



## CHAPTER xxx.

An Act to extend the limits of the Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Company for the supply of gas to change the name of the Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1931.

[11th June 1931.]

**W**HEREAS the Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Company (hereinafter called "the Company") were incorporated by the Aldershot Gas and Water Act 1866 under the name of the Aldershot Gas and Water Company and under the provisions of that Act and subsequent Acts and Orders relating to the Company and their undertaking are authorised to supply gas in the parish now the borough of Aldershot in the county of Southampton and in other parishes in the counties of Berks Southampton and Surrey and to supply water in the said borough of Aldershot and part of the parish of Seale in the county of Surrey and to supply electricity in certain parishes in the said counties of Southampton and Surrey and the administrative county of West Sussex :

And whereas the Godalming Gas and Coke Company Limited (hereinafter called "the Godalming Company") are authorised to supply gas within an area which adjoins the limits of the Company for the supply of gas and the Godalming Company have agreed to the transfer to the Company of certain portions of the said area and it is expedient that the limits of the Company for the supply of gas should be extended as by this Act provided so as to include such portions of the said area :

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And whereas it is expedient that the name of the Company should be changed as in this Act provided :

And whereas it is expedient that the further powers in this Act set forth should be conferred upon the Company with regard to their gas and electricity undertakings :

And whereas it is expedient that such other powers should be conferred upon the Company and that such other provisions should be made as are in this Act contained :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained 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 title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mid Southern District Utility Act 1931 and this Act and the several Acts and Orders specified in the schedule to this Act may be cited together as the Mid Southern District Utility Acts and Orders 1866 to 1931.

Incorporation of Acts.

2. The following Acts and Part of an Act (so far as the same are applicable for the purposes and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act) are hereby incorporated with this Act (namely) :—

(1) The Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 and the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 Provided that section 13 of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 shall be read and have effect as if the words “ or any premises ” were inserted after the words “ private building ” and as if the words “ Provided also that every “ such contract entered into by the undertakers “ shall be alike in terms and amount to all consumers of gas supplied in like circumstances “ and for the same purposes ” were added at the end of that section ;

(2) Part IV (relating to change of name) of the Companies Clauses Act 1863.

Interpretation.

3. In this Act unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction the

several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings And— A.D. 1931.

“the Company” means the Mid Southern District Utility Company;

“the undertaking” means the undertaking of the Company as existing from time to time;

“the existing gas limits” means the limits of the Company for the supply of gas as existing immediately before the passing of this Act;

“the added gas limits” means the area added by this Act to the existing gas limits;

“the gas limits” means the limits of the Company from time to time for the supply of gas;

“the electricity area” means the area of the Company from time to time for the supply of electricity;

“the Electricity Commissioners” means the Electricity Commissioners constituted under the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919;

“the Electricity Acts” means the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1928;

“the directors” means the directors of the Company;

“daily penalty” means a penalty for every day on which an offence is continued by a person after conviction.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the limits within which the Company may supply gas shall extend to and include in addition to the existing gas limits the area following (that is to say):— Extension of limits of supply.

So much of the parish of Compton in the rural district of Guildford in the county of Surrey as lies to the north of the centre of the main road along the Hogs Back;

So much of the said parish of Compton as lies within an imaginary line commencing at the junction of the parishes of Wanborough Compton and Godalming Rural (detached) passing thence in a northerly direction along the boundary between the parishes of Wanborough and Compton to a point 20 yards to the south of

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the north-eastern corner of the enclosure numbered 147B in the said parish of Wanborough on the 1/2500 Ordnance survey edition 1916 thence in a south-easterly direction along the centre of the road leading to Priors Field for a distance of 300 yards thence in a straight line in a south-westerly direction to the point of commencement;

So much of the parish of Godalming Rural (detached) in the said rural district of Guildford as lies within an imaginary line commencing at the said junction of the parishes of Wanborough Compton and Godalming Rural (detached) passing thence in a southerly direction along the boundary between the said parishes of Godalming Rural (detached) and Compton as far as the south-eastern corner of the enclosure numbered 15 in the said parish of Godalming Rural (detached) on the said Ordnance survey thence in a south-westerly direction in a straight line to the south-eastern corner of the enclosure numbered 353 in the said parish of Godalming Rural (detached) on the said Ordnance survey thence along the southern boundary of such last-mentioned enclosure to the boundary between the parishes of Peper Harow and Godalming Rural (detached) thence in a northerly and south-westerly direction along such last-mentioned boundary until it reaches the boundary between the parishes of Elstead and Godalming Rural (detached) thence in a north-westerly direction along such last-mentioned boundary until it reaches the boundary between the parishes of Puttenham and Godalming Rural (detached) thence in a northerly north-easterly and easterly direction along such last-mentioned boundary until it reaches the boundary between the parishes of Wanborough and Godalming Rural (detached) thence in an easterly direction along such last-mentioned boundary to the point of commencement:

