



## CHAPTER xxxii.

An Act to extend the limits of supply of and confer further powers on the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company and for other purposes.

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[30th June 1925.]

WHEREAS by the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Act 1900 the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") were incorporated and authorised to supply electricity in bulk within certain limits therein defined comprising portions of the counties of Middlesex Hertford and Essex and by several subsequent Acts further powers with reference to the supply of electricity have been conferred upon the Company and their limits of supply have been extended :

And whereas by the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Act 1907 the powers of the Company of supplying electricity in a large part of their area of supply (in that Act referred to as "the special district") were enlarged and by the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Act 1909 the special district within which such enlarged powers might be exercised was extended :

And whereas the authorised capital of the Company is 1,500,000*l.* the whole of which has been created and issued and consists of 599,980 fully paid up 6 per centum preference shares of 1*l.* each, 250,000*l.* fully paid up 8 per centum second preference stock which is redeemable at the option of the Company on any dividend date

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And whereas the issued loan capital of the Company consists of mortgages or debentures of the amount of 224,800*l.* or thereabouts redeemable at the option of the Company on six months' notice and 346,600*l.* or thereabouts 5½ per centum debenture stock redeemable by annual sinking fund drawings or at the option of the Company on six months' notice at 102½ per centum :

And whereas the demands for a supply of electricity within and beyond the Company's limits of supply have increased and are increasing and it is expedient that the Company's limits of supply and the said special district be further extended and that the Company be authorised to raise additional share and loan capital and to exercise the other powers by this Act conferred upon them :

And whereas it is expedient that further provisions with reference to the Company and their undertaking be enacted as by this Act provided :

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short and collective titles.

1.—(1) This Act may be cited for all purposes as the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Act 1925.

(2) The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Acts 1900 to 1922 and this Act may together be cited as the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Acts 1900 to 1925.

Incorporation of Acts.

2. The Lands Clauses Acts (except the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the taking and purchase of lands otherwise than by agreement) the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and the Companies Clauses Act 1863 (except sections 17 to 20 and Part IV.) as amended by subsequent Acts are (so far as applicable to the purposes of this

Act and except where expressly varied by or inconsistent with this Act or the existing Acts) incorporated with and form part of this Act. A.D. 1925.

3. Section 4 (Exempting Company from certain provisions of Electric Lighting Acts) of the Act of 1907 shall be incorporated with this Act and have effect as if re-enacted therein Provided that— Incorporation of Electricity Supply Acts.

(a) The provisions of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 which are by the said section incorporated with the Act of 1907 shall be incorporated with this Act subject to any modifications of those provisions contained in the existing Acts or in the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1922; and

(b) Section 81 of the said schedule shall not apply to any generating station or works erected on the lands described in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Generating station."

4. In this Act—

The words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the Electric Lighting Act 1882 or the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 have the same respective meanings unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; Interpretation.

"The Company" means the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company;

"The existing Acts" means the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Acts 1900 to 1922;

"The Act of 1900" "the Act of 1902" "the Act of 1905" "the Act of 1907" "the Act of 1909" "the Act of 1914" "the Act of 1920" and "the Act of 1922" respectively mean the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Acts of those respective years;

"The undertaking" means the undertaking of the Company for the time being authorised;

"Authorised undertakers" and "authorised distributors" have the same respective meanings

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as are given to those expressions by the Act of 1900;

“The Company’s limits” means the limits described in section 5 (Limits of Act) of the Act of 1900 as extended by section 3 (Limits of Act of 1900 extended) of the Act of 1905 and by the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “Extension of Company’s limits”;

“The added areas” means the areas added to the Company’s limits by the said section of this Act.

Extension of Company’s limits.

**5.**—(1) From and after the passing of this Act the limits within which the Company may supply electricity for the purposes and under the powers of the Act of 1900 shall be extended so as to include the urban districts of Baldock Bishop Stortford Hitchin Royston Sawbridgeworth and Stevenage and the rural districts of Ashwell Buntingford Hadham and Hitchin all in the county of Herts.

(2) From and after the passing of this Act all the provisions of the existing Acts shall be read and construed as if the expressions “the limits of this Act” “the Company’s limits” “the limits of 1900” and any other expressions which refer to the limits described in section 5 (Limits of Act) of the Act of 1900 or to the last-mentioned limits as extended by section 3 (Limits of Act of 1900 extended) of the Act of 1905 meant the Company’s limits as defined in this Act.

Extension of special district.

**6.** The added areas shall be included within and form part of the special district referred to in the Act of 1907 and all the provisions of the existing Acts shall be read and have effect as if the expression “the special district” meant the special district as defined in section 5 (Interpretation) of the Act of 1907 and extended (subject to the provisions of the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is “For protection of Finchley Urban District Council”) by section 4 (Extension of special district of 1907) of the Act of 1909 and this Act Provided that the words “at the date of the passing of this Act” in section 7 of the Act of 1907 shall with respect to any area forming part of the added areas be construed as meaning the date of the passing of this Act and not the date of the passing of the Act of 1907.

7. The provisions of section 8 (As to applications for Provisional Orders) of the Act of 1907 shall extend and apply to the added areas as if that section had been re-enacted in this Act.

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Section 8 of Act of 1907 to apply within added areas.

8.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the existing Acts or this Act subsection (1) of section 6 (For protection of Hertfordshire County Council) of the Act of 1909 shall not apply to or within the added areas nor to or within any borough or urban or rural district in the county of Hertford in which at the passing of this Act (i) the local authority were not the authorised distributors and (ii) no supply of electricity was being given by the Company under the powers of section 7 (As to supply in special district) of the Act of 1907.

Modification of section 6 of Act of 1909.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make the said subsection (1) cease to apply to so much of the borough of Hertford as was added by the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hertford Extension) Act 1920 to the area defined in the schedule to the Hertford Electric Lighting Order 1891.

(3) The Company shall not within the urban districts of Baldock Bishops Stortford Hitchin or Stevenage or the parishes of Graveley Knebworth or Willian in the rural district of Hitchin or the parish of Thorley in the rural district of Hadham commence to supply electricity under the powers of section 7 of the Act of 1907 except with the previous consent of the local authority for the district but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld Any dispute as to whether any such consent is unreasonably withheld shall on the application of the Company be determined by the Electricity Commissioners whose decision shall be final.

9. The Company shall within two years from the passing of this Act or within such extended time as may be approved by the Electricity Commissioners submit to the Commissioners proposals for the development of the supply of electricity in any parts of the added areas where there is a demand for a supply of electricity and a reasonable prospect of such supply being remunerative (but except any part of the added areas where the Company are not entitled to supply without the consent of other authorised distributors) and those proposals shall (subject to the provisions of

Company to submit proposals for supply in added areas.



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— 1900 to 1925) be carried into effect within the time  
prescribed by the Commissioners when giving their  
approval.

Maximum  
prices for  
lighting in  
certain  
areas.

**10.** Notwithstanding anything in the existing Acts the Company may charge for electricity supplied by them for lighting purposes within the added areas or within any borough or urban or rural district situate in the special district and in which no supply of electricity was on the first day of January nineteen hundred and twenty-four being given by the Company for lighting purposes any prices not exceeding those set out in the schedule to this Act Provided that the prices and methods of charge stated in the said schedule may at any time after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act be revised and altered by the Minister of Transport under and in accordance with the provisions of section 4 (Revision of prices and methods of charge) of the Act of 1922 as though the said prices and methods of charge had been stated in the existing Acts as defined in the Act of 1922.

Generating  
station.

**11.—(1)** The Company may by agreement acquire or take on lease and may hold and use for the purposes of the undertaking the lands hereinafter described and may on those lands or any part thereof so long as they are possessed of the same erect maintain and use a station or stations for generating electricity with all proper and necessary or convenient engines dynamos batteries accumulators machinery plant rails roads buildings apparatus and works and produce transform transmit use and supply electricity for the purposes and subject to the provisions of the existing Acts and this Act Provided that nothing in this section shall relieve the Company from the necessity for obtaining the consent of the Electricity Commissioners under section 11 of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919 to the erection or construction of any such station as aforesaid.

The lands hereinbefore referred to are :—

A plot of land in the urban district of Enfield containing 36 acres or thereabouts situate on the west side of the River Lea Navigation and comprising parts of the enclosures numbered 707 and 1421 on the Ordnance map (scale  $\frac{1}{2500}$ ).

Middlesex sheet VII.—4 (edition of 1913) and Middlesex sheet VIII.—1 (edition of 1920) which plot of land is bounded on the east by the River Lea Navigation on the south by the existing Brimsdown generating station property of the Company and a line drawn from the north-western corner of that property in a west-north-west direction on the west by the public footpath or cart track leading across the said enclosures to the Enfield Small Arms Factory on the north-west by the siding leading from the London and Bishop Stortford Railway of the London and North Eastern Railway Company to the said Small Arms Factory and on the north-east by the north-eastern boundary of the said enclosure numbered 707. A.D. 1925.  
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2) Any generating station to be erected under the powers of this section shall be exempt from the operation of any public or local Act or any byelaw made thereunder by the local authority relating to the construction cubical extent height or position of or to open spaces about buildings or to temporary buildings but any generating station to be so erected shall be constructed with due regard to the position thereof in relation to neighbouring buildings and to air spaces about the same and for the protection from fire and the Company shall comply with any reasonable requirements of the local authority in reference to such matters and in the event of the Company not agreeing to any requirements of such authority under this section the difference shall be settled by arbitration under the Electric Lighting Act 1882 :

Provided that this subsection shall not be deemed to exempt any such generating station from the operation of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901.

