



CHAPTER ii.

An Act to amend the capital powers of the West Kent Electric Company Limited and for other purposes. A.D. 1917.

[17th May 1917.]

WHEREAS by the West Kent Electric Power Act 1909 (in this Act called "the Act of 1909") there were transferred to and vested in the West Kent Electric Company Limited (in this Act called "the Company") for and in relation to that part of the county of Kent which lies to the west and north-west of the urban district of Northfleet and the rural districts of Strood, Malling and Sevenoaks with the exception of the parishes of Stone and Swanscombe (which part of the said county is in the Act of 1909 and in this Act referred to as "the West Kent area of supply") the rights, powers, privileges, authorities, duties and obligations (except those relating to the issue of capital and the borrowing of money) conferred and imposed on the Kent Electric Power Company by and under the Kent Electric Power Act 1902 and the Kent Electric Power Act 1906 (which said last-mentioned Acts are in this Act respectively referred to as "the Act of 1902" and "the Act of 1906"):

And whereas by the Act of 1909 it was provided that nothing in that Act or in the Act of 1902 or the Act of 1906 should authorise the Company to erect a generating station and that the capital of the Company for the purposes of their undertaking under the Act of 1909 should not exceed the sum of fifty thousand pounds unless the Company were thereafter authorised by Act of Parliament to raise or apply additional capital to such purposes and the borrowing powers of the Company were limited as therein mentioned:

And whereas the demand for the supply of electricity in the West Kent area of supply is increasing and further capital

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

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
and citation.

1. This Act may be cited as the West Kent Electric Power Act 1917 and this Act and the Act of 1909 may be cited together as the West Kent Electric Power Acts 1909 and 1917.

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of Electric
Lighting
Acts.

2. The proviso to section 3 (Transfer to Company of certain powers of Kent Company) of the Act of 1909 is hereby repealed and subject as is in this section provided the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 to 1909 and of the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 (in this Act called "the principal Acts") shall apply to the Company and to the undertaking of the Company established under any powers transferred to or conferred upon the Company by or under the principal Acts or the West Kent Electric Power Acts 1909 and 1917 and the Company shall for the purposes of the principal Acts be deemed to be a company and undertakers Provided always that sections 2 and 3 of the Electric Lighting Act 1888 shall not apply to the Company or to the said undertaking and that the provisions of the schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 shall apply to the Company and the said undertaking to the extent and so far as the same are incorporated in the Act of 1902 but not further or otherwise and that nothing in any of the said

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Acts shall be deemed to exempt the Company or the said undertaking from the provisions of section 81 of the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899. A.D. 1917. —

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 Electric Lighting Acts 1882 to 1909 and the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 have the same respective meanings. Interpretation.

4. Section 6 (Capital) of the Act of 1909 and section 7 (Limit of borrowing powers) of the Act of 1909 are hereby repealed. Repeals.

5. The provisions of section 26 (Exemption of generating and substations of Company from Building Acts and byelaws &c.) of the Act of 1906 shall apply to any generating station which may be constructed by the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 to 1909 or to any substation constructed by the Company as part of their said undertaking. Generating stations and substations.

6. The Company shall deliver to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies a printed copy of this Act and he shall retain and register the same and if such copy is not so delivered within three months from the passing of this Act the Company shall incur a penalty not exceeding two pounds for every day after the expiration of those three months during which the default continues and any director or manager of the Company who knowingly and wilfully authorises such default shall incur the like penalty Every penalty under this section shall be recoverable summarily. Copy of Act to be registered.

There shall be paid to the Registrar by the Company on such copy being registered the like fee as is for the time being payable under the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908 on registration of any document other than the memorandum or the abstract required to be filed with the Registrar by a receiver or manager or the statement required to be sent to the Registrar by the liquidator in a winding-up in England.

7. The Company shall not under the powers of this Act raise or borrow any money (except for the payment of the costs charges and expenses referred to in the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is "Costs of Act") during the Consent of Treasury to raising of money.

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A.D. 1917. present war and within twelve months thereafter unless the consent of the Treasury has been previously obtained.

Costs of Act. **8.** 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.

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