acknowledged and delivered by the Depositor.

Every co-trustee or separate trustee shall, to the extent permitted by law, but to such extent only, be appointed subject to the following terms, namely:

(a) The Trust Securities shall be executed by one or more Administrators, and the Trust Securities shall be executed and delivered and all rights, powers, duties, and obligations hereunder in respect of the custody of securities, cash and other personal property held by, or required to be deposited or pledged with, the Property Trustees specified hereunder, shall be

exercised, solely by the Property Trustee and not by such co-trustee or separate trustee.

(b) The rights, powers, duties, and obligations hereby conferred or imposed upon the Property Trustee in respect of any property covered by such appointment shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Property Trustee and such co-trustee or separate trustee jointly, as shall be provided in the instrument appointing such co-trustee or separate trustee, except to the extent that under any law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act is to be performed, the Property Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations shall be exercised and performed by such co-trustee or separate trustee.

(c) The Property Trustee at any time, by an instrument in writing executed by it, with the written concurrence of the Depositor, may accept the resignation of or remove any co-trustee or separate trustee appointed under this Section, and, in case a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Property Trustee shall have power to accept the resignation of, or remove, any such co-trustee or separate trustee without the concurrence of the Depositor. Upon the written request of the Property Trustee, the Depositor shall join with the Property Trustee in the execution, delivery and performance of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to effectuate such resignation or removal. A successor to any co-trustee or separate trustee so resigned or removed may be appointed in the manner provided in this Section.

(d) No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of the Property Trustee or any other trustee hereunder.

(e) The Property Trustee shall not be liable by reason of any act of a co-trustee or separate trustee.

(f) Any Act of Holders delivered to the Property Trustee shall be deemed to have been delivered to each such co-trustee and separate trustee.

SECTION 8.10. Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor.

No resignation or removal of any Issuer Trustee (the "Relevant Trustee") and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 8.11.

Subject to the immediately preceding paragraph, a Relevant Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Holders. The Relevant Trustee shall appoint a successor by requesting from at least three Persons meeting the eligibility requirements its expenses and charges to serve as the successor Trustee on a form provided by the Administrators, and selecting the Person who agrees to the lowest expenses and charges, subject to the prior consent of the Depositor which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the instrument of acceptance by the successor Trustee required by Section 8.11 shall not have been delivered to the Relevant Trustee within 60 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the Relevant Trustee may petition, at the expense of the Issuer Trust, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

The Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee may be removed at any time by Act of the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, delivered to the Relevant Trustee (in its individual capacity and on behalf of the Issuer Trust) (i) for cause or (ii) if a Debenture Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at any time.

If a resigning Relevant Trustee shall fail to appoint a successor, or if a Relevant Trustee shall be removed or become incapable of acting as Issuer Trustee, or if any vacancy shall occur in the office of any Issuer Trustee for any cause, the Holders of the Preferred Securities, by Act of the Holders of record of not less than 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities then Outstanding delivered to such Relevant Trustee, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees, and such successor Issuer Trustee shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 8.11. If no successor Trustee shall have been so appointed by the Holders of the Preferred Securities and accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 8.11, any Holder, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, or any other Issuer Trustee, may petition any court in the State of Delaware for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

The Property Trustee shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of an a Relevant Trustee and each appointment of a successor Trustee to all Holders in the manner provided in Section 10.8 and shall give notice to the Depositor and to the Administrators. Each notice shall include the name of the Relevant Trustee and the address of its Corporate Trust Office if it is the Property Trustee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this Trust Agreement, in the event any Delaware Trustee who is a natural person dies or becomes, in the opinion of the Holders of the Common Securities, incompetent or incapacitated, the vacancy

created by such death, incompetence or incapacity may be filled by the Property Trustee following the procedures regarding expenses and charges set forth above (with the successor in each case being a Person who satisfies the eligibility requirement for Administrators or Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, set forth in Section 8.7).

SECTION 8.11. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee, the retiring Relevant Trustee and each such successor Trustee with respect to the Trust Securities shall execute, acknowledge and deliver an amendment hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (a) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Trust Securities and the Issuer Trust, and (b) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Trust Agreement as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the Issuer Trust by more than one Relevant Trustee, it being understood that nothing herein or in such amendment shall constitute such Relevant co-trustees and upon the execution and delivery of such amendment the resignation or removal of the retiring Relevant Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the Relevant Trustee; but, on request of the Issuer Trust or any successor Trustee such Relevant Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all Trust Property, all proceeds thereof and money held by such Relevant Trustee hereunder with respect to the Trust Securities and the Trust.

Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Issuer Trust shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in the first or second preceding paragraph, as the case may be.

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

SECTION 8.12. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any Person into which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be

consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Relevant Trustee shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of such Relevant Trustee, shall be the successor of such Relevant Trustee hereunder, provided that such Person 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.

SECTION 8.13. Preferential Collection of Claims Against Depositor or Issuer Trust.

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

SECTION 8.14. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other similar judicial proceeding relative to the Issuer Trust or any other obligor upon the Trust Securities or the property of the Issuer Trust or of such other obligor, the Property Trustee (irrespective of whether any Distributions on the Trust Securities shall then be due and payable and irrespective of whether the Property Trustee shall have made any demand on the Issuer Trust for the payment of any past due Distributions) shall be entitled and empowered, to the fullest extent permitted by law, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of any Distributions owing and unpaid in respect of the Trust Securities and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Property Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Property Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

(b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same; and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Property Trustee and, in the event the Property Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Property Trustee any amount due it for

the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Property Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Property Trustee.

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

SECTION 8.15. Reports by Property Trustee.

(a) Not later than January 31 of each year commencing with January 31, 1998, the Property Trustee shall transmit to all Holders in accordance with Section 10.8, and to the Depositor, a brief report dated as of the immediately preceding December 31 with respect to:

(i) its eligibility under Section 8.7 or, in lieu thereof, if to the best of its knowledge it has continued to be eligible under said Section, a written statement to such effect; and

(ii) any change in the property and funds in its possession as Property Trustee since the date of its last report and any action taken by the Property Trustee in the performance of its duties hereunder which it has not previously reported and which in its opinion materially affects the Trust Securities.

(b) In addition the Property Trustee shall transmit to Holders such reports concerning the Property Trustee and its actions under this Trust Agreement as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided pursuant thereto as set forth in Section 10.10 of this Trust Agreement.

(c) A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed by the Property Trustee with the Depositor.

SECTION 8.16. Reports to the Property Trustee.

The Depositor and the Administrators on behalf of the Issuer Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act and the compliance certificate required by Section 314(a) of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and

at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act, as set forth in Section 10.10 of this Trust Agreement. The Depositor and the Administrators shall annually file with the Property Trustee a certificate specifying whether such Person is in compliance with all the terms and covenants applicable to such Person hereunder.

SECTION 8.17. Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

Each of the Depositor and the Administrators on behalf of the Issuer Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Trust Agreement that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act as set forth in Section 10.10 of this Trust Agreement. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section 314(c)(1) of the Trust Indenture Act shall be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 8.18. Number of Issuer Trustees.

(a) The number of Issuer Trustees shall be two. The Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee may be the same Person.

(b) If an Issuer Trustee ceases to hold office for any reason, a vacancy shall occur. The vacancy shall be filled with an Issuer Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 8.10.

(c) The death, resignation, retirement, removal, bankruptcy, incompetence or incapacity to perform the duties of an Issuer Trustee shall not operate to annul the Issuer Trust.

SECTION 8.19. Delegation of Power.

(a) Any Administrator may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purpose of executing any documents contemplated in Section 2.7(a) or making any governmental filing; and

(b) The Administrators shall have power to delegate from time to time to such of their number the doing of such things and the execution of such instruments either in the name of the Issuer Trust or the names of the Administrators or otherwise as the Administrators may deem expedient, to the extent such delegation is not prohibited by applicable law or contrary to the provisions of this Trust Agreement.

SECTION 8.20. Appointment of Administrators.

(a) The Administrators (other than the initial Administrators) shall be appointed by the Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Common Securities and all Administrators (including the initial Administrators) may be removed by the Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Common Securities or may resign at any time. Each Administrator shall sign an agreement agreeing to comply with the terms of this Trust Agreement. If at any time there is no Administrator, the Property Trustee or any Holder who has been a Holder of Trust Securities for at least six months may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of one or more Administrators.