12. In addition to any other lands which the Company are by the existing Acts and this Act authorised to hold and use they may (by agreement but not otherwise) acquire or take on lease and hold and use for the general purposes of the undertaking any further lands within the Company's limits not exceeding in the whole one hundred acres Provided that the Company shall not on any lands acquired and held by them under this Additional lands.

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Power to raise additional capital.

**13.** The Company may raise additional capital not exceeding in the whole five hundred thousand pounds nominal capital and such capital and any capital authorised by the Act of 1920 may be created and issued at the option of the Company as shares or stock of any existing class or classes or of any other class or classes or wholly or partially by any one or more of those modes respectively.

Issue of shares.

**14.** The Company shall not issue any share forming part of the additional capital by this Act authorised of less nominal amount than one pound nor shall any such share vest in the person accepting the same unless and until a sum not being less than one-fifth of the amount of the share shall have been paid in respect thereof.

Incidents of new shares and stock.

**15.**—(1) The capital in new shares or stock created by the Company under this Act and the new shares or stock therein and the holders thereof respectively shall if the shares or stock be of the same class or description as any now existing shares or stock in the capital of the Company be subject and entitled to the same powers provisions liabilities rights privileges and incidents whatsoever in all respects as if the first mentioned capital were part of the now existing capital of the same class or description and the new shares or stock were shares or stock in that existing capital.

(2) Any shares or stock created by the Company under this Act or under the Act of 1920 as modified by this Act and not being of the same class or description as any shares or stock in the capital of the Company existing at the passing of this Act may be created and issued with such fixed fluctuating contingent preferential perpetual terminable deferred or other dividend or interest of such rate or amount (limited or unlimited) and the holders thereof respectively shall be entitled and subject to such rights of voting (if any) and such other powers rights privileges and liabilities as the Company may determine Provided that any preference assigned to any shares or stock so issued shall not affect any guarantee or any preference or priority in the pay-



ment of dividend or interest on any shares or stock that may have been created and issued by the Company under any of the existing Acts or that may be otherwise lawfully subsisting. A.D. 1925.  
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**16.**—(1) The Company (subject to and without prejudice to the terms upon which any prior issue of shares shall have been made) may at any time after the passing of this Act by resolution passed by at least three-fourths of the votes of the shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Company held for the purpose of authorising the issue under the powers of the existing Acts or this Act of any further shares in the capital of the Company determine that such shares shall upon the issue thereof form a special class or classes of shares instead of forming part of any then existing class or classes of shares or forming any new class of shares authorised by section 13 of the Companies Clauses Act 1863. As to special classes of shares and securities.

(2) The Company (subject to and without prejudice to the terms upon which any prior issue of shares shall have been made) may by any such resolution assign or allocate to any such special class or classes of shares so much of the profits of the Company as may be derived from any specified portion or portions of the undertaking of the Company in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by such resolution and either *pari passu* with or in priority to any other shares or to any other class or classes of shares in the Company whether then existing or to be in future created and the Company may distinguish and apply the profits of the Company accordingly.

(3) The terms and conditions to which the shares in any special class are subject shall be clearly stated on the certificates of such shares.

(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the rights of any mortgagees of the Company or holders of debentures or debenture stock of the Company or any other creditors of the Company and nothing in this section shall authorise the payment of any dividend on the shares in any special class of ordinary shares to which the profits of any specified portion or portions of the undertaking of the Company are assigned or allocated

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— time authorised to pay in accordance with the provisions  
of section 31 (Relation of price and dividend) of the  
Act of 1900 as amended by section 18 (Amending  
section 31 of Act of 1900) of the Act of 1907.

(5) In this section the word "shares" includes  
stock and the word "shareholders" includes stock-  
holders.

Power to  
borrow.

17. The Company may in respect of the additional  
capital of five hundred thousand pounds which they  
are by this Act authorised to raise borrow on debenture  
or mortgage of the undertaking any sum or sums not  
exceeding in the whole one-half of the amount of the  
additional capital at the time actually issued and  
accepted but no part of any such sum or sums shall be  
borrowed until shares for so much of the additional  
capital in respect of which the borrowing powers are  
exercised as is to be raised by means of shares are issued  
and accepted and one-half thereof is paid up and the  
Company have proved to the justice who is to certify  
under the fortieth section of the Companies Clauses  
Consolidation Act 1845 before he so certifies that such  
shares have been issued and accepted and that one-half  
thereof has been paid up and that not less than one-fifth  
part of the amount of each separate share so issued  
and accepted has been paid on account thereof before  
or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof and  
until stock for one-half of so much of the additional  
capital in respect of which the borrowing powers are  
exercised as is to be raised by means of stock is fully  
paid up and the Company have proved to such justice  
as aforesaid before he so certifies that such shares or  
stock as the case may be were issued and accepted and  
to the extent aforesaid paid up bona fide and are held  
by the persons to whom the same were issued or their  
executors administrators successors or assigns and also  
so far as the said additional capital is raised by shares  
that such persons or their executors administrators suc-  
cessors or assigns are legally liable for the same Upon  
production to the justice of the books of the Company  
and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient he  
shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has  
been given which certificate shall be sufficient evidence  
thereof.

18. The following sections of the Act of 1914 and the Act of 1920 shall so far as the same are applicable extend and apply to and for the purposes of this Act as if the same were re-enacted in this Act with the substitution in the sections of the Act of 1914 of the words "the Company" for "the Power Company" and other necessary alterations:—

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Application  
of sections  
of Acts of  
1914 and  
1920.

Act of 1914—

- Section 19 (Debenture stock);
- Section 20 (Application of moneys);
- Section 22 (Power to apply funds).

Act of 1920—

- Section 11 (Appointment of receiver);
- Section 15 (Power to sub-divide shares);
- Section 16 (Power to purchase and cancel debentures and debenture stock).

19.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the existing Acts or this Act or any Act incorporated therewith respectively any sums which the Company are by the existing Acts or this Act authorised to raise by the creation and issue of debenture stock may if the Company think fit be raised by the creation and issue either at a discount or at par or at a premium of second debenture stock carrying interest at such rates as the Company shall think fit.

Power to  
issue  
second  
debenture  
stock.

(2) All second debenture stock with the interest thereon shall be a charge upon the undertaking of the Company ranking prior to all ordinary and preference shares or stock of the Company and immediately subsequent to any debenture stock (not being second debenture stock) created and issued by the Company.

(3) The interest on second debenture stock shall have priority of payment over all dividends or interest on any shares or stock (other than debenture stock) of the Company whether ordinary or preference or otherwise and shall rank next to the interest payable on the debenture stock (not being second debenture stock) and mortgages at any time created and issued or granted by the Company under the existing Acts or this Act or any subsequent Act but the holders of second debenture stock shall not as among themselves be entitled to any preference or priority.

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(4) Notice of the effect of subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be endorsed on all certificates of second debenture stock.

Provision  
for redemp-  
tion of loan  
capital.

**20.**—(1) The Company may if they think fit from time to time set aside out of revenue (after providing for the payment of interest or dividends on any mortgages debentures or debenture stock or preference capital of the Company and for other fixed charges and obligations) such sums as they may consider proper for the purpose of providing for the repayment or redemption of any mortgages debentures or redeemable debenture stock granted or issued by them which under the conditions of the grant or issue may or are to be repaid or redeemed wholly or partly in cash and the directors may invest any sums so set aside and the income therefrom in any securities in which trustees are for the time being by law authorised to invest trust funds or in any other securities in which the directors may be authorised to invest those sums by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company:

Provided that the aggregate amount of the sums set aside out of revenue under this subsection shall not in any one year exceed two and a half per centum of the total nominal amount of such mortgages debentures and redeemable debenture stock as aforesaid.

(2) Any sums so set aside as aforesaid and the investments representing the same and any other moneys which have been or may be set aside by the Company to any contingency or reserve fund or otherwise under section 122 of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 may if and whenever the directors think fit be applied in the repayment or redemption of any such mortgages debentures or redeemable debenture stock at maturity or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the grant or issue thereof or in the purchase in the market or by tender or in any other way of any such mortgages debentures or debenture stock at any price not exceeding the redemption price Any mortgages debentures or debenture stock so purchased may at any time be cancelled and extinguished but the amount of any mortgages debentures or debenture stock so cancelled shall be deemed to be money borrowed and paid off by the Company within the meaning of section 39 of

the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and the provisions of that section as to re-borrowing by the Company shall apply accordingly. A.D. 1925.  
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(3) Subsection (3) of section 13 (Issue of redeemable preference capital and debenture stock) of the Act of 1922 shall have effect as if the words "other than debenture stock" were inserted therein after the word "stock."