And which said area hereinbefore described is more particularly delineated and edged pink on a map signed

in triplicate by the Reverend Herbert Dunnico the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to which the Bill for this Act was referred and one copy of which map is deposited in the Parliament Office of the House of Lords one copy in the Committee and Private Bill Office of the House of Commons and one copy at the chief office of the Company. A.D. 1931.

In the case of there being any difference between the boundaries of the said area as hereinbefore described and as delineated on the said map the said map shall prevail.

(2) The Company may within the added gas limits exercise the powers rights privileges and authorities and shall be subject to the duties and obligations with reference to the supply of gas which they may exercise and to which they are subject with reference thereto within the existing gas limits.

(3) The powers and obligations of the Godalming Company with reference to the supply of gas within the added gas limits shall absolutely cease and determine.

5. Subject to the provisions of Part IV (relating to change of name) of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 the name of the Company shall from and after the passing of this Act be the Mid Southern District Utility Company. Change of name of Company.

6.—(1) Notwithstanding that the Company are by the enactments relating to the undertaking authorised to supply water and electricity as well as gas the Board of Trade may make under section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act 1920 any order with regard to the Company or their capital or the undertaking which that Board would be authorised by that Act to make if the Company had been authorised to supply gas only but before making any order not limited to the Company's gas undertaking the Board shall consult with the Minister of Health and the Electricity Commissioners. Power to Government departments to authorise Company to raise capital and to borrow.

(2) Notwithstanding that the Company are by the enactments relating to the undertaking authorised to supply gas and water as well as electricity the Electricity Commissioners may make under the Electricity Acts any order with regard to the Company or their capital or the undertaking which the Commissioners would be authorised by those Acts to make if the Company had been authorised to supply electricity only but before



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(3) The Minister of Health may by Provisional Order under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 and the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 Amendment Act 1873 after consultation with the Board of Trade and the Electricity Commissioners and subject to such conditions as the Minister thinks fit empower the Company to apply for the purposes of the undertaking any capital authorised by such Provisional Order or any moneys from time to time in the hands of the Company and to borrow money on mortgage of the undertaking.

(4) In connection with any application made under subsection (1) or subsection (3) of this section for a Special or Provisional Order affecting the whole of the undertaking the Company shall comply with such of the requirements of the rules of the Electricity Commissioners relating to applications for electricity Special Orders as the Electricity Commissioners may direct.

Power to  
offer stock  
for sub-  
scription.

7. It shall be lawful for the Company with the approval of the Board of Trade and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit to impose to offer for subscription by the public any ordinary or preference stock which they may be authorised to issue.

As to mode  
of issue of  
new stock.

8.—(1) Except as by this Act otherwise provided all ordinary or preference stock created by the Company and issued after the passing of this Act shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Any ordinary stock or preference stock so to be issued whether the same be at a premium or not may (with the approval of the Board of Trade) if the Company think fit be offered to all the consumers supplied by and persons in the employ of the Company at a price which shall be as near as may be the average market price of such ordinary stock or preference stock in the period of two weeks immediately preceding such offer provided that in no case shall the price at which such ordinary stock or preference stock shall be offered be lower than five per centum below such market price. To ascertain the average market price of the ordinary stock or preference stock for the purposes of this subsection the mean daily prices in the London Stock

Exchange daily official list shall be taken for the said A.D. 1931.  
period of two weeks. —

(3) Any ordinary stock or preference stock which has not been so offered as aforesaid or which has been so offered and not taken up shall before being offered to the holders of any ordinary stock or preference stock of the Company be offered for sale by public auction or tender in such manner at such times and subject to such conditions of sale as the directors shall from time to time determine :

Provided as follows :—

- (a) Notice of the intention to offer or sell any stock in accordance with subsection (2) or subsection (3) of this section shall be given in writing to the town clerk of the borough of Aldershot and to the clerk of each urban or rural district council within the gas limits and to the secretary of the London Stock Exchange at least fourteen days before the date of any offer under the said subsection (2) or the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders under this subsection as the case may be and shall also be duly advertised once in one or more local newspapers circulating within the gas limits;
- (b) A reserve price shall be fixed and notice thereof shall be sent by the Company in a sealed letter to be received by the Board of Trade not less than twenty-four hours before but not to be opened till after the day of auction or last day for the receipt of tenders as the case may be;
- (c) No lot offered for sale by auction in accordance with this subsection shall comprise stock of greater nominal value than one hundred pounds;
- (d) In the case of a sale by tender no preference shall be given to one of two or more persons tendering the same sum except that the offer by tender of any holder of stock of the Company may be accepted in preference to the offer of the same sum by any person not such a holder as aforesaid and preference may

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in a like manner be given to the offer of any employee or consumer of the Company;

(e) In the case of a sale by auction a bid shall not be recognised unless it is in advance of the last preceding bid;

(f) It shall be one of the conditions of sale that the total sum payable by the purchaser shall be paid to the Company within such period not exceeding three months after the date of the auction or of the acceptance of the tender as the case may be as the directors may determine.

(4) Any stock which has been so offered for sale and is not sold may be offered at the reserve price to the holders of stock of the Company in accordance with the provisions of sections 18 19 and 20 of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 and to the employees of and consumers supplied by the Company in such proportions as the Company may think fit or to one or more of these classes of persons only. Provided that in the case of an offer to holders of stock if the aggregate amount of stock applied for shall exceed the aggregate amount so offered as aforesaid the same shall be allotted to and distributed amongst the applicants as nearly as may be in proportion to the amounts applied for by them respectively.

(5) Any stock which has been offered for sale in accordance with subsection (3) or with subsections (3) and (4) of this section and is not sold may be disposed of for the purpose of realising the best price obtainable at such price and in such manner as the directors may determine.

(6) As soon as possible after the conclusion of the sale or sales the Company shall send a report thereof to the Board of Trade stating the total amount of each class of stock sold the total amount obtained as premium (if any) and the highest and lowest prices obtained for each class of stock.

(7) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any stock—

(a) issued for the purposes of any co-partnership or profit-sharing scheme of the Company; or



(b) issued for the purpose of complying with the provisions of any agreement entered into by the Company under the provisions of this Act; or A.D. 1931.  
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(c) issued under the provisions of section 37 of the Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Act 1918;

but any stock issued for any of the purposes mentioned in this subsection shall be issued at the market price of the same class of stock at the date of issue or if there be no such market price at such price as shall be determined by the auditors of the Company to be a fair price.

(8) Section 38 (As to mode of issue of stock or debenture stock) of the Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Act 1918 is hereby repealed.

9.—(1) The Company may when ordinary or preference stock is to be offered either for subscription by the public or for sale by tender pay such a commission as the Board of Trade may approve not exceeding two pounds ten shillings per centum to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe whether absolutely or conditionally for any stock or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions whether absolute or conditional for any stock provided that the payment of the commission and the amount or rate per centum of the commission paid or agreed to be paid shall be disclosed in every prospectus advertisement or other document of the Company relating to the offer of such stock. As to commission on sale of capital.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect any power of the Company to pay brokerage.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 where several persons are jointly entitled to and registered as holders of any stock any one of those persons may vote at any meeting either personally or by proxy in respect of the stock as if he were solely entitled thereto but if more than one of the joint holders be present at any meeting personally or by proxy that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of the stock shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof. Joint holders.

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As to ap-  
pointment  
of proxies.

11. Notwithstanding anything in the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the attorney of any stockholder of the Company duly authorised in writing may appoint a proxy to vote for and on behalf of the stockholder and for that purpose may execute on behalf of the stockholder the necessary form of proxy provided that the instrument appointing the attorney or if it has been deposited in the central office of the Supreme Court of Judicature an office copy thereof shall be transmitted to the secretary of the Company at the same time as the instrument appointing the proxy.

Agreements  
between  
Company  
and other  
gas under  
takers.

