

Essex at his office at Chelmsford; and also at the offices of the Company, York-road, South-end-on-Sea, where printed copies of the Draft Order may be obtained at the price of 1s. per copy.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1922.

SHERWOOD AND Co., 22, Abingdon Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, Parliamentary Agents.

Board of Trade.—1922.

SWINDON UNITED GAS COMPANY.

SPECIAL ORDER.

(Power to Utilize Additional Lands in the Borough of Swindon for Gasworks' Purposes; Power to Pay Increased Dividend on Unissued Consolidated Stock; Scheme for Profit Sharing; Establishment of Benefit Fund and Granting of Pensions; Power to Create Special Purposes Fund.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to the Board of Trade by the Swindon United Gas Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), whose address is Queen-street, in the Borough of Swindon, in the County of Wilts, for a Special Order (hereinafter called "the Order") under and in pursuance of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, for all or some of the following purposes (that is to say):—

1. To authorize the Company upon the land hereinafter described or on some part or parts thereof to erect and maintain, alter, extend, renew, and improve works for the manufacture, storage, conversion, utilization and distribution of gas and of residual products arising from all such manufacture and to make, store and distribute gas, and make, use, store, utilize and distribute all such residual products and materials as aforesaid, and on such lands to construct and to maintain houses, buildings and other works connected with their gas undertaking. The land hereinbefore referred to is situate in the Borough of Swindon and is:

A piece of land called the "Football Ground" belonging or reputed to belong to the Company and shown on the 25 in. Ordnance Map of Wiltshire, Sheet XV., 4 Special Edition, 1913, and being thereon Nod. 107 and coloured red on the plan deposited in accordance with the Statutory Rules and Orders, 1922, Nod. 187, containing by admeasurement 2,436 acres, bounded on the north by the road known as Gipsy-lane, on the south by the land belonging or reputed to belong to the Great Western Railway Company, on the east by land belonging or reputed to belong to J. Warman, and on the west by land of the Company and used by them for the purposes of gas manufacture.

2. So far as may be necessary or desirable to sanction and confirm the purchase by the Company of the lands hereinbefore described and of other lands now owned by the Company, and to empower the Company to acquire additional lands for the purposes of their undertaking, and to purchase, erect, or take on lease dwelling-houses for persons in their employment, and for offices, showrooms and shops; and to authorize the Company to

sell, lease or otherwise dispose of lands belonging to them and no longer required by them.

3. To raise the standard rate of dividend on Consolidated Stock issued after the commencement of the Order.

4. To authorize the preparation and establishment of a scheme for enabling the employees of the Company to share in the profits of the Company; to make provision for the purposes of any such scheme (inter alia) for issue of Stocks and Shares to employees and for the making of regulations with regard to any such scheme.

5. To empower the Directors of the Company to establish out of their revenue and from other sources a benefit fund for the granting of gratuities, pensions and allowances to their servants and employees; to authorize the Company to subscribe to hospitals and similar institutions, and to grant pensions and superannuation allowances to their officers and servants.

6. To empower the Company to create a Special Purposes Fund to meet expenses incurred by accidents or circumstances beyond the control of the Company, or in the replacement or removal of plant, and such other expenses as may be specified in the intended Order.

7. To repeal, alter or amend, or to re-enact or incorporate in the Order, with or without amendment, some or all of the provisions of the New Swindon Gas Act, 1893, the New Swindon Gas Act, 1901, the Swindon United Gas Act, 1902.

Any local or other public authority, company or person desiring to bring before the Board of Trade any objection to the draft Order, may do so by registered letter addressed to the Director of Gas Administration, Board of Trade, Great George-street, London, S.W. 1, and despatched on or before the 15th day of December, 1922. Any such objection shall state:—

- (a) The specific grounds of objection; and
- (b) The omissions, additions or modifications asked for.

A copy of the objection shall be forwarded to the applicants for the Order, or their agent, at the same time as it is sent to the Board of Trade.

Copies of the draft Special Order, together with copies of the Ordnance Maps on a scale of one inch to the mile, showing the situation of the proposed works and of the existing works, and of the area in which the Company are already authorized to supply gas, and copies of Ordnance Maps on the scale of twenty-five inches to the mile, showing the lands referred to in paragraph 3 of this notice, and intended to be used for the construction of works, have been deposited for public inspection at the Company's office, at Queen-street, Swindon, and at the office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wilts, at Trowbridge.

Printed copies of the draft Special Order may be obtained at the offices of the Company, in Queen-street, Swindon, or at the offices of the undermentioned solicitor, at the price of one shilling per copy.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1922.

A. ERNEST WITBY, Solicitor and Agent to the Swindon United Gas Co., Swindon.