**21.** Section 13 (Issue of redeemable preference and debenture stock) of the Act of 1922 as amended by this Act shall extend and apply to and with respect to any preference capital or debenture stock of any class which the Company are for the time being authorised to create and issue so as to authorise the Company to create and issue any such preference capital or debenture stock as redeemable capital or stock. As to issue of redeemable capital.

**22.—(1)** Notwithstanding anything in the existing Acts or this Act or any Acts incorporated therewith respectively the Company may out of any money which they are by those Acts or any of them authorised to raise pay interest at such rate not exceeding (except with the consent of the Electricity Commissioners) six per centum per annum as the directors may determine to the holder of any shares stock debenture stock debentures mortgages or other securities issued or granted by the Company for the purpose of raising money for the acquisition of the lands described in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Generating station" and for the construction on those lands of a station or stations for generating electricity and the other works authorised by the said section of this Act on the amount from time to time paid up on such securities from the respective times of such payments until the expiration of five years from the date or respective dates of the said payments or during such less period as the directors may determine but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated (that is to say):—

(a) No such interest shall accrue in favour of the holder of any such security for any time during which any call on his securities is in arrear;

(b) The aggregate amount to be so paid for interest shall not exceed (except with the consent of the Electricity Commissioners) one hundred



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and twelve thousand five hundred pounds and the amount so paid shall not be deemed share capital in respect of which the borrowing powers of the Company may be exercised but such borrowing powers shall be reduced to the extent of one half of the amount paid for interest as aforesaid;

- (c) Notice that the Company have power to pay interest out of capital shall be given in every prospectus advertisement or other document of the Company issued or published by or on behalf of the Company after the passing of this Act inviting subscriptions for any securities in respect of which the directors may have determined that such interest shall be paid and in every certificate of such securities;
- (d) The yearly accounts of the Company shall show the amount of capital on which and the rate at which interest has been paid in pursuance of this section.

(2) Save as is hereinbefore set forth no interest shall be paid out of any share or loan capital which the Company are by the existing Acts or this Act authorised to raise to any shareholder on the amount of the calls made in respect of the shares held by him but nothing in this Act shall prevent the Company from paying to any shareholder such interest on money advanced by him beyond the amount of the calls actually made as is in conformity with the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.

Provisions  
as to  
meetings of  
holders of  
separate  
classes of  
shares  
stock or  
debenture  
stock.

**23.**—(1) The directors may whenever they think it expedient so to do convene a meeting of the holders of any particular class of either shares or stock in the capital of the Company or of debenture stock issued by the Company and may submit to any such meeting any resolution affecting the rights of the holders of that class of shares or stock or debenture stock and not prejudicially affecting the rights of the holders of any other security of the Company.

(2) If at any special meeting of the holders of any special class of shares or stock or of debenture stock convened under this section any resolution is passed with the approval of three-fourths in value of such

holders present in person or by proxy at the meeting such resolution shall be deemed valid and be binding on all holders of shares or stock or debenture stock (as the case may be) of the same class and due effect shall and may be given to such resolution by the Company and the directors accordingly. A.D. 1925.

(3) Any special meeting as aforesaid to be convened under this section shall be convened in manner prescribed by the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 for the holding of extraordinary meetings of shareholders or in manner prescribed by the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Notices of meetings" as though the word "shareholder" in the said Act of 1845 or the said section of this Act meant the holders of shares or stock or debenture stock of the particular class to be convened to the meeting and at any such meeting the holders of such shares or stock or debenture stock (as the case may be) may vote in person or by proxy.

(4) The provisions of sections 76 and 77 of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 (as amended or modified by the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1888) with reference to the appointment of proxies by shareholders and voting by proxy shall apply to the appointment of proxies by the holders of stock or debenture stock and to voting by those proxies and the provisions of section 53 (Joint holders) of the Act of 1907 with reference to voting by joint holders of shares and of section 79 of the said Act of 1845 with reference to voting by minors and other persons shall also apply to and in the case of the holders of stock or debenture stock as if in those sections the words "a share" or the word "share" included the words stock and debenture stock and the word "shareholder" included a holder of stock and holder of debenture stock.

(5) Section 80 of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall apply to the proof of the approval by the necessary majority of the holders of any particular class of shares or stock or of debenture stock of any resolution proposed at a special meeting of the holders of such security as if that section were re-enacted in this Act with the substitution of the words "holders of any particular class of shares or stock or of debenture stock" for the word "company" in the first and second places where that word occurs in the said section.

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Notices of  
meetings.

**24.** (1) All or any meetings of the Company whether ordinary or extraordinary may be convened by notice sent by post to or delivered at the registered address or other known address of each shareholder Provided that the notice if sent by post shall be in a pre-paid envelope or wrapper and posted not less than seven clear days before the date of the meeting and if delivered shall be delivered at such address as aforesaid not less than six clear days before the date of the meeting In proving that any such notice has been sent by post it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post and pre-paid not later than the time hereby prescribed.

