

**ELECTRICITY COMMISSION.
ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT, 1919.**

MID LANCASHIRE ELECTRICITY DISTRICT.

Whereas in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act the Electricity Commissioners, by notice dated the 27th day of May, 1920, provisionally determined that a certain area, comprising part of the County of Lancaster, should be constituted a separate Electricity District for the purposes of the said Act, and gave to all parties interested an opportunity of submitting schemes for effecting an improvement in the existing organisation for the supply of electricity in the District, including proposals for altering and adjusting the boundaries of the District and the formation of a Joint Electricity Authority:

And whereas schemes were submitted to the Electricity Commissioners (a) by the Corporations of Blackburn and Preston jointly and (b) by the North East Lancashire Electricity Committee:

And whereas the Electricity Commissioners held a Local Inquiry at Preston on the 20th day of February, 1923, and subsequent days, with reference to the area to be included in the proposed District, to the Schemes submitted as aforesaid, and to an agreed amended scheme submitted during the course of the said Inquiry providing for the establishment of an Advisory Board:

And whereas in pursuance of such Inquiry and such agreed amended Scheme and of the provisions of sub-section (4) of Section 5 of the above-mentioned Act, the Electricity Commissioners have duly published, in such manner as they thought best adapted for ensuring publicity, the said scheme, with certain modifications, providing for the establishment of an Advisory Board:

Now, therefore, the Electricity Commissioners hereby give notice that they intend to hold a Local Inquiry at the Town Hall, Preston, on Tuesday, the 31st July, 1923, at 10.30 a.m., and following days, if necessary, with reference to the scheme so published as aforesaid and in order finally to determine the area of the proposed District.

Any body or person interested may attend the Inquiry either personally or by Counsel, Solicitor or Agent.

Copies of the Scheme so published as aforesaid may be obtained, on application, from the Secretary, Electricity Commission, Gwydyr House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, and any representations or objections with regard to the provisions thereof should be submitted in writing to the Secretary, Electricity Commission, not later than Monday, the 23rd July, 1923.

R. T. G. French,
Secretary to the
Electricity Commissioners.

Electricity Commission,
Gwydyr House,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

2nd July, 1923.

WATER UNDERTAKINGS (MODIFICATION OