

“the Council” and “the District” respectively) for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter called “the Bill”) for effecting the purposes or some of the purposes following (that is to say) :—

To authorize and empower the Council to purchase and to provide for the sale, transfer to and vesting in the Council of the undertaking, works, lands, mains, pipes, property, powers, rights, and privileges of the Rickmansworth Gas Company (hereafter in this Notice called “the Company”) for such price or consideration, and upon and subject to such terms, conditions, and stipulations, as may have been or may be agreed between the Council and the Company, or as may be settled by arbitration or provided by the Bill, and to authorize and require the Company to sell and transfer their undertaking, property, and rights accordingly.

To confirm and give effect to any agreement between the Council and the Company, with reference to any such purchase, sale and transfer which may be entered into prior to the passing of the Bill.

To provide for the winding up and dissolution of the Company, and for the distribution of its assets, and for the discharge or taking over by the Council, or otherwise dealing with any mortgage or other debts and any liabilities of the Company.

To authorize the Council to carry on the Undertaking of the Company, to maintain, improve, alter, extend, and enlarge the existing gasworks, and to supply gas for public and private purposes in bulk or otherwise for lighting, heating, and motive power, and for any purposes for which gas is or may be applicable within the District and the parishes of Rickmansworth, Rural, and Chorley Wood, in the county of Hertford (all of which are hereinafter referred to collectively as “the limits of supply”), and to lay down and maintain, alter, repair, and renew mains, pipes, apparatus, and other works for the supply of gas, and to exercise all or any of the powers of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of supplying gas within the limits of supply.

To authorize the Council upon the lands hereinafter described, to continue, maintain, improve, extend, enlarge, alter, renew and repair the existing gasworks of the Company, and to construct and use new gasworks, and to manufacture and store gas, and to convert, treat, and manufacture and store all or any products arising in, or resulting from the manufacture of gas, the lands hereinbefore referred to are :—Freehold lands belonging or reputed to belong to and in the occupation of the Company containing by admeasurement 1 acre 1 rood 31 poles, or thereabouts, situate in the urban district of Rickmansworth in the county of Hertford at or near the town wharf, close to the town of Rickmansworth bounded on the north by land belonging or reputed to belong to Walter Hudson, on the east by land belonging or reputed to belong to William Wright and on the south and west by land belonging or reputed to belong to the Grand Junction Canal Company.

To empower the Council for the purposes of constructing works ancillary to their Gas Undertaking within the limits of supply, to open, break up, alter, and interfere with roads, streets, bridges, railways, canals and tramways, and any sewers, mains, pipes, tubes or other apparatus situated in, under, or upon any such roads, streets or bridges, railways, canals and tramways.

To confer upon the Council for the purposes of its Gas Undertaking the same powers of breaking up roads, streets and bridges not dedicated to public use as they may have in respect of public roads, streets and bridges.

To authorize the Council to make and levy rates, and to charge and recover charges for the supply of gas and residual products, and for the supply, hire and use of meters, stoves, engines, and fittings, and for services in connection with their Gas Undertaking, and to vary existing gas rates, rents and charges, and to provide for special rates and charges outside the District, and to confer, vary or extinguish exemptions from the payment of rents, rates and charges and to give discounts.

To enable the Council to refuse to supply gas to persons in debt to them, or to the Company in respect of other premises, and to make provision with reference to notices to be given to the Council by consumers, especially in cases of removal or discontinuance of a supply of gas, and also for securing payment of gas rates, and for prepayment thereof in certain cases, and for the regulation and measurement of gas, and the testing of meters, and the limiting of period for allowance or surcharge in cases of defective meters, and to provide for the protection of the gasworks and gas supply, and the exemption of the Council from penalties in certain cases, and the inspection by the Council of any pipes or fittings intended to be used for the distribution or supply of gas, and the prohibition and removal of improper or insufficient fittings, and the entry by the Council on property for those purposes, and to empower the Council to prescribe the material, size and strength of pipes and fittings, and the use of anti-fluctuators, and to make and enforce bye-laws and regulations with reference to pipes, fittings, &c.

To authorize the Council to sell, let and otherwise deal in meters, stoves, ranges, gas-engines, motors, dynamos, apparatus and fittings, for heating, cooking, ventilating, or motive power, and for any of the purposes for which gas may be utilized, and automatic meters and apparatus for the automatic supply of and payment for gas, and to fix, remove, and alter the same and other fittings and apparatus, and to do any work or service in connection therewith, to exempt any such articles supplied by the Council from distress or liability to be taken in execution, or in proceedings in bankruptcy, and to make provision for their security, and return to the Council, and to authorize the Council to sell and deal in coal, coke, culm, tar, oil, ammoniacal liquor, and other residual products and things, and to acquire and hold patent rights and licences relative to the manufacture, conversion, utilization and distribution of gas and residuals.

To authorize the Council to enter into and carry into effect contracts and agreements with any authority, company, body or person with respect to the supply by the Council in bulk or otherwise of gas beyond the limits of supply, and to confer upon the Council for the purpose of such supply, power to break up streets and bridges outside the limits of supply and therein to lay down and maintain pipes and other apparatus.

To provide for the sale of parts of the gasworks of the Council to other local authorities within the limits of supply.

To empower the Council for all or any of the purposes of the Bill to apply any of their funds, rates and revenues, and to borrow money on the security of the district fund, the general district