(2) If a meeting is convened in accordance with subsection (1) of this section it shall not be necessary to give public notice of the meeting by advertisement.

(3) Section 29 of the Act of 1920 is hereby repealed.

As to  
committees  
of directors.

**25.** Section 95 of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall be deemed to authorise the directors to appoint any one of their body as a committee for the purposes of passing transfers and sealing certificates of any shares stock or other securities of the Company and of executing any other minor powers exerciseable by the directors.

Laying  
mains in  
private  
streets.

**26.**—(1) The Company may upon the application of the owner or occupier of any premises within the Company's limits abutting on or being erected in any street laid out but not dedicated to public use or if so dedicated not repairable by the inhabitants at large supply such premises with electricity and may lay down take up alter relay or renew in across or along such street such mains wires and apparatus as may be requisite or proper for furnishing such supply and the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1922 and of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 so far as they are applicable for the purposes of this section shall extend and apply to and for the purposes hereof and to any works constructed or executed by the Company under the powers of this section.

(2) Before the Company break up any street under the powers of this section the Company shall (except

in cases of emergency) give twenty-one clear days' notice to the local authority of the borough or district in which the street is situate of their intention so to do and the Company shall in carrying out any works in such street and in reinstating the same conform to all reasonable requirements made by the local authority. Any difference arising between the Company and the local authority under this subsection shall be settled by arbitration.

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(3) The Company shall not without the previous consent in writing of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company the London and North Eastern Railway Company or the Great Western Railway Company exercise the powers of this section with respect to any street belonging to or forming the approach to any station or depôt of such railway company but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld and any dispute as to whether any such consent is unreasonably withheld shall be determined by arbitration.

**27.** The Company on the one hand and any authority company or person to whom the Company are under the existing Acts or this Act authorised subject to the provisions of the existing Acts to supply electricity on the other hand may enter into and carry into effect vary and rescind contracts or agreements for or with respect to the supply by the Company to such authority company or person of electricity for any purpose for which the Company are authorised to supply electricity to such authority company or person and at such price and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed and the Company may supply electricity accordingly. Provided that the Company shall not in making any such contract or agreement show any undue preference to any such authority company or person. Provided also that this section shall not apply to contracts or agreements which may be entered into between the Company and authorised distributors.

Agreements for supply of electricity.

**28.** For the protection of the Hertfordshire County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the council") the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed between the Company and the council have effect (that is to say) :—

For protection of Hertfordshire County Council.

(1) Nothing in the existing Acts or this Act or in the Orders mentioned in subsection (8) of this

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section shall take away or abridge any power to repair open or break up any road along or across which any pipe wire cable or main of the Company is laid or any other power vested in the council for any of the purposes for which the council is constituted but before commencing any work pursuant to such powers whereby any pipe wire cable or main will be interfered with the council shall (except in emergency when no notice shall be necessary) give to the Company notice of their intention to commence such work specifying the time at which they will begin to do so (such notice to be given three days at least before the commencement of the work) and shall always complete such work with all reasonable expedition and cause as little damage or inconvenience to the Company as circumstances admit :

- (2) The council shall not be liable to pay to the Company any compensation for injury done to any pipe wire cable or main of the Company by the execution of such works or for loss occasioned thereby or for the reasonable exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid :
- (3) The council shall not execute any such work so far as it immediately affects any pipe wire cable or main of the Company except under the superintendence of the Company unless they refuse or neglect to give such superintendence at the time specified in the notice for the commencement of the work or discontinue the same during the progress of the work and the council shall execute such work at their own expense and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company Provided that any additional expense imposed upon the council by reason of the existence of any pipe wire cable or main of the Company in any road or place shall be borne by the Company :
- (4) The Company shall at the same time as they give notice to the local authority under paragraph (a) of section 14 (1) of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 deliver



to the council a copy of such notice together with a copy of the plan referred to in that paragraph and if the local authority make any objection or requisition in respect of any such notice the Company shall within seven days after the receipt thereof and before commencing any of the works to which such objection or requisition relates deliver to the council a copy of such objection or requisition : A.D. 1925.

- (5) Any difference which may arise between the Company and the council under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be determined by arbitration :
- (6) No electric line shall be placed by the Company above ground along or across or on the side of any main road or any bridge or approach repairable by the council without the consent in writing of the council under the hand of their clerk unless the Minister of Transport consents to the placing of such electric line above ground and the Minister before giving his consent shall give the council an opportunity of being heard :
- (7) The Company shall keep separate accounts in respect of each of the undertakings mentioned in subsection (8) of this section which accounts shall be kept in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Minister of Transport under the Electric Lighting Act 1882 or any Act amending the same for undertakers other than local authorities and shall be examined and audited in manner provided by section 6 of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 or any Act amending the same :
- (8) The Orders and undertakings respectively referred to in subsections (1) and (7) of this section are (i) the undertaking authorised by the Hertford Electric Lighting Order 1891 (ii) the undertaking authorised by the Barnet Electric Lighting Order 1905 as extended by the Barnet Electric Lighting (Extension) Order 1913 and (iii) the undertaking authorised by the St.

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Alban Electric Lighting Order 1898 as extended by the St Albans Rural Electric Lighting Order 1905 :

- (9) Section 44 of the Act of 1900 subsections (4) and (5) of section 12 of the Act of 1907 section 11 of the Act of 1914 section 18 of the Act of 1920 and section 10 of the Act of 1922 are hereby repealed.

For protection of local authorities in Hertfordshire.

**29.** For the protection of local authorities in the county of Hertford the following provisions shall except so far as may be otherwise agreed between the Company and any such local authority have effect (that is to say) :—

- (1) The provisions of subsections (1) (2) (3) and (5) of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “ For protection of Hertfordshire County Council ” shall apply mutatis mutandis for the protection of any roads bridges approaches and property repairable by under the control of or belonging to the council of any borough or urban or rural district which is situate within the county of Hertford and the Company’s limits :
- (2) Nothing in section 9 of the Act of 1914 as amended by this Act shall authorise the Company to acquire any generating station substation or works in the county of Hertford without the consent in writing of the local authority for the borough or district in which the same is situate.

For protection of Watford Corporation.

**30.**—(1) In addition to any other provisions enuring for the protection of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Watford (hereinafter referred to as “ the Watford Corporation ”) contained in or made applicable by the provisions of the Act of 1920 the provisions of subsections (1) (2) (3) and (5) of the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “ For protection of Hertfordshire County Council ” shall extend and apply in relation to any electric line or other work of the Company in the parish of Aldenham laid down placed or erected under the powers of the Act of 1920 as if the expression “ the council ” in those subsections meant the Watford Corporation.

(2) Subsection (2) of section 19 of the Act of 1920 A.D. 1925.  
is hereby repealed.

**31.** Notwithstanding anything in this Act the Company shall not under the powers of the existing Acts or this Act or of any Order vested in the Company at the date of the passing of this Act supply electricity within or for use within the county borough of West Ham without the previous consent of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of that county borough under their corporate seal for any purpose other than to any company body or person owning or working any railway tramway tramroad canal or navigation situate partly within the Company's limits for the purposes of haulage or traction and for lighting vehicles or boats drawn by such haulage or traction.

For protec-  
tion of West  
Ham Cor-  
poration.

**32.** Notwithstanding anything in section 4 of the Act of 1909 the urban district of Finchley shall not be and shall be deemed never to have been included within the special district referred to in the Act of 1907 and accordingly the existing Acts and this Act shall have effect as though the word "Finchley" were omitted from the said section 4 in both places where that word occurs.

For protec-  
tion of  
Finchley  
Urban  
District  
Council.

**33.** Nothing in this or in any other Act or Order relating to the Company shall prevent the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Luton as the undertakers under their present or any future powers from laying a transmission main or mains for the purpose of affording a supply of electricity in bulk in the urban district of Hitchin.

For protec-  
tion of  
Luton Cor-  
poration.

**34.** Notwithstanding anything in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Extension of special district" the Company shall not supply energy under the powers of section 7 of the Act of 1907 within the urban district of Baldock or the parish of Willian in the rural district of Hitchin or in so much of the parish of Radwell in the said rural district as lies to the west of the Great North Road without the consent in writing of the First Garden City Limited previously obtained.

For protec-  
tion of First  
Garden City  
Limited.

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For protec-  
tion of  
Bishops Stort-  
ford Harlow  
and Epping  
Gas and Elec-  
tricity  
Company.

**35.** The Company shall not supply energy under the powers of section 7 of the Act of 1907 or for public street lighting within the limits in which the Bishops Stortford Harlow and Epping Gas and Electricity Company were at the date of the passing of this Act authorised to supply electricity except with the consent of that Company.

For protec-  
tion of Met-  
ropolitan  
Water  
Board.

**36.** Section 22 (For protection of Metropolitan Water Board) of the Act of 1920 shall extend and apply to the exercise of the powers of this Act as though the said section were re-enacted in this Act.

For protec-  
tion of cer-  
tain railway  
companies.