12.—(1) The Company and any company body or person authorised to supply gas under statutory powers may with the approval of the Board of Trade enter into and carry into effect agreements for the amalgamation purchase leasing or joint working or management of their respective undertakings including agreements for or in connection with the joint use of buildings works or plant and the provision or adaptation of buildings works or plant for such joint use and for the setting up and joint use or carrying on of establishments for research and generally for any purpose which will in the opinion of the parties to any such agreement conduce to the more economical or efficient manufacture distribution and sale of gas or manufacture working up conversion sale or use of residual products.

(2) The Company shall if the Board of Trade so direct give notice in such manner as the said Board may require of any application for the approval of the said Board to any agreement entered into or proposed to be entered into under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section including (if so required) notice to the council of every county and of every municipal borough and urban district wholly or partly within any area in which the parties to such agreement supply or are authorised to supply gas or which is otherwise affected by such agreement and the said Board shall before giving such approval consider any representations which may be made to them in accordance with any directions in that behalf contained in any such notice.

(3) The Board of Trade may if they think fit approve any such agreement subject to any modification of the terms thereof to which the parties thereto assent.

**13.** The Company may purchase or acquire and hold or dispose of any shares stock mortgages debentures or debenture stock of or lend money to any company body or local authority where such company body or local authority— A.D. 1931.

Power to invest in securities of other companies &c.

- (i) are themselves engaged in the manufacture distribution or sale of gas or residual products or in the generation distribution or sale of electricity; or
- (ii) carry on or are about to carry on any undertaking business or process of manufacture for or in connection with which residual products or other products manufactured or dealt in or authorised to be manufactured or dealt in by the Company or the products arising from the working up or conversion of such residual products are or can be used; or
- (iii) carry on or are about to carry on any undertaking or business for or in connection with the production carbonisation gasification sale or distribution of coal coke or oil or of products arising therefrom or any of those matters:

Provided that the amount applied by the Company for the purpose of this section shall not at any one time exceed one-sixth part of the authorised capital of the Company for the time being.

**14.—(1)** The Company may by agreement (but not otherwise) acquire from any local authority or other undertakers to whom a Provisional or Special or other Order under the Electricity Acts or any of them shall have been or may be granted relating to a district or place adjoining the electricity area or any area of electricity supply in which the Company may be giving a supply of electricity the undertaking authorised by such Order and the powers rights authorities and privileges of the undertakers thereunder and the undertakers under any such Order may with the approval of the Electricity Commissioners by deed approved by the Commissioners (which approval the Commissioners are hereby authorised to give) transfer such undertaking powers rights authorities and privileges to the Company subject to such exceptions and modifications (if any) and on such terms and conditions as may be specified Transfer of electricity undertakings to Company.

A.D. 1931. in the deed and if the Company so acquire any such undertaking they shall (subject to such modifications and exceptions as aforesaid) be deemed to be the undertakers for all the purposes of the Provisional or Special or other Order the powers of which are so transferred :

Provided that—

- (a) in the case of any Provisional Order granted prior to the year nineteen hundred the provisions of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 as amended by subsequent Acts shall from and after such transfer be deemed to have been incorporated with such Order and shall control and supersede such of the provisions of that Order as are at variance or inconsistent therewith;
- (b) if any such undertaking is acquired by the Company under this section the provisions of the Electricity Acts shall subject to any modification of those Acts made by any such Order apply to that undertaking;
- (c) if the undertakers for any undertaking so acquired by the Company are a local authority the undertaking shall be deemed to be subject to the provisions of section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1888 Provided that the periods at which the local authority may under the provisions of the said section purchase or re-purchase such undertaking or so much thereof as is within their jurisdiction shall be reckoned from the date of the acquisition thereof by the Company;
- (d) none of the provisions of any such Order or of the Electricity Acts shall extend to authorise the purchase or re-purchase by any local authority of any generating station or other works of the Company which are not exclusively used or required for the purposes of supplying electricity under such Order within the area defined by such Order.

(2) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised in respect of part only of any such undertaking or part only of any such powers rights authorities and privileges as aforesaid.

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(3) References in this section to a Provisional or Special Order shall be deemed to include references to any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the undertaking or part of the undertaking or powers rights authorities and privileges or part thereof to be transferred.

(4) Any capital moneys received by any local authority in respect of any transfer under this section shall be applied by such authority in manner provided by paragraph (2) of section 7 of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899.

(5) The Company shall not without the consent of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (in this Act called "the joint authority") under the powers of this section acquire from any local authority or other undertakers the whole or any part of any undertaking within the district of the joint authority or acquire any powers rights authorities or privileges exerciseable within such district but the consent of the joint authority shall not in any case be unreasonably withheld and if any question shall arise between the Company and the joint authority as to whether the consent of the joint authority is unreasonably withheld such question shall be determined by the Electricity Commissioners who may in any such case dispense with such consent.

**15.—**(1) The Company and any local authority or other undertakers authorised to supply electricity in any area adjoining the electricity area may with the approval of the Electricity Commissioners enter into and carry into effect agreements and arrangements for and with respect to the management by the Company of the whole or part of the undertaking of such undertakers upon and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the Company and such undertakers.

Power to manage undertakings or works of other electricity undertakers.

(2) The Company shall not under the powers of this section without the consent of the joint authority enter into any agreement or arrangement for or in respect of the management by the Company of the whole or any part of any undertaking situate wholly within the district of the joint authority or any part situate within such district of any undertaking situate partly within and partly without such district but the consent of the joint authority shall not in any case be unreasonably withheld and if any question shall arise between the Company and



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Securities  
may be  
considera-  
tion.

**16.** Any agreement entered into by the Company under the provisions of this Act may provide that any consideration being in the nature of capital payment and payable thereunder by either of the parties thereto to the other of them may be satisfied wholly or in part by the allotment of such shares or stock in the capital of any company from whom such consideration is due or such debentures or debenture stock of such company as shall be agreed upon between such parties or partly by the one and partly by the other of such modes as may be so agreed and thereupon it shall be lawful for any party to any such agreement to issue such shares stock or debentures or debenture stock of such party accordingly and all shares or stock so issued shall for all purposes be deemed fully paid up and any party to any such agreement may accept hold and dispose of any such shares stock debentures or debenture stock accordingly.

Exchange of  
securities  
and sub-  
scription for  
and loans to  
other com-  
panies.

**17.** In any case in which the Company and any other company have entered into any agreement under the provisions of this Act the Company may effect exchanges of stock or securities of the Company with proprietors of shares stock or securities of such other company or may subscribe for purchase hold and dispose of shares stock or securities of or may lend money to such other company.

Compensa-  
tion for  
deprivation  
of employ-  
ment.

**18.** The provisions of section 16 of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919 as amended by section 21 of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1922 and by the Electricity (Supply) Act 1928 shall extend to any agreement or arrangement which may be entered into under the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Transfer of electricity undertakings to Company" or the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Power to manage undertakings or works of other electricity undertakers" as if such agreement or arrangement were a transfer referred to in the said section 16 and as if the five years mentioned in the said section dated from the date on which such agreement or arrangement has been entered into.



19. The Company may use for the purposes of any undertaking belonging to them and authorised by Act of Parliament or by a Provisional Special or other Order made under the Electricity Acts any mains wires works or apparatus laid down or provided by the Company for the purpose of any other undertaking so authorised and belonging to them.

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Use of  
works and  
apparatus.

20. Where a transformer is provided at the expense of the Company for the purpose of affording a supply of electricity to any consumer the Company may use such transformer for the purpose of affording a supply of electricity to other consumers so long as such use does not prejudice or interfere with the supply for which such transformer was originally provided.

Use of  
trans-  
formers.

21.—(1) No consumer to whom electricity is supplied by the Company for power purposes shall without the consent in writing of the Company use such electricity for lighting purposes or suffer it to be so used.

Restriction  
on use for  
lighting  
purposes of  
electricity  
supplied for  
power.

Any consumer who without such consent shall use or suffer to be used for lighting purposes electricity supplied to him by the Company through a meter fixed for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the supply to him of electricity agreed to be supplied to him for power purposes shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding five pounds and to a daily penalty not exceeding forty shillings and shall in addition be liable to pay to the Company at such higher rate as they may be for the time being charging for the supply of electricity for lighting purposes for all or any portion of the electricity which has been supplied to him for power purposes within one year previous to the date when the Company shall sue for any penalty as aforesaid.

Any court having jurisdiction to impose such penalty may and shall on the application of the Company decide the amount of such electricity in respect of which the higher charge as aforesaid shall be payable to the Company.

(2) In this section the expression “power purposes” includes all purposes to which electricity may be applied other than lighting purposes.

22. If any company body or person uses or deals with gas or electricity supplied to them or him by the Company in such manner as to interfere unduly or

As to im-  
proper use  
of gas or  
electricity.

A.D. 1931. — improperly with the efficient supply of gas or electricity by the Company to any other company body or person or if any company body or person wilfully uses gas or electricity supplied to them or him by the Company for a purpose other than the purpose for which the same is supplied the Company may if they think fit cease to supply gas or electricity as the case may be to such company body or person.

Supply of  
electricity  
by agree-  
ment.

**23.**—(1) A consumer supplied with electricity by the Company under the terms of any agreement shall be deemed to be a person to whom the Company may be and are required to supply electricity within the meaning of section 30 (Penalty for failure to supply) of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 and the provisions of that section shall apply to the supply afforded by the Company under such agreement unless the provisions of that section are expressly excluded from application in any such agreement and if the Company fail to supply electricity to such consumer they shall not be liable for any damages occasioned to such consumer by reason of such failure unless the same is caused by or in consequence of the wilful neglect or default of the Company.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not operate to deprive any consumer of electricity supplied by the Company under the terms of any agreement existing at the passing of this Act of any right to which he would be entitled but for the said provisions.

Recovery of  
expenses of  
cutting off  
and recon-  
necting  
supplies.

**24.** In any case in which the Company lawfully cut off a supply of gas or electricity by reason of any act omission or default of any body or person supplied with gas or electricity they may recover from such body or person or from any other person on account of whose act omission or default such supply was cut off the reasonable expenses incurred by them in such cutting off in like manner as charges for gas or electricity as the case may be are recoverable by the Company.

In any case in which the Company have cut off the supply of gas or electricity to premises as aforesaid and the body or person so in default shall desire to resume the supply so cut off such body or person shall pay to the Company the expenses of re-connecting the supply and the Company shall not be under any obligation to supply

as the case may be gas or electricity to such body or person until such body or person shall have made good the default and paid such expenses. A.D. 1931.  
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**25.** Any notice to be served by the Company on a person supplied with gas or electricity shall be sufficiently authenticated by the signature of the secretary or other officer of the Company for the time being authorised in writing by the directors being affixed thereto in writing or in print or by a stamp and any such notice may be served on such person either personally or by sending the same through the post by a prepaid letter addressed to him by name at his last known or usual place of abode or of business or by delivering the same to some inmate at his last known or usual place of abode or business or to any inmate of the premises supplied or if such premises be unoccupied and the place of abode of the person to be served is after proper inquiry unknown it shall in the case of any notice not being a notice to pay any charge be sufficient to affix such notice or a copy thereof upon some conspicuous part of such premises. Authentication and service of notices by Company.

**26.—(1)** The powers conferred by section 24 of the Electric Lighting Act 1882 of entering premises for the purposes mentioned in that section shall extend to enable the Company to enter any premises to which electricity is or is proposed to be or has been supplied by them (whether for the time being occupied or not) and in or upon which they have reason to believe there is or has been any contravention of any of the Acts or Orders relating to the electricity undertaking of the Company or of any byelaw or regulation made thereunder and to inspect such premises and any electric lines wires fuses casings switches fittings lamps lampholders or other apparatus therein and in any case in which any such contravention is found to exist or to have existed to cut off and disconnect the supply of electricity to the premises. Further powers as to entry upon premises.

(2) Where the premises which the Company are entitled to enter in pursuance of the said section 24 as extended by this section are unoccupied the Company may after giving not less than forty-eight hours' notice to the owner thereof or if he is unknown to them and if he cannot be ascertained by them after diligent inquiry by affixing such notice upon a conspicuous part of the premises forcibly enter the same doing no unnecessary damage.

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(3) Any person who shall refuse or neglect to admit any officer appointed by the Company to any premises which he is entitled to enter in pursuance of the said section 24 as extended by this section or shall hinder any such officer from entering any such premises or from exercising the powers contained in either of the said sections shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds

(4) The Company shall not under the powers of this section cut off or discontinue the supply of electricity to any premises of the Southern Railway Company (not being a dwelling-house) until after they have given to such company reasonable notice in writing of their intention to do so.

Power to  
grant pen-  
sions &c.

