

**ELIZABETH II**



**1980 CHAPTER xxv**

An Act to release the Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Company Limited from liability to make payments to the councils of the city of Wakefield and the borough of Kirklees under the Yorkshire (Woollen District) Transport Act 1931 and the Dewsbury and Ossett Passenger Transport Act 1933; and for other purposes.

[17th July 1980]

**W**HEREAS—

(1) The Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Company Limited (hereinafter called “the Company”) is a company limited by shares within the meaning of the Companies Act 1948 1948 c. 38. and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Bus Company; the Company operates public service vehicles within the metropolitan county of West Yorkshire:

(2) By reason of the provisions of section 9 of the Yorkshire (Woollen District) Transport Act 1931 and section 13 of the 1931 c. lxii. Dewsbury and Ossett Passenger Transport Act 1933 which 1933 c. xxvi. require due effect to be given to the two agreements referred to below, the Company is subject to the liability to make annual

payments to the councils of the city of Wakefield and the borough of Kirklees (hereinafter called "the District Councils") or either of them:

(3) Section 9 of the said Act of 1931 confirmed an agreement dated 16th April 1931 made between the Company (then known as the Yorkshire (Woollen District) Electric Tramways Limited) and the former Batley and Dewsbury Corporations and Birstall and Birkenshaw Urban District Councils and also made binding upon the former Heckmondwike and Spenborough Urban District Councils, whereby provision was made—

- (a) for the operation by the Company of bus services along certain specified routes within the former boroughs of Batley and Dewsbury;
- (b) for preventing the said corporations from exercising powers then available to them, or seeking new powers, to operate passenger-carrying vehicles; and
- (c) for the payment by the Company to each of the said corporations of a share of the net profits earned in the operation of the specified services, as calculated in accordance with a specified formula;

together with further provision to enable each of the former local authorities, at specified intervals until 31st December 2029, to acquire from the Company a part of its undertaking on payment of the fair market value of that part as a going concern:

(4) Section 13 of the said Act of 1933 confirmed an agreement dated 24th November 1932, modified by a further agreement dated 7th March 1933, made between the National Electric Construction Company Limited and the former Dewsbury and Ossett Corporations whereby provision to a similar effect was made, and expressed to continue in force until 31st December 2029, with respect to the operation of bus services along certain specified routes in the former boroughs of Dewsbury and Ossett, the prevention of competition by the said corporations with those services, and the payment to each of the said corporations of a share of the net profits earned in the operation of those services, with further provision for the acquisition by the said corporations of a part of the relevant road passenger transport undertaking:

1972 c. 70.

1968 c. 73.

(5) Under the Local Government Act 1972 and earlier enactments the former local government areas referred to in the said agreements are now within the city of Wakefield and the borough of Kirklees but by virtue of the Transport Act 1968 and the said Act of 1972 and statutory instruments made thereunder the District Councils have no power to carry on road passenger transport undertakings:



(6) Under the said Acts of 1968 and 1972 it is now the general duty of the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (hereinafter called "the Executive") to secure the provision of a properly integrated and efficient system of public passenger transport to meet the needs of their area, in accordance with general policies determined by the West Yorkshire County Council and any directions which may be given by the county council, and it is the duty of the Executive and the National Bus Company to co-operate in the provision of services within the Executive's area:

(7) In pursuance of these functions arrangements have been made whereby, as from 1st January 1978, receipts and expenses in respect of the services operated by the Company within the Executive's area are, in effect, paid to and by the Executive so that any sums which might now be payable to the District Councils under the said agreements are borne as a transport expense in respect of the whole of West Yorkshire:

(8) It has been agreed between the District Councils, the Company and the Executive that, in consideration of the payment by the Company to the District Councils of a sum in discharge of all liabilities arising under the said agreements after 31st December 1978, the Company should be released from liability to make payments to the District Councils under the said agreements:

(9) It is accordingly expedient to determine the Company's liability under the said agreements as provided in this Act:

(10) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

(11) The Secretary of State for Transport has consented to the promotion of this Bill pursuant to section 17 of the Transport Act 1962:

1962 c. 46.

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen'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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Act 1980.

2. The Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Company Release from Liability Limited is hereby released from all obligations in respect of liability arising on and from 1st January 1979 to make payments to the councils of the city of Wakefield and the borough of Kirklees,

or either of those councils, under the following enactments:—

1931 c. lxii. In the Yorkshire (Woollen District) Transport Act 1931—  
Section 9 (Confirmation of scheduled agreement);  
Schedule 2;

1933 c. xxvi. In the Dewsbury and Ossett Passenger Transport Act 1933—  
Section 13 (Confirmation of scheduled agreement)  
The Schedule;

and the agreements set forth in the said Schedules shall cease to be binding on the parties.

Repeal. 3. The local Acts specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed.

Costs of Act. 4. All costs, charges and expenses of, and incidental to, the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Company Limited.

**SCHEDULE**

Section 3.

**LOCAL ACTS REPEALED**

Chapter	Local Act
1 & 22 Geo. 5. c. lxii.	Yorkshire (Woollen District) Transport Act 1931.
3 & 24 Geo. 5. c. xxvi.	Dewsbury and Ossett Passenger Transport Act 1933.



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