(b) Whenever a vacancy in the number of Administrators shall occur, until such vacancy is filled by the appointment of an Administrator in accordance with this Section 8.20, the Administrators in office, regardless of their number (and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement), shall have all the powers granted to the Administrators and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon the Administrators by this Trust Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, or any other provision of this Trust Agreement, in the event any Administrator or a Delaware Trustee who is a natural person dies or becomes, in the opinion of the Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Common Securities, incompetent, or incapacitated, the vacancy created by such death, incompetence or incapacity may be filled by the remaining Administrators, if there were at least two of them prior to such vacancy, and by the Depositor, if there were not two such Administrators immediately prior to such vacancy (with the successor in each case being a Person who satisfies the eligibility requirement for Administrators or Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, set forth in Section 8.7).

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this Trust Agreement, or by applicable law, any one Administrator may execute any document or otherwise take any action which the Administrators are authorized to take under this Trust Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION, LIQUIDATION AND MERGER

SECTION 9.1. Dissolution Upon Expiration Date.

Unless earlier dissolved, the Issuer Trust shall automatically dissolve on June 30, 2028 (the "Expiration Date"),

following the distribution of the Trust Property in accordance with Section 9.4.

SECTION 9.2. Early Termination.

The first to occur of any of the following events is an "Early Termination Event":

(a) the occurrence of the appointment of a receiver or other similar official in any liquidation, insolvency or similar proceeding with respect to the Depositor or all or substantially all of its property, or a court or other governmental agency shall enter a decree or order and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and undischarged for a period of 60 days, unless the Depositor shall transfer the Common Securities as provided by Section 5.11, in which case this provision shall refer instead to any such successor Holder of the Common Securities;

(b) the written direction to the Property Trustee from the Holder of the Common Securities at any time to dissolve the Issuer Trust and to distribute the Junior Subordinated Debentures to Holders in exchange for the Preferred Securities (which direction, subject to Section 9.4(a), is optional and wholly within the discretion of the Holders of the Common Securities);

(c) the redemption of all of the Preferred Securities in connection with the redemption of all the Junior Subordinated Debentures; and

(d) the entry of an order for dissolution of the Issuer Trust by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 9.3. Termination.

The respective obligations and responsibilities of the Issuer Trustees, the Administrators and the Issuer Trust created and continued hereby shall terminate upon the latest to occur of the following: (a) the distribution by the Property Trustee to Holders of all amounts required to be distributed hereunder upon the liquidation of the Issuer Trust pursuant to Section 9.4, or upon the redemption of all of the Trust Securities pursuant to Section 4.2, (b) the payment of any expenses owed by the Issuer Trust, (c) the discharge of all administrative duties of the Administrators, including the performance of any tax reporting obligations with respect to the Issuer Trust or the Holders and (d) the filing of a certificate of cancellation with the Delaware Secretary of State pursuant to Section 3810 of the Delaware Business Trust Act.

SECTION 9.4. Liquidation.

(a) If an Early Termination Event specified in clause (a), (b) or (d) of Section 9.2 occurs or upon the Expiration Date, the Issuer Trust shall be liquidated by the Property Trustee as expeditiously as the Property Trustee determines to be possible by distributing, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, to each Holder a Like Amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures, subject to Section 9.4(d). Notice of liquidation shall be given by the Property Trustee by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not later than 15 nor more than 45 days prior to the Liquidation Date to each Holder of Trust Securities at such Holder's address appearing in the Securities Register. All notices of liquidation shall:

(i) state the Liquidation Date;

(ii) state that, from and after the Liquidation Date, the Trust Securities will no longer be deemed to be Outstanding and any Trust Securities Certificates not surrendered for exchange will be deemed to represent a Like Amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures; and

(iii) provide such information with respect to the mechanics by which Holders may exchange Trust Securities Certificates for Junior Subordinated Debentures, or if Section 9.4(d) applies receive a Liquidation Distribution, as the Administrators or the Property Trustee shall deem appropriate.

(b) Except where Section 9.2(c) or 9.4(d) applies, in order to effect the liquidation of the Issuer Trust and distribution of the Junior Subordinated Debentures to Holders, the Property Trustee shall establish a record date for such distribution (which shall be not more than 30 days prior to the Liquidation Date) and, either itself acting as exchange agent or through the appointment of a separate exchange agent, shall establish such procedures as it shall deem appropriate to effect the distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures in exchange for the Outstanding Trust Securities Certificates.

(c) Except where Section 9.2(c) or 9.4(d) applies, after the Liquidation Date, (i) the Trust Securities will no longer be deemed to be Outstanding, (ii) the Clearing Agency for the Preferred Securities or its nominee, as the registered holder of the Global Preferred Securities Certificate, shall receive a registered global certificate or certificates representing the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be delivered upon such distribution with respect to Preferred Securities held by the Clearing Agency or its nominee, and, (iii) any Trust Securities Certificates not held by the Clearing Agency for the Preferred

Securities or its nominee as specified in clause (ii) above will be deemed to represent Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the stated Liquidation Amount of the Trust Securities represented thereby and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid Distributions on such Trust Securities until such certificates are presented to the Securities Registrar for transfer or reissuance.

(d) If, notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 9.4, whether because of an order for dissolution entered by a court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise, distribution of the Junior Subordinated Debentures is not practical, or if any Early Termination Event specified in clause (c) of Section 9.2 occurs, the Trust Property shall be liquidated, and the Issuer Trust shall be dissolved by the Property Trustee in such manner as the Property Trustee determines. In such event, on the date of the dissolution of the Issuer Trust, Holders will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Issuer Trust available for distribution to Holders, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Issuer Trust as provided by applicable law, an amount equal to the aggregate of Liquidation Amount per Trust Security plus accumulated and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"). If, upon any such dissolution, the Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Issuer Trust has insufficient assets available to pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then, subject to the next succeeding sentence, the amounts payable by the Issuer Trust on the Trust Securities shall be paid on a pro rata basis (based upon Liquidation Amounts). The Holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive Liquidation Distributions upon any such dissolution pro rata (determined as aforesaid) with Holders of Preferred Securities, except that, if a Debenture Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Securities shall have a priority over the Common Securities as provided in Section 4.3.

SECTION 9.5. Mergers, Consolidations, Amalgamations or Replacements of the Issuer Trust.

The Issuer Trust may not merge with or into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any entity, except pursuant to this Section 9.5. At the request of the Holders of the Common Securities, and with the consent of the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, the Issuer Trust may merge with or into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to a trust organized as such under the laws of any State; provided,

however, that (i) such successor entity either (a) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Issuer Trust with respect to the Preferred Securities or (b) substitutes for the Preferred Securities other securities having substantially the same terms as the Preferred Securities (the "Successor Securities") so long as the Successor Securities have the same priority as the Preferred Securities with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise, (ii) a trustee of such successor entity possessing the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee is appointed to hold the Junior Subordinated Debentures, (iii) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not cause the Preferred Securities (including any Successor Securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization if the Preferred Securities were rated by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization immediately prior to such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, (iv) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the Preferred Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect, (v) such successor entity has a purpose substantially identical to that of the Issuer Trust, (vi) prior to such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, the Issuer Trustee has received an Opinion of Counsel from independent counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that (a) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights preferences and privileges of the holders of the Preferred Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect, and (b) following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, neither the Issuer Trust nor such successor entity will be required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act and (vii) the Depositor or any permitted transferee to whom it has transferred the Common Securities hereunder own all of the Common Securities of such successor entity and guarantees the obligations of such successor entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Guarantee Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer Trust shall not, except with the consent of holders of 100% in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, amalgamation, merger, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease would cause the Issuer Trust or the successor entity to be taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 10.1. Limitation of Rights of Holders.

Except as set forth in Section 9.2, the death or incapacity of any person having an interest, beneficial or otherwise, in Trust Securities shall not operate to terminate this Trust Agreement, nor entitle the legal representatives or heirs of such person or any Holder for such person, to claim an accounting, take any action or bring any proceeding in any court for a partition or winding-up of the arrangements contemplated hereby, nor otherwise affect the rights, obligations and liabilities of the parties hereto or any of them. Any merger or similar agreement shall be executed by the Administrators on behalf of the Trust.

SECTION 10.2. Amendment.

(a) This Trust Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Property Trustee and the Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Common Securities, without the consent of any Holder of the Preferred Securities (i) to cure any ambiguity, correct or supplement any provision herein which may be inconsistent with any other provision herein, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Trust Agreement, provided, however, that such amendment shall not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any Holder or (ii) to modify, eliminate or add to any provisions of this Trust Agreement to such extent as shall be necessary to ensure that the Issuer Trust will not be taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes at any time that any Trust Securities are Outstanding or to ensure that the Issuer Trust will not be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

(b) Except as provided in Section 10.2(c) hereof, any provision of this Trust Agreement may be amended by the Property Trustee and the Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Common Securities with (i) the consent of Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities and (ii) receipt by the Issuer Trustees of an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment or the exercise of any power granted to the Issuer Trustees in accordance with such amendment will not cause the Issuer Trust to be taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes or affect the Issuer Trust's exemption from status of an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act.

(c) In addition to and notwithstanding any other provision in this Trust Agreement, without the consent of each affected Holder (such consent being obtained in accordance with Section 6.3 or 6.6 hereof), this Trust Agreement may not be amended to (i) change the amount or timing of any Distribution on the Trust Securities or otherwise adversely affect the amount of any Distribution required to be made in respect of the Trust Securities as of a specified date or (ii) restrict the right of a Holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such date.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Trust Agreement, no Issuer Trustee shall enter into or consent to any amendment to this Trust Agreement which would cause the Issuer Trust to fail or cease to qualify for the exemption from status as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act or be taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes.

(e) Notwithstanding anything in this Trust Agreement to the contrary, without the consent of the Depositor and the Administrators, this Trust Agreement may not be amended in a manner which imposes any additional obligation on the Depositor or the Administrators.

(f) In the event that any amendment to this Trust Agreement is made, the Administrators or the Property Trustee shall promptly provide to the Depositor a copy of such amendment.

(g) Neither the Property Trustee nor the Delaware Trustee shall be required to enter into any amendment to this Trust Agreement which affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Trust Agreement. The Property Trustee shall be entitled to receive an Opinion of Counsel and an Officers' Certificate stating that any amendment to this Trust Agreement is in compliance with this Trust Agreement.

(h) Any amendments to this Trust Agreement shall become effective when notice of such amendment is given to the holders of the Trust Securities.

SECTION 10.3. Separability.

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

SECTION 10.4. Governing Law.

THIS TRUST AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF EACH OF THE HOLDERS, THE ISSUER TRUST, THE DEPOSITOR, THE ISSUER TRUSTEES AND THE ADMINISTRATORS WITH RESPECT TO THIS TRUST AGREEMENT AND THE TRUST SECURITIES SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

SECTION 10.5. Payments Due on Non-Business Day.

If the date fixed for any payment on any Trust Security shall be a day that is not a Business Day, then such payment need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (except as otherwise provided in Sections 4.2(d)), with the same force and effect as though made on the date fixed for such payment, and no Distributions shall accumulate on such unpaid amount for the period after such date.

SECTION 10.6. Successors.

This Trust Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successor to the Depositor, the Issuer Trust, the Administrators and any Issuer Trustee, including any successor by operation of law. Except in connection with a consolidation, merger or sale involving the Depositor that is permitted under Article VIII of the Indenture and pursuant to which the assignee agrees in writing to perform the Depositor's obligations hereunder, the Depositor shall not assign its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 10.7. Headings.

The Article and Section headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Trust Agreement.

SECTION 10.8. Reports, Notices and Demands.

Any report, notice, demand or other communication that by any provision of this Trust Agreement is required or permitted to be given or served to or upon any Holder or the Depositor may be given or served in writing by deposit thereof, first class postage prepaid, in the United States mail, hand delivery or facsimile transmission, in each case, addressed, (a) in the case of a Holder of Preferred Securities, to such Holder as such Holder's name and address may appear on the Securities Register; and (b) in the case of the Holder of Common Securities or the Depositor, to First Empire State Corporation, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240, Attention: Office of the Secretary, facsimile no.: (716) 842-5376, or to such other address as may be specified in a written notice by the Depositor to the Property Trustee. Such

notice, demand or other communication to or upon a Holder shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, upon hand delivery, mailing or transmission. Such notice, demand or other communication to or upon the Depositor shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made only upon actual receipt of the writing by the Depositor.

Any notice, demand or other communication which by any provision of this Trust Agreement is required or permitted to be given or served to or upon the Issuer Trust, the Property Trustee, the Delaware Trustee, the Administrators, or the Issuer Trust shall be given in writing addressed (until another address is published by the Issuer Trust) as follows: (a) with respect to the Property Trustee to Bankers Trust Company, Four Albany Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10006, Attention: Corporate Trust and Agency Group Corporate Market Services; (b) with respect to the Delaware Trustee to Bankers Trust (Delaware), 1001 Jefferson Street, Suite 550, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attention: Ms. Lisa Wilkins; and (c) with respect to the Administrators, to them at the address above for notices to the Depositor, marked "Attention: Secretary". Such notice, demand or other communication to or upon the Issuer Trust or the Property Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made only upon actual receipt of the writing by the Issuer Trust, the Property Trustee, or such Administrator.

SECTION 10.9. Agreement Not to Petition.

Each of the Issuer Trustees, the Administrators and the Depositor agree for the benefit of the Holders that, until at least one year and one day after the Issuer Trust has been dissolved in accordance with Article IX, they shall not file, or join in the filing of, a petition against the Issuer Trust under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law (including, without limitation, the United States Bankruptcy Code) (collectively, "Bankruptcy Laws") or otherwise join in the commencement of any proceeding against the Issuer Trust under any Bankruptcy Law. In the event the Depositor takes action in violation of this Section 10.9, the Property Trustee agrees, for the benefit of Holders, that at the expense of the Depositor, it shall file an answer with the bankruptcy court or otherwise properly contest the filing of such petition by the Depositor against the Issuer Trust or the commencement of such action and raise the defense that the Depositor has agreed in writing not to take such action and should be estopped and precluded therefrom and such other defenses, if any, as counsel for the Issuer Trustee or the Issuer Trust may assert. If any Issuer Trustee or Administrator takes action in violation of this Section 10.9, the Depositor agrees, for the benefit of the Holders, that at the expense of the Depositor, it shall file an answer with the

bankruptcy court or otherwise properly contest the filing of such petition by such Person against the Depositor or the commencement of such action and raise the defense that such Person has agreed in writing not to take such action and should be estopped and precluded therefrom and such other defenses, if any, as counsel for the Issuer Trustee or the Issuer Trust may assert. The provisions of this Section 10.9 shall survive the termination of this Trust Agreement.

SECTION 10.10. Trust Indenture Act; Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

(a) Trust Indenture Act; Application. (i) This Trust Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be a part of this Trust Agreement and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; (ii) if and to the extent that any provision of this Trust Agreement limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control; (iii) for purposes of this Trust Agreement, the Property Trustee, to the extent permitted by applicable law and/or the rules and regulations of the Commission, shall be the only Issuer Trustee which is a trustee for the purposes of the Trust Indenture Act; and (iv) the application of the Trust Indenture Act to this Trust Agreement shall not affect the nature of the Preferred Securities and the Common Securities as equity securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust.

(b) Lists of Holders of Preferred Securities. (i) Each of the Depositor and the Administrators on behalf of the Trust shall provide the Property Trustee with such information as is required under Section 312(a) of the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided in Section 312(a) and (ii) the Property Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 310(b), 311 and 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(c) Reports by the Property Trustee. Within 60 days after May 15 of each year, the Property Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Trust Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form, in the manner and at the times provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Property Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(d) Periodic Reports to Property Trustee. Each of the Depositor and the Administrators on behalf of the Issuer Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee, the Commission and the Holders of the Trust Securities, as applicable, such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314(a)(1) -(3) (if

any) of the Trust Indenture Act and the compliance certificates required by Section 314(a)(4) and (c) of the Trust Indenture Act (provided that any certificate to be provided pursuant to Section 314(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act shall be provided within 120 days of the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer Trust.

(e) Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent. Each of the Depositor and the Administrators on behalf of the Issuer Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Trust Agreement which relate to any of the matters set forth in Section 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given pursuant to Section 314(c) shall comply with Section 314(e) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(f) Disclosure of Information. The disclosure of information as to the names and addresses of the Holders of Trust Securities in accordance with Section 312 of the Trust Indenture Act, regardless of the source from which such information was derived, shall not be deemed to be a violation of any existing law or any law hereafter enacted which does not specifically refer to Section 312 of the Trust Indenture Act, nor shall the Property Trustee be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request made under Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 10.11. Acceptance of Terms of Trust Agreement, Guarantee and Indenture.

THE RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF A TRUST SECURITY OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN BY OR ON BEHALF OF A HOLDER OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER, WITHOUT ANY SIGNATURE OR FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF ASSENT, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE HOLDER AND ALL OTHERS HAVING A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN SUCH TRUST SECURITY OF ALL THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS TRUST AGREEMENT, THE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT AND THE INDENTURE, AND THE AGREEMENT TO THE SUBORDINATION PROVISIONS AND OTHER TERMS OF THE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT AND THE INDENTURE, AND SHALL CONSTITUTE THE AGREEMENT OF

THE ISSUER TRUST, SUCH HOLDER AND SUCH OTHERS THAT THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS TRUST AGREEMENT SHALL BE BINDING, OPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS BETWEEN THE ISSUER TRUST AND SUCH HOLDER AND SUCH OTHERS.

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION,

as Depositor

By: _____
Name:
Title:

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
as Property Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title:

BANKERS TRUST (DELAWARE),
as Delaware Trustee and not
in its individual capacity

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Subscribed to and Accepted by,
as the Initial Administrators:

Darlene Spychala

Timothy C. McEvoy

[INSERT CERTIFICATE OF TRUST FILED WITH DELAWARE]

[INSERT FORM OF CERTIFICATE DEPOSITARY AGREEMENT]

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE EXCEPT TO THE
 DEPOSITOR OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE DEPOSITOR
 IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND
 SECTION 5.11 OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT

Certificate Number Number of Common Securities

C-___

Certificate Evidencing Common Securities

of

First Empire Capital Trust II

_____% Common Securities
 (liquidation amount \$25 per Common Security)

First Empire Capital Trust II, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Issuer Trust"), hereby certifies that First Empire State Corporation (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ (_____) common securities of the Issuer Trust representing undivided beneficial interests in the Issuer Trust and has designated the _____% Common Securities (liquidation amount \$25 per Common Security) (the "Common Securities"). Except in accordance with Section 5.11 of the Trust Agreement (as defined below) the Common Securities are not transferable and any attempted transfer hereof other than in accordance therewith shall be void. The designations, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Common Securities are set forth in, and this certificate and the Common Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the terms and provisions of, the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Issuer Trust, dated as of June ____, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Trust Agreement") among First Empire State Corporation, as Depositor, Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee, Bankers Trust (Delaware), as Delaware Trustee, and the Holders of Trust Securities, including the designation of the terms of the Common Securities as set forth therein. The Issuer Trust will furnish a copy of the Trust Agreement to the Holder without charge upon written request to the Issuer Trust at its principal place of business or registered office.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Trust Agreement and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

Terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Trust Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, one of the Administrators of the Issuer Trust has executed this certificate this ___ day of _____, ____.

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

By: _____
Name:
Administrator

COUNTERSIGNED AND REGISTERED:

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
as Securities Registrar

By: _____
Name:
Signatory Officer

EXHIBIT D

[IF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES CERTIFICATE IS TO BE A GLOBAL PREFERRED SECURITIES CERTIFICATE, INSERT--This Preferred Securities Certificate is a Global Preferred Securities Certificate within the meaning of the Trust Agreement hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of a Depository or a nominee of a Depository. This Preferred Security Certificate is exchangeable for Preferred Securities Certificates registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Trust Agreement and may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository, except in the limited circumstances described in the Trust Agreement.]

Unless this Preferred Security Certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York Corporation ("DTC"), to First Empire Capital Trust II or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Preferred Security Certificate issued is registered in the name of such nominee as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to such entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO A PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, has an interest herein.]

CERTIFICATE NUMBER NUMBER OF PREFERRED SECURITIES

P-___

CUSIP NO. _____

CERTIFICATE EVIDENCING PREFERRED SECURITIES

OF

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

_____% PREFERRED SECURITIES

(LIQUIDATION AMOUNT \$25 PER PREFERRED SECURITY)

First Empire Capital Trust II, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Issuer Trust"), hereby certifies that (the "Holder") is the registered owner of () preferred securities of the Trust representing a preferred undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the

Issuer Trust and has designated the First Empire Capital Trust II ____% Preferred Securities (liquidation amount \$25 per Preferred Security) (the "Preferred Securities"). The Preferred Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Issuer Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer as provided in Section 5.5 of the Trust Agreement (as defined below). The designations, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Preferred Securities are set forth in, and this certificate and the Preferred Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the terms and provisions of, the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Issuer Trust, dated as of June ____, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Trust Agreement"), among First Empire State Corporation, as Depositor, Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee, Bankers Trust (Delaware), as Delaware Trustee, and the Holders of Trust Securities, including the designation of the terms of the Preferred Securities as set forth therein. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Guarantee Agreement entered into by First Empire State Corporation, a New York corporation, and Bankers Trust Company, as guarantee trustee, dated as of June ____, 1997 (the "Guarantee Agreement"), to the extent provided therein. The Issuer Trust will furnish a copy of the Issuer Trust Agreement and the Guarantee Agreement to the Holder without charge upon written request to the Issuer Trust at its principal place of business or registered office.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Trust Agreement and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, one of the Administrators of the Issuer Trust
has executed this certificate this day of , .

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

By: _____
Name:
Administrator

COUNTERSIGNED AND REGISTERED:

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
as Securities Registrar

By: _____
Name:
Authorized Signatory

ASSIGNMENT

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

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

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints _____

agent to transfer this Preferred Security Certificate on the books of the Issuer Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Preferred Security Certificate)

The signature(s) should be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution (banks, stockbrokers, savings and loan associations and credit unions with membership in an approved signature guarantee medallion program), pursuant to S.E.C. Rule 17Ad-15.

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GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

Between

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION
(as Guarantor)

and

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
(as Trustee)

dated as of

June ____, 1997

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FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II

Certain Sections of this Guarantee Agreement relating to
Sections 310 through 318 of the
Trust Indenture Act of 1939:

Trust Indenture Act Section		Guarantee Agreement Section
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Section 310	(a) (1).....	4.1 (a)
	(a) (2).....	4.1 (a)
	(a) (3).....	Not Applicable
	(a) (4).....	Not Applicable
	(b).....	2.8, 4.1 (c)
Section 311	(a).....	Not Applicable
	(b).....	Not Applicable
Section 312	(a).....	2.2 (a)
	(b).....	2.2 (b)
	(c).....	Not Applicable
Section 313	(a).....	2.3
	(a) (4).....	2.3
	(b).....	2.3
	(c).....	2.3
	(d).....	2.3
Section 314	(a).....	2.4
	(b).....	2.4
	(c) (1).....	2.5
	(c) (2).....	2.5
	(c) (3).....	2.5
	(e).....	1.1, 2.5, 3.2
Section 315	(a).....	3.1 (d)
	(b).....	2.7
	(c).....	3.1 (c)
	(d).....	3.1 (d)
	(e).....	Not Applicable
Section 316	(a).....	1.1, 2.6, 5.4
	(a) (1) (A).....	5.4
	(a) (1) (B).....	5.4
	(a) (2).....	Not Applicable
	(b).....	5.3
	(c).....	Not Applicable
Section 317	(a) (1).....	Not Applicable
	(a) (2).....	Not Applicable
	(b).....	Not Applicable
Section 318	(a).....	2.1

Note: This reconciliation and tie shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be a part of the Guarantee Agreement.

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GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT, dated as of June ____, 1997 is executed and delivered by FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION, a New York corporation (the "Guarantor"), having its principal office at One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240, and BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of First Empire Capital Trust, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer Trust").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Trust Agreement (the "Trust Agreement"), dated as of June ____, 1997, among First Empire State Corporation, as Depositor, Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee (the "Property Trustee"), Bankers Trust (Delaware), as Delaware Trustee (the "Delaware Trustee") (collectively, the "Issuer Trustees") and the Holders from time to time of preferred undivided beneficial ownership interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust, the Issuer Trust is issuing up to \$100,000,000 aggregate Liquidation Amount (as defined herein) of its ____% Preferred Securities, Liquidation Amount \$25 per capital security (the "Preferred Securities"), representing preferred undivided beneficial ownership interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust and having the terms set forth in the Trust Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Preferred Securities will be issued by the Issuer Trust and the proceeds thereof, together with the proceeds from the issuance of the Issuer Trust's Common Securities (as defined herein), will be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Debentures due June ____, 2027 or such shorter period (as defined in the Trust Agreement) (the "Junior Subordinated Debentures") of the Guarantor which will be deposited with Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee under the Trust Agreement, as trust assets; and

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase Preferred Securities the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth herein, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase of Preferred Securities by each Holder, which purchase the Guarantor hereby acknowledges shall benefit the Guarantor, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Guarantor executes and delivers this

Guarantee Agreement for the benefit of the Holders from time to time of the Preferred Securities.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1. Definitions.

As used in this Guarantee Agreement, the terms set forth below shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Trust Agreement as in effect on the date hereof.

"Additional Amounts" has the meaning specified in the Trust Agreement.

"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.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer Trust.

"Distributions" means preferential cumulative cash distributions accumulating from June ____, 1997 and payable quarterly in arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year, commencing June ____, 1997, at the annual rate of ____% of the Liquidation Amount.

"Event of Default" means (i) a default by the Guarantor in any of its payment obligations under this Guarantee Agreement, or (ii) a default by the Guarantor in any other obligation hereunder that remains unremedied for 30 days.

"Guarantee Agreement" means this Guarantee Agreement, as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by or on behalf of the Issuer Trust: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions (as defined in the Trust Agreement) required to be paid on the Preferred

Securities, to the extent the Issuer Trust shall have funds on hand available therefor at such time, (ii) the Redemption Price, with respect to the Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer Trust to the extent that the Issuer Trust shall have funds on hand available therefor at such time, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary termination, winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer Trust, unless Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed to the Holders, the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the Liquidation Amount and all accumulated and unpaid Distributions to the date of payment to the extent the Issuer Trust shall have funds on hand available to make such payment at such time and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer Trust remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer Trust (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution").

"Guarantee Trustee" means Bankers Trust Company, until a Successor Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Guarantee Agreement and thereafter means each such Successor Guarantee Trustee.

"Guarantor" shall have the meaning specified in the first paragraph of this Guarantee Agreement.

"Holder" means any holder, as registered on the books and records of the Issuer Trust, of any Preferred Securities; provided, however, that, in determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of Preferred Securities have given any request, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, "Holder" shall not include the Guarantor, the Guarantee Trustee, or any Affiliate of the Guarantor or the Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Junior Subordinated Indenture dated as of June ____, 1997, between First Empire State Corporation and Bankers Trust Company, as trustee, as may be modified, amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Issuer Trust" shall have the meaning specified in the first paragraph of this Guarantee Agreement.

"Liquidation Amount" means the stated amount of \$25 per Preferred Security.

"Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, Preferred Securities representing more than 50% of the aggregate Liquidation Amount of all then outstanding Preferred Securities issued by the Issuer Trust.

"Like Amount" means (a) with respect to a redemption of Preferred Securities, Preferred Securities having a Liquidation

Amount equal to the principal amount of Junior Subordinated Debentures to be contemporaneously redeemed in accordance with the Indenture, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the Redemption Price of such Preferred Securities, (b) with respect to a distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to Holders of Preferred Securities in connection with a dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer Trust, Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities of the Holder to whom such Junior Subordinated Debentures are distributed, and (c) with respect to any distribution of Additional Amounts to Holders of Preferred Securities, Junior Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities in respect of which such distribution is made.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, President or a Vice President, and by the Treasurer, an Associate Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of such Person, and delivered to the Guarantee Trustee. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Guarantee Agreement shall include:

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

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

(c) a statement that such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, 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

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

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

"Preferred Securities" shall have the meaning specified in the first recital of this Guarantee Agreement.

"Redemption Date" means, with respect to any Preferred Security to be redeemed, the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to the Trust Agreement; provided that each Junior Subordinated Debenture Redemption Date (as such term is defined in the Indenture) and the stated maturity of the Junior Subordinated Debentures shall be a Redemption Date for a Like Amount of Preferred Securities.

"Redemption Price" shall have the meaning specified in the Trust Agreement.

"Responsible Officer" means, when used with respect to the Guarantee Trustee, any officer assigned to the Corporate Trust Office, including any managing director, vice president, assistant vice president, assistant treasurer, assistant secretary or any other officer of the Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and having direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Senior Indebtedness" shall have the meaning specified in the Indenture.

"Successor Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement, dated June ____, 1997, executed by First Empire State Corporation, as Depositor, Bankers Trust (Delaware), as Delaware Trustee, and Bankers Trust Company, as Property Trustee.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. Sections 77aaa-77bbb), as amended.

ARTICLE II. TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1. Trust Indenture Act; Application.

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

excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Guarantee Agreement as so modified or excluded, as the case may be.

SECTION 2.2. List of Holders.

(a) The Guarantor will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Guarantee Trustee:

(i) semi-annually, not more than 15 days after June 15 and December 15 in each year, a list, in such form as the Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders as of such date; and

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

(b) The Guarantee Trustee shall comply with the requirements of Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3. Reports by the Guarantee Trustee.

Not later than January 31 of each year, commencing January 31, 1998, the Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders such reports, if any, as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4. Periodic Reports to the Guarantee Trustee.

The Guarantor shall provide to the Guarantee Trustee, and the Holders such documents, reports and information, if any, as required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act, in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.5. Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

The Guarantor shall provide to the Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with such conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Guarantee Agreement that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer

pursuant to Section 314(c)(1) may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 2.6. Events of Default; Waiver.

The Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Guarantee Agreement, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent therefrom.

SECTION 2.7. Event of Default; Notice.

(a) The Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders, notices of all Events of Default known to the Guarantee Trustee, unless such Events of Default have been cured before the giving of such notice; provided that, except in the case of a default in the payment of a Guarantee Payment, the Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the Board of Directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders.

(b) The Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer charged with the administration of this Guarantee Agreement shall have received written notice of such Event of Default.

SECTION 2.8. Conflicting Interests.

The Trust Agreement shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Guarantee Agreement for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

ARTICLE III. POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE
GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

SECTION 3.1. Powers and Duties of the Guarantee Trustee.

(a) This Guarantee Agreement shall be held by the Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders, and the Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Guarantee Agreement to

any Person except a Holder exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(iv) or to a Successor Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Guarantee Trustee hereunder. The right, title and interest of the Guarantee Trustee, as such, hereunder shall automatically vest in any Successor Guarantee Trustee, upon acceptance by such Successor Guarantee Trustee of its appointment hereunder, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Guarantee Trustee.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Guarantee Agreement for the benefit of the Holders.

(c) The Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall be obligated to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Guarantee Agreement (including pursuant to Section 2.1), and no implied covenants shall be read into this Guarantee Agreement against the Guarantee Trustee. If an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6), the Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Guarantee Agreement, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

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

(i) Prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

(A) the duties and obligations of the Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Guarantee Agreement (including pursuant to Section 2.1), and the Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Guarantee Agreement (including pursuant to Section 2.1); and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Guarantee Trustee, the Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions

furnished to the Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Guarantee Agreement; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof or of the Trust Indenture Act are specifically required to be furnished to the Guarantee Trustee, the Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Guarantee Agreement;

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

(iii) The Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Guarantee Trustee under this Guarantee Agreement; and

(iv) No provision of this Guarantee Agreement shall require the Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if the Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not assured to it under the terms of this Guarantee Agreement or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

SECTION 3.2. Certain Rights of Guarantee Trustee.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:

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

(ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Guarantee Agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate unless otherwise prescribed herein.

(iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Guarantee Agreement, the Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting to take any action hereunder, the Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request from the Guarantee Trustee, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.

(iv) The Guarantee Trustee may consult with legal counsel, and the advice or written opinion of such legal counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such legal counsel may be legal counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may be one of its employees. The Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Guarantee Agreement from any court of competent jurisdiction.

(v) The Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Guarantee Agreement at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity as would satisfy a reasonable person in the position of the Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Guarantee Trustee.

(vi) The Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.

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

(viii) Whenever in the administration of this Guarantee Agreement the Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Guarantee Trustee (A) may request instructions from the Holders, (B) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received and (C) shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with such instructions.

(b) No provision of this Guarantee Agreement shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty to act in accordance with such power and authority.

SECTION 3.3. Indemnity.

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify the Guarantee Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence, wilful misconduct or bad faith on the part of the Guarantee Trustee, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this Guarantee Agreement, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The Guarantee Trustee will not claim or exact any lien or charge on any Guarantee Payments as a result of any amount due to it under this Guarantee Agreement.

SECTION 3.4. Expenses.

The Guarantor shall from time to time reimburse the Guarantee Trustee for its reasonable expenses and costs (including reasonable attorneys' or agents' fees) incurred in connection with the performance of its duties hereunder.

ARTICLE IV. GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

SECTION 4.1. Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility.

(a) There shall at all times be a Guarantee Trustee which shall:

(i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

(ii) be a Person that is eligible pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act to act as such and has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and shall be a corporation meeting the requirements of Section 310(a) of the Trust Indenture Act. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority, then, for the purposes of this Section and to the extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, 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.

(b) If at any time the Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(b).

(c) If the Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Guarantee Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 4.2. Appointment, Removal and Resignation of the Guarantee Trustee.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Guarantee Trustee and no appointment of a Successor Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the Successor Guarantee Trustee by written instrument executed by the Successor Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Holders and the Guarantee Trustee.

(b) Subject to the immediately preceding paragraph, a Guarantee Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Holders. The Guarantee Trustee shall appoint a successor by requesting from at least three Persons meeting the eligibility requirements such Person's expenses and charges to serve as the Guarantee Trustee, and selecting the Person who agrees to the lowest expenses and charges, subject to the prior consent of the Depositor which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the instrument of acceptance by the Successor Guarantee Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Guarantee Trustee within 60 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the Guarantee Trustee may petition, at the expense of the Guarantor, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a Successor Guarantee Trustee.

(c) The Guarantee Trustee may be removed for cause at any time by Act (within the meaning of Section 6.8 of the Trust Agreement) of the Holders of at least a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities, delivered to the Guarantee Trustee.

(d) If a resigning Guarantee Trustee shall fail to appoint a successor, or if a Guarantee Trustee shall be removed or become incapable of acting as Guarantee Trustee, or if any vacancy shall occur in the office of any Guarantee Trustee for any cause, the Holders of the Preferred Securities, by Act of the Holders of record of not less than 25% in aggregate Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities then outstanding delivered to such Guarantee Trustee, shall promptly appoint a successor Guarantee Trustee. If no Successor Guarantee Trustee shall have been so appointed by the Holders of the Preferred Securities and such appointment accepted by the Successor Guarantee Trustee, any Holder, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a Successor Guarantee Trustee.

ARTICLE V. GUARANTEE

SECTION 5.1. Guarantee.

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full on a subordinated basis as set forth in Section 6.1 hereof to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by or on behalf of the Issuer Trust), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which the Issuer Trust may have or assert, except the defense of payment. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer Trust to pay such amounts to the Holders. The Guarantor shall give prompt written notice to the Guarantee Trustee in the event it makes any direct payment hereunder.

SECTION 5.2. Waiver of Notice and Demand.

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of the Guarantee Agreement and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Guarantee Trustee, the Issuer Trust or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

SECTION 5.3. Obligations Not Affected.

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Guarantee Agreement shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

(a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer Trust of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer Trust;

(b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer Trust of all or any portion of the Distributions (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Junior Subordinated Debentures as so provided in the Indenture), Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities;

(c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer Trust granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

(d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer Trust or any of the assets of the Issuer Trust;

(e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;

(f) the settlement or compromise of any obligation guaranteed hereby or hereby incurred; or

(g) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor (other than payment of the underlying obligation), it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain the consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

SECTION 5.4. Rights of Holders.

The Guarantor expressly acknowledges that: (i) this Guarantee Agreement will be deposited with the Guarantee Trustee to be held for the benefit of the Holders; (ii) the Guarantee Trustee has the right to enforce this Guarantee Agreement on behalf of the Holders; (iii) the Holders of a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Guarantee Agreement or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Guarantee Trustee under this Guarantee Agreement; and (iv) any Holder may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce its rights under this Guarantee Agreement, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Guarantee Trustee, the Issuer Trust or any other Person.

SECTION 5.5. Guarantee of Payment.

This Guarantee Agreement creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection. This Guarantee Agreement will not be discharged except by payment of the Guarantee Payments in full (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer Trust) or upon the distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to Holders as provided in the Trust Agreement.

SECTION 5.6. Subrogation.

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all rights (if any) of the Holders against the Issuer Trust in respect of any amounts paid to the Holders by the Guarantor under this Guarantee Agreement; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any rights which it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Guarantee Agreement, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Guarantee Agreement. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

SECTION 5.7. Independent Obligations.

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer Trust with

respect to the Preferred Securities and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Guarantee Agreement notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

ARTICLE VI. COVENANTS AND SUBORDINATION

SECTION 6.1. Subordination.

This Guarantee Agreement will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness of the Guarantor to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Indenture with respect to the Junior Subordinated Debentures, and the provisions of Article XIII of the Indenture will apply, mutatis mutandis, to the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder. The obligations of the Guarantor hereunder do not constitute Senior Indebtedness of the Guarantor.

SECTION 6.2. Pari Passu Guarantees.

The obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee Agreement shall rank pari passu with any similar guarantee agreements issued by the Guarantor on behalf of the holders of preferred or capital securities issued by the Issuer Trust and with any other security, guarantee or other obligation that is expressly stated to rank pari passu with the obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee Agreement.

ARTICLE VII. TERMINATION

SECTION 7.1. Termination.

This Guarantee Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) the distribution of Junior Subordinated Debentures to the Holders in exchange for all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with Article IX of the Trust Agreement upon liquidation of the Issuer Trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Guarantee Agreement will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder is required to repay any sums paid with respect to Preferred Securities or this Guarantee Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 8.1. Successors and Assigns.

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Guarantee Agreement shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding. Except in connection with a consolidation, merger or sale involving the Guarantor that is permitted under Article VIII of the Indenture and pursuant to which the assignee agrees in writing to perform the Guarantor's obligations hereunder, the Guarantor shall not assign its obligations hereunder, and any purported assignment that is not in accordance with these provisions shall be void.

SECTION 8.2. Amendments.

Except with respect to any changes that do not materially adversely affect the rights of the Holders (in which case no consent of the Holders will be required), this Guarantee Agreement may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of not less than a Majority in Liquidation Amount of the Preferred Securities. The provisions of Article VI of the Trust Agreement concerning meetings of the Holders shall apply to the giving of such approval.

SECTION 8.3. Notices.

Any notice, request or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and delivered, telecopied (confirmed by delivery of the original) or mailed by first class mail as follows:

(a) if given to the Guarantor, to the address or telecopy number set forth below or such other address or telecopy number or to the attention of such other Person as the Guarantor may give notice to the Holders:

First Empire State Corporation
One M&T Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14246
Facsimile No.: (716) 842-5376
Attention: Office of the Secretary

(b) if given to the Issuer Trust, in care of the Guarantee Trustee, at the Issuer Trust's (and the Guarantee Trustee's) address set forth below or such other address or telecopy number or to the attention of such other Person as the

Guarantee Trustee on behalf of the Issuer Trust may give notice to the Holders:

c/o First Empire State Corporation
One M&T Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14246
Facsimile No.: (716) 842-5376
Attention: Office of the Secretary

with a copy to:

Bankers Trust Company
Four Albany Street - 4th Floor
New York, New York 10006
Facsimile No.: (212) 250-6961
Attention: Corporate Trust and Agency Group;
Corporate Market Services

(c) if given to the Guarantee Trustee:

Bankers Trust Company
Four Albany Street - 4th Floor
New York, New York 10006
Facsimile No.: (212) 250-6961
Attention: Corporate Trust and Agency Group
Corporate Market Services

(d) if given to any Holder, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer Trust.

All notices hereunder shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

SECTION 8.4. Benefit.

This Guarantee Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Holders and is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 8.5. Interpretation.

In this Guarantee Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) capitalized terms used in this Guarantee Agreement but not defined in the preamble hereto have the respective meanings assigned to them in Section 1.1;

(b) a term defined anywhere in this Guarantee Agreement has the same meaning throughout;

(c) all references to "the Guarantee Agreement" or "this Guarantee Agreement" are to this Guarantee Agreement as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;

(d) all references in this Guarantee Agreement to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Guarantee Agreement unless otherwise specified;

(e) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Guarantee Agreement unless otherwise defined in this Guarantee Agreement or unless the context otherwise requires;

(f) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
and

(g) the masculine, feminine or neuter genders used herein shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter genders.

SECTION 8.6. Governing Law.

THIS GUARANTEE AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICT OF LAW PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

SECTION 8.7. Counterparts.

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

THIS GUARANTEE AGREEMENT is executed as of the day and year first above written.

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION

By: -----

Name:
Title:

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
as Guarantee Trustee
and not in its individual
capacity

By: -----

Name:
Title:

May 30, 1997

First Empire Capital Trust II
c/o First Empire State Corporation
One M&T Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14240

Re: First Empire Capital Trust II

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Delaware counsel for First Empire Capital Trust II, a Delaware business trust (the "Trust"), in connection with the matters set forth herein. At your request, this opinion is being furnished to you.

For purposes of giving the opinions hereinafter set forth, our examination of documents has been limited to the examination of originals or copies of the following:

(a) The Certificate of Trust of the Trust (the "Certificate"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Secretary of State") on May 30, 1997;

(b) The Trust Agreement of the Trust, dated as of May 30, 1997, between First Empire State Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Company"), and the trustee of the Trust named therein;

(c) The Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-3, including a prospectus (the "Prospectus") relating to the ___% Capital Securities of the Trust representing preferred undivided beneficial interests in the Trust (each, a "Capital Security" and

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collectively, the "Capital Securities"), to be filed by the Company and the Trust as set forth therein with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(d) A form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Trust, to be entered into among the Company, the trustees of the Trust named therein, and the holders, from time to time, of undivided beneficial interests in the Trust (the "Trust Agreement"), to be attached as an exhibit to the Registration Statement; and

(e) A Certificate of Good Standing for the Trust, dated May 30, 1997, obtained from the Secretary of State.

Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the Trust Agreement.

For purposes of this opinion, we have not reviewed any documents other than the documents listed above, and we have assumed that there exists no provision in any document that we have not reviewed that bears upon or is inconsistent with the opinions stated herein. We have conducted no independent factual investigation of our own but rather have relied solely upon the foregoing documents, the statements and information set forth therein and the additional matters recited or assumed herein, all of which we have assumed to be true, complete and accurate in all material respects.

With respect to all documents examined by us, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as authentic originals, (ii) the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies or forms, and (iii) the genuineness of all signatures.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed (i) that the Trust Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties thereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, including with respect to the creation, operation and termination of the Trust, and that the Trust Agreement and the Certificate are in full force and effect and have not been amended, (ii) except to the extent provided in paragraph 1 below, the due creation or due organization or due formation, as the case may be, and valid existence in good standing of each party to the documents examined by us under the laws of the jurisdiction governing its creation, organization or formation, (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons who are parties to the documents examined by us, (iv) that each of the parties to the documents examined by us has the power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, such documents, (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery by all parties thereto of all documents examined by us, (vi) the receipt by each Person to whom a Capital Security is to be issued by the Trust (collectively, the "Capital Security Holders") of a Capital Security Certificate for such Capital Security and the payment for the Capital Security acquired by it, in accordance with the Trust Agreement and the

Prospectus, and (vii) that the Capital Securities are issued and sold to the Capital Security Holders in accordance with the Trust Agreement and the Prospectus. We have not participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and assume no responsibility for its contents.

This opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Delaware (excluding the securities laws of the State of Delaware), and we have not considered and express no opinion on the laws of any other jurisdiction, including federal laws and rules and regulations relating thereto. Our opinions are rendered only with respect to Delaware laws and rules, regulations and orders thereunder which are currently in effect.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such questions of law and statutes of the State of Delaware as we have considered necessary or appropriate, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a business trust under the Delaware Business Trust Act, 12 Del. C. ss. 3801, et seq.

2. The Capital Securities will represent valid and, subject to the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 below, fully paid and nonassessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

3. The Capital Security Holders, as beneficial owners of the Trust, will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We note that the Capital Security Holders may be obligated to make payments as set forth in the Trust Agreement.

We consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In addition, we hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading "Validity of Securities" in the Prospectus. In giving the foregoing consents, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of Persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder. Except as stated above, without our prior written consent, this opinion may not be furnished or quoted to, or relied upon by, any other Person for any purpose.

Very truly yours,

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June 2, 1997

The Board of Directors
First Empire State Corporation
One M&T Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14240

Re: First Empire State Corporation
Registration Statement on Form S-3
File No. 333-

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the information set forth under the caption "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences" contained in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by First Empire State Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Company"), and First Empire Capital Trust II, a Delaware business trust (the "Trust") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to (i) the proposed issuance by the Trust of \$100,000,000 aggregate liquidation amount of the Trust's ____% Capital Securities due June ____, 2027 (the "Capital Securities") registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (ii) the proposed issuance by the Company to the Trust of \$103,092,800 aggregate principal amount of the Company's ____% Junior Subordinated Debentures registered under the Securities Act, and (iii) the Company's guarantee, which guarantees certain obligations related to the Capital Securities, registered under the Securities Act.

The discussion under that caption, subject to the assumptions and conditions described therein, constitutes the legal opinion of Arnold & Porter. Our opinion is based on the case law, Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations and Internal Revenue Service rulings as they exist at the date hereof. These authorities are all subject to change, and such change may be made with retroactive effect. We can give no assurance that, after such change, our opinion would not be different. We undertake no responsibility to update or supplement our opinion.

We hereby consent to your filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and to reference to our firm under the caption "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences" contained in the Prospectus included therein. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Very truly yours,

ARNOLD & PORTER

By /s/ Arnold & Porter

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Prospectus constituting part of this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated January 9, 1997 appearing on page 54 of First Empire State Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Prospectus.

/S/ PRICE WATERHOUSE LLP

Buffalo, New York
June 2, 1997

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW BY ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned director and/or officer of First Empire State Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, hereby constitutes and appoints Michael P. Pinto, Gary S. Paul, Richard A. Lammert and Steven L. Kaplan, and each of them (with full power to each of them to act alone), his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents for him or her and on his or her behalf and in his or her name, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, in any hand and all capacities, to sign, execute and affix his or her seal to and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental or regulatory authority) a Registration Statement on any appropriate form and all amendments or supplements (including post-effective amendments) thereto with all exhibits and any and all documents required to be filed with respect thereto, relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of trust capital securities, debt securities and guarantees, and grants to each of them full power and authority to do and to perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises in order to effectuate the same as fully and to all intents and purposes as he himself or she herself might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned director and/or officer has hereunto set his or her hand and seal, as of the date specified.

Dated: -----
Brent D. Baird

Dated: June 2, 1997 /s/ John Benisch

John H. Benisch

Dated: June 2, 1997 /s/ C. Angela Bontempo

C. Angela Bontempo

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Robert T. Brady

Robert T. Brady

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Patrick J. Callan

Patrick J. Callan

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Richard E. Garman

Richard E. Garman

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ James V. Glynn

James V. Glynn

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Roy M. Goodman

Roy M. Goodman

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Patrick W.E. Hodgson

Patrick W.E. Hodgson

Dated: June 2, 1997 /s/ Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr.

Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr.

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Lambros J. Lambros

Lambros J. Lambros

Dated: -----
Wilfred J. Larson

Dated: June 2, 1997 /s/ Jorge G. Pereira

Jorge G. Pereira

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Raymond D. Stevens, Jr.

Raymond D. Stevens, Jr.

Dated: May 30, 1997 /s/ Herbert L. Washington

Herbert L. Washington

Dated: May 30, 1997

/s/ John L. Wehle, Jr.

John L. Wehle, Jr.

Dated: May 30, 1997

/s/ Robert G. Wilmers

Robert G. Wilmers

Dated: May 30, 1997

/s/ Michael P. Pinto

Michael P. Pinto

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) _____

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK 13-4941247
(Jurisdiction of Incorporation or (I.R.S. Employer
organization if not a U.S. national bank) Identification no.)

FOUR ALBANY STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10006
(Address of principal (Zip Code)
executive offices)

Bankers Trust Company
Legal Department
130 Liberty Street, 31st Floor
New York, New York 10006
(212) 250-2201
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION
(Exact name of obligor as specified
in its charter)

NEW YORK 16-0968385
(State or other (I.R.S. employer
jurisdiction of Identification no.)
Incorporation or
organization)

FIRST EMPIRE CAPITAL TRUST II
(Exact name of Co-Registrant as
specified in its charter)

DELAWARE Applied for
(State or other (I.R.S. employer
jurisdiction of Identification no.)
incorporation or
organization)

One M&T Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14240
(Address, including zip code
of principal executive offices)

c/o FIRST EMPIRE STATE CORPORATION
One M&T Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14240
(Address, including zip code of
principal executive offices)

Capital Securities of First Empire Capital Trust II
Junior Subordinated Debentures of First Empire State Corporation
Guarantee of First Empire State Corporation of certain obligations
under the Capital Securities
(Title of the indenture securities)

Item 1. General Information.

Furnish the following information as to the trustee.

- (a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to
which it is subject.

Name	Address
Federal Reserve Bank (2nd District)	New York, NY
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, D.C.
New York State Banking Department	Albany, NY

- (b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

Item 2. Affiliations with Obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such
affiliation.

None.

Item 3. -15. Not Applicable

Item 16. List of Exhibits.

Exhibit 1 - Restated Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust
Company dated August 7, 1990, Certificate of Amendment
of the Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company
dated June 21, 1995 - Incorporated herein by reference
to Exhibit 1 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration
No. 33-65171, and Certificate of Amendment of the
Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company dated
March 20, 1996, copy attached.

Exhibit 2 - Certificate of Authority to commence business
Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 filed with
Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 33-21047.

Exhibit 3 - Authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers - Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 33-21047.

