ARTICLE III

INITIAL TERM; RENEWAL TERMS

Section 3.01. Initial Term. The Initial Term of this Contract shall commence on the Contract Date and shall end on the last day of the Initial Management Term.

Section 3.02. Initial Management Term. The Initial Management Term shall commence on the Service Commencement Date and shall end on the fifteenth (15th) anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

Section 3.03. Metro Renewal Options. Metro will have the right, at its sole option, to (a) extend the term of the Contract for five (5) years following the end of the Initial Management Term and (b) further extend the term of the Contract two (2) more times for additional five (5) year terms (each such extension being a "Renewal Term"), in each case on the same terms and conditions as the Initial Management Term of the Contract. Metro may exercise its option to extend the term of the Contract for the first Renewal Term (a) any time during the Initial Management Term following the fifth full Contract Year of the Initial Management Term, but not later than 180 days prior to the scheduled expiration of the Initial Management Term and (b) for any subsequent Renewal Term at any time during the Initial Term or a prior Renewal Term, but not later than 180 days prior to the scheduled expiration of the prior Renewal Term. Metro may exercise more than one renewal option simultaneously, provided that the remaining Term of this Contract shall never exceed fifteen (15) years, unless Metro receives a legal opinion from its bond counsel that exercise of such options will not adversely affect the tax exemption of bonds issued to finance the Facility.

Section 3.04. Manner of Exercise of Option. Metro may exercise the options granted under **Section 3.03** by notice in writing to the Contractor delivered in the manner specified for notices in **Section 20.08**.