**37.**—(1) If having regard to the proposed position of any electric lines of the Company in relation to the position of the works of the London and North Eastern Railway Company or the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (each of whom is hereinafter referred to as “the railway company”) at any point where electric lines of the Company will be constructed over or under any railway of the railway company it is advisable in order to avoid danger from wires works or operations of the Company that any electric telegraphic telephonic or signal wires or apparatus of the railway company or any electrical works or apparatus for traction purposes of the railway company should be altered the railway company may execute any works reasonably necessary for such alteration and the reasonable expense of executing those works shall be borne by the Company.

(2) Any difference between the Company and the railway company arising under this section shall be referred to an arbitrator to be appointed failing agreement by the Ministry of Transport on the application of either party after notice to the other.

(3) The Company shall give to the railway company fourteen days’ notice in writing of any application to be made by the Company to the Ministry of Transport under section 10 (b) of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 or under section 21 of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919 for the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the placing of any electric lines above ground over any street or over or under any bridge owned or repairable by the railway company.

(4) For the protection of any wire or line of the railway company used for the purpose of electric traction

on a railway of the railway company section 20 of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 shall apply to the constructing laying down placing or working under any powers conferred by this Act of any electric lines or other works of the Company on under or over any lands or property of the railway company in like manner as that section applies for the protection of electric signalling communication.

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(5) Section 14 of the Act of 1909 is hereby repealed.

**38.** Any provisions in the existing Acts which refer to Provisional Orders made or to be made under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 to 1909 or any of those Acts shall be construed as including reference to special orders made or to be made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1922 or any of the last-mentioned Acts or under any general Act to be hereafter passed amending or in substitution for those Acts.

References to Provisional Orders to include reference to special orders.

**39.**—(1) Section 9 (Company to afford partial supply in certain events) of the Act of 1900 and section 9 (As to supply to other than authorised undertakers) of the Act of 1907 shall each be read and have effect as if the words “and the maximum power” were inserted therein after the words “The amount of energy.”

Miscellaneous amendments of existing Acts.

(2) Section 26 (Power to subscribe for shares or lend money to other undertakers) of the Act of 1907 as amended by section 38 of the Act of 1920 shall be read and have effect as if—

(a) The words “or have established” were inserted therein after the words “about to establish”; and

(b) The words “or approved” were inserted therein after the word “confirmed.”

(3) Section 9 (Power to acquire generating stations &c.) of the Act of 1914 shall be read and have effect as if the words “local authority company or person” were inserted in the last paragraph of that section in place of the words “company or local authority.”

(4) Section 37 (Transfer of undertakings to Company) of the Act of 1920 shall be read and have effect as if the words “the passing of this Act” in subsection (1)



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(5) Any references in the Act of 1920 to new preference shares or first preference shares shall have effect as though the word "shares" included stock.

(6) Section 25 (Extending section 15 of Electric Lighting Act 1909) of the Act of 1920 is hereby repealed.

(7) Section 4 (Revision of prices and methods of charge) of the Act of 1922 shall be read and have effect as if—

(i) In subsection (1) of that section the following words were inserted after paragraph (d) viz. :—

"or (e) the Hertfordshire County Council or the Middlesex County Council"; and

(ii) In subsection (2) of that section the following words were inserted after paragraph (c) viz. :—

"or (d) so long as the Company own the undertaking under the Electric Lighting Order and the area of supply is situate wholly or partly in the county of Hertford the Hertfordshire County Council or if the same be situate wholly or partly in the county of Middlesex the Middlesex County Council."

Costs of Act. **40.** The costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act. A.D. 1925.

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### MAXIMUM PRICES FOR LIGHTING.

In this Schedule :—

The expression "unit" shall mean the energy contained in a current of one thousand ampères flowing under an electro-motive force of one volt during one hour.

#### SECTION 1.

Where the Company charge any consumer by the actual amount of energy supplied to him they shall be entitled to charge him at the following rates per quarter :—

(a) In respect of the quarters ending thirty-first March and thirty-first December—

For any amount up to fifteen units twelve shillings and six pence and for each unit over fifteen units ten pence ;

(b) In respect of the quarters ending thirtieth June and thirtieth September—

For any amount up to ten units eight shillings and four pence and for each unit over ten units ten pence.

#### SECTION 2.

Where the Company charge any consumer by the electrical quantity contained in the supply given to him they shall be entitled to charge him according to the rates set forth in section 1 of this schedule the amount of energy supplied to him being taken to be the product of that electrical quantity and the declared pressure at the consumer's terminals that is to say such a constant pressure at those terminals as may be declared by the Company under the regulations of the Electricity Commissioners.

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