Exhibit 4 - Existing By-Laws of Bankers Trust Company, as amended on February 18, 1997, Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 333-24509-01.

Exhibit 5 - Not applicable.

Exhibit 6 - Consent of Bankers Trust Company required by Section 321(b) of the Act. - Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 22-18864.

Exhibit 7 - A copy of the latest report of condition of Bankers Trust Company dated as of March 31, 1997.

Exhibit 8 - Not Applicable.

Exhibit 9 - Not Applicable.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the trustee, Bankers Trust Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 30th day of May, 1997.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

By: _____
Kevin Weeks
Assistant Treasurer

SIGNATURE

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

By: s/Kevin Weeks/s

Kevin Weeks
Assistant Treasurer

Legal Title of Bank: Bankers Trust Company
 Address: 130 Liberty Street
 City, State ZIP: New York, NY 10006
 FDIC Certificate No.: | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 3

Call Date: 3/31/97
 Vendor ID: D

ST-BK: 36-4840
 CERT: 00623

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Consolidated Report of Condition for Insured Commercial
 and State-Chartered Savings Banks March 31, 1997

All schedules are to be reported in thousands of dollars. Unless otherwise indicated, reported the amount outstanding as of the last business day of the quarter.

Schedule RC--Balance Sheet

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands		C400	
	RCFD	Bil	Mil	Thou

ASSETS				
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions (from Schedule RC-A):				
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin(1)	0081	1,589,000	1.a.	
b. Interest-bearing balances(2)	0071	2,734,000	1.b.	
2. Securities:				
a. Held-to-maturity securities (from Schedule RC-B, column A)	1754	0	2.a.	
b. Available-for-sale securities (from Schedule RC-B, column D)	1773	4,433,000	2.b.	
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	1350	26,490,000	3	
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C)	RCFD 2122	15,941,000	4.a.	
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	RCFD 3123	708,000	4.b.	
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	RCFD 3128	0	4.c.	
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c)	2125	15,233,000	4.d.	
5. Assets held in trading accounts	3545	38,115,000	5.	
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	2145	924,000	6.	
7. Other real estate owned (from Schedule RC-M)	2150	188,000	7.	
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies (from Schedule RC-M)	2130	175,000	8.	
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	2155	618,000	9.	
10. Intangible assets (from Schedule RC-M)	2143	17,000	10.	
11. Other assets (from Schedule RC-F)	2160	4,424,000	11.	
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	2170	94,940,000	12.	

(1) Includes cash items in process of collection and unposted debits.
 (2) Includes time certificates of deposit not held in trading accounts.

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Schedule RC--Continued

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands		///	///	///	///	///	///	///	Bil	Mil	Thou
LIABILITIES												
13. Deposits:			///	///	///	///	///	///	///			
a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E, part I)			RC	ON	2200	14,450,000				13.a.		
(1) Noninterest-bearing(1)	RC	ON 6631	2,917,000							13.a.(1)		
(2) Interest-bearing	RC	ON 6636	11,533,000							13.a.(2)		
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs (from Schedule RC-E part II)			RC	FN	2200	23,456,000				13.b.		
(1) Noninterest-bearing	RC	FN 6631	1,062,000							13.b.(1)		
(2) Interest-bearing	RC	FN 6636	22,394,000							13.b.(2)		
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase			RC	FD	2800	15,195,000				14		
15. a. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury			RC	ON	2840	0				15.a.		
b. Trading liabilities (from Schedule RC-D)			RC	FD	3548	18,911,000				15.b.		
16. Other borrowed money: (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases):			///	///	///	///	///	///	///			
a. With original maturity of one year or less			RC	FD	2332	7,701,000				16.a.		
b. With original maturity of more than one year			RC	FD	2333	4,438,000				16.b.		
17. Not applicable										17.		
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding			RC	FD	2920	618,000				18.		
19. Subordinated notes and debentures			RC	FD	3200	1,226,000				19.		
20. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G)			RC	FD	2930	3,971,000				20.		
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			RC	FD	2948	89,966,000				21.		
22. Not applicable										22.		
EQUITY CAPITAL												
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus			RC	FD	3838	600,000				23.		
24. Common stock			RC	FD	3230	1,002,000				24.		
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)			RC	FD	3839	540,000				25.		
26. a. Undivided profits and capital reserves			RC	FD	3632	3,241,000				26.a.		
b. Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities			RC	FD	8434	(31,000)				26.b.		
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			RC	FD	3284	(378,000)				27.		
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)			RC	FD	3210	4,974,000				28.		
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)			RC	FD	3300	94,940,000				29.		

Memorandum

To be reported only with the March Report of Condition.

1. Indicate in the box at the right the number of the statement below that best describes the most comprehensive level of auditing work performed for the bank by independent external auditors as of any date during 1996 RCFD 6724 1 | M.1

- 1 = Independent audit of the bank conducted in accordance performed by other with generally accepted auditing standards by a certified state chartering public accounting firm which submits a report on the bank
- 2 = Independent audit of the bank's parent holding company financial statements by external conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a certified public accounting firm which statements by external submits a report on the consolidated holding company (but not on the bank separately)
- 3 = Directors' examination of the bank conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a certified public accounting firm (may be required by state chartering authority)
- 4 = Directors' examination of the bank external auditors (may be required by authority)
- 5 = Review of the bank's auditors
- 6 = Compilation of the bank's financial auditors
- 7 = Other audit procedures (excluding tax preparation work)
- 8 = No external audit work

(1) Including total demand deposits and noninterest-bearing time and savings deposits.

State of New York,

Banking Department

I, PETER M. PHILBIN, Deputy Superintendent of Bank of the State of New York, DO HEREBY APPROVE the annexed Certificate entitled "CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE OF BANKERS TRUST COMPANY Under Section 8005 of the Banking Law," dated March 20, 1996, providing for an increase in authorized capital stock from \$1,351,666,670 consisting of 85,166,667 shares with a par value of \$10 each designated as Common Stock and 500 shares with a par value of \$1,000,000 each designated as Series Preferred Stock to \$1,501,666,670 consisting of 100,166,667 shares with a par value of \$10 each designated as Common Stock and 500 shares with a par value of \$1,000,000 each designated as Series Preferred Stock.

Witness, my hand and official seal of the Banking Department at the City of New York, this 21st day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

/s/ Peter M. Philbin

Deputy Superintendent of Banks

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF THE

ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE

OF BANKERS TRUST

Under Section 8005 of the Banking Law

We, James T. Byrne, Jr. and Lea Lahtinen, being respectively a Managing Director and an Assistant Secretary of Bankers Trust Company, do hereby certify:

1. The name of the corporation is Bankers Trust Company.

2. The organization certificate of said corporation was filed by the Superintendent of Banks on the 5th of march, 1903.

3. The organization certificate as heretofore amended is hereby amended to increase the aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue and to increase the amount of its authorized capital stock in conformity therewith.

4. Article III of the organization certificate with reference to the authorized capital stock, the number of shares into which the capital stock shall be divided, the par value of the shares and the capital stock outstanding, which reads as follows:

"III. The amount of capital stock which the corporation is hereafter to have is One Billion, Three Hundred Fifty One Million, Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,351,666,670), divided into Eighty-Five Million, One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Seven (85,166,667) shares with a par value of \$10 each designated as Common Stock and 500 shares with a par value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each designated as Series Preferred Stock."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"III. The amount of capital stock which the corporation is hereafter to have is One Billion, Five Hundred One Million, Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,501,666,670), divided into One Hundred Million, One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Seven (100,166,667) shares with a par value of \$10 each designated as Common Stock and 500 shares with a par value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each designated as Series Preferred Stock."

6. The foregoing amendment of the organization certificate was authorized by unanimous written consent signed by the holder of all outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made and subscribed this certificate this 20th day of March , 1996.

/s/ James T. Byrne, Jr.

James T. Byrne, Jr.
Managing Director

/s/ Lea Lahtinen

Lea Lahtinen
Assistant Secretary

State of New York)
) ss:
County of New York)

Lea Lahtinen, being fully sworn, deposes and says that she is an Assistant Secretary of Bankers Trust Company, the corporation described in the foregoing certificate; that she has read the foregoing certificate and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements herein contained are true.

/s/ Lea Lahtinen

Lea Lahtinen

Sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 1996.

/s/ Sandra L. West

Notary Public

SANDRA L. WEST
Notary Public State of
New York
No. 31-4942101
Qualified in New York
County
Commission Expires
September 19, 1996

Counterpart filed in the
Office of the Superintendent
of Banks, State of New York,
This 21st day of March, 1996