

make, enter into and carry into effect contracts and agreements with reference to such matters.

22. To make provision requiring consumers of electricity to give notice in writing to the Company before connecting or disconnecting any electric meter or before quitting any premises supplied with electricity, or discontinuing the consumption of electricity, for exempting the Company in certain cases from penalties, for prescribing the period of error in the case of defective meters, and to exempt the Company from liability to supply electricity where the consumer has a separate supply.

23. To empower the Company to make and enforce by means of penalties or otherwise bye-laws and regulations in respect of any of the matters aforesaid, and to empower the Company to enter upon any premises supplied with electricity for any purpose relating to such supply.

24. To authorize the Company to acquire, hold, use and exercise patent rights or licences and authorities under letters patent for the use of inventions and apparatus relative to the production, storing, measuring, distribution and supply of electrical energy, and the conversion, manufacture or utilisation of any products or residuals of any materials used or employed in or resulting from the manufacture of electrical energy.

25. To empower the Company to apply for Provisional or other Orders under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1909.

26. To empower the Company and any local authority, company, body or person who may have been or may be authorized to supply electricity, either within or adjoining the area of supply for the time being of the Company, to enter into and carry into effect agreements for the transfer to the Company of the undertaking, powers, rights, privileges, liabilities and obligations of such local authority, company, body or person, or any part thereof.

27. To make provisions with respect to the purchase by the West Lancashire Rural District Council of the electricity undertaking of the Company to be authorized by the Bill, and to extinguish or modify any rights now vested in the local authority under the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, or otherwise with respect to the purchase of the said undertaking of the Company or any part thereof, or to attach to any such rights of purchase such restrictions and conditions as the Bill may prescribe.

28. To change the name of the Company to that of the Ormskirk and District Gas and Electricity Company, or such other name as may be defined in the Bill.

29. To authorize the Company to apply for the purposes of the Bill, and of defraying the expenses of obtaining the Bill or intended Act, any moneys which they have already raised and not expended, or which they are authorized to raise for the purpose of their gas undertaking, and to raise additional capital for their gas and electricity undertakings by shares and stock, ordinary or preference or both, and by borrowing on mortgage, or by the creation and issue of debenture stock for the purposes of the Bill; to make provision as to the priorities, interests, dividends or other advantages or rights incident to the respective classes of shares and stock, mortgages and debentures and as to the appointment of a receiver, and if thought fit to constitute the electricity undertaking under the Bill a separate undertaking, or provide for the keeping of separate accounts of the capital,

revenue and operations of the Company in relation to the electricity undertaking under the Bill, to make provisions with respect to the application of the revenues of the Company derived from the supply of gas and electricity, and to authorize the Company to pay interim dividends, to close their transfer books prior to the declaration of dividends, and to make good deficiencies in income or dividend on account of the electricity undertaking out of the gas undertaking or vice versa.

30. To repeal Section 27 (for appointment of a receiver) of the Ormskirk Gaslight Act, 1892, and to make provision for the appointment of a receiver in lieu thereof, for the establishment and formation of a reserve fund, and for the application of the excess profits of the Company's undertaking.

31. To enable the Company to make superannuation and other allowances to their officers and servants, and to establish a scheme for profit-sharing by the servants and employees of the Company.

32. To empower the Company to purchase by agreement and to hold any lands for, or in connection with their gas or electricity undertakings, and to sell, lease, let or dispose of any lands for the time being held by the Company, or any interest therein, not required for, or in connection therewith, and to purchase, erect or take on lease and fit up, maintain and let houses, cottages and buildings for persons in their employ, and offices, show rooms and other buildings for the purposes of such undertakings.

33. To make further provision with respect to the affairs of the Company, including the appointment of managing director, the giving of notice of candidature for office of director, and the appointment, dismissal and remuneration of the secretary and other officers and servants.

34. To authorize the Company and any local authority, company, or person whether within or beyond the limits of supply, to enter into, and carry into effect, contracts, agreements and arrangements with reference to the supply of gas or electricity in bulk or otherwise, by or to the Company, to or by any such local authority, company or person, and to confirm any such contract or agreement entered into before the passing of the Bill.

35. To enable the Company to lay mains, pipes and electric mains in streets not dedicated to public use, and to provide for the authentication and service of notices by the Company, and the recovery and payment of penalties and demands.

36. To empower the Company from time to time to make, vary and rescind bye-laws, rules or regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect any of the provisions of the Bill, to provide penalties for securing the compliance with any such bye-laws, rules and regulations and any of the provisions of the Bill, and to make provision for imposing, demanding and recovering penalties and for the application thereof.

37. To incorporate and to apply to the Company and their undertakings with such variations and modifications as may be deemed expedient, or if thought fit to exempt the Company and their undertakings from all or some of the provisions of the Companies Clauses (Consolidation) Act, 1845, the Companies Clauses Act, 1863, the Gas Works Clauses Acts, 1847 and 1871, the Lands Clauses Acts,