**27.—**(1) The directors may grant such gratuities pensions or allowances or make such other payments as they may think fit to any employee of the Company or where in their opinion adequate provision is not otherwise made to the widow or family or any dependant of any such employee and may if they think fit establish and maintain a fund to be called "the pensions fund" for that purpose.

(2) The directors may with the sanction of a majority of the votes of the proprietors of the Company present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote and voting at an extraordinary meeting of the Company prepare put in force and from time to time modify alter or rescind a scheme prescribing the terms and conditions upon which employees of the Company or any classes of such employees may become contributors to the pensions fund and the contributions to be made by such employees and the gratuities pensions allowances or payments to which such contributors shall be entitled.

(3) The directors may enter into and carry into effect agreements with any insurance company or other association or company for securing to any such employee widow family or dependant any such gratuities pensions allowances or payments as are by this section authorised to be granted or made.

(4) The directors may for all or any of the purposes of this section apply set aside and accumulate the revenues of the Company.

(5) No pensions fund established under this section to which the employees of the Company are required to contribute shall come into operation until it has been registered under the Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Act 1927. A.D. 1931.

In this section the word "employee" includes any officer workman or servant.

**28.** All things required or authorised under this Act to be done by the Board of Trade may be done by the President or secretary or assistant secretary of the Board or any person authorised in that behalf by the President of the Board. Exercise of powers of Board of Trade.

**29.** The Company may apply to the purposes of this Act to which capital is properly applicable any moneys which they are already authorised to raise and have raised and which may not be required by them for the purposes for which the same were authorised to be raised. Application of moneys.

**30.** The following sections are hereby repealed:— Repeal.

*Aldershot Gas and Water Act 1866—*

Section 52 (Power to lay pipes against building);

Section 55 (Consumers may be required to consume by meter);

Section 56 (Incoming tenant not to pay arrears of outgoing tenant unless by express agreement);

Section 89 (Shareholder not disqualified from being a member of local board).

*Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting (No. 2) Order 1925—*

Section 10 (Power to offer stock for subscription and pay commissions);

Section 12 (Joint holders);

Section 13 (As to appointment of proxies).

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



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The SCHEDULE referred to in the  
foregoing Act.

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The Aldershot Gas and Water Act 1866 (29 & 30 Vict. c. cciii).

The North Camp and Farnborough District Gas Order 1877 confirmed by the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation (Abingdon &c.) Act 1877 (40 & 41 Vict. c. cxxxi).

The Aldershot Gas and Water Order 1879 confirmed by the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act 1879 (42 & 43 Vict. c. clix).

The Aldershot Gas and Water Order 1890 confirmed by the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act 1890 (53 & 54 Vict. c. clxxxiii).

The Aldershot Gas and Water Act 1896 (59 & 60 Vict. c. clxxviii).

The Aldershot Gas and Water Act 1901 (1 Edw. 7 c. cxii).

The Aldershot Gas and Water Order 1903 confirmed by the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act 1903 (3 Edw. 7. c. cli).

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Act 1909 (9 Edw. 7. c. lv).

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Act 1918 (8 & 9 Geo. 5. c. xiii).

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Company (Capital Issues) Consent 1920 (S.R. & O. 1920. No. 1450).

The Aldershot Gas (Charges) Order 1921 (S.R. & O. 1921. No. 514).

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Company (Capital Issues) Consent 1921 (S.R. & O. 1921. No. 632).

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Order 1925 (S.R. & O. 1925. No. 136).

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting (No. 2) Order 1925 (S.R. & O. 1925. No. 730).

The Aldershot Gas (Charges) Amending Order 1926 (S.R. & O. 1926. No. 592).

The Aldershot Gas (Charges) Amending Order No. 2 1926 (S.R. & O. 1926. No. 1541).

The Aldershot District Electricity (Extension &c.) Special Order 1927.



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*District Utility Act, 1931.*

The Hindhead and District Electric Lighting Order 1902 confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act 1902 (2 Edw. 7. c. lxix).      A.D. 1931.  
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The Hindhead and District Electric Lighting (Extension) Order 1909 confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act 1909 (9 Edw. 7. c. cxli).

The Aldershot District Electricity (Hindhead Transfer &c.) Special Order 1928.

The Aldershot District Electricity (Extension &c.) Special Order 1930.

The Aldershot District Electricity (Godalming Transfer &c.) Special Order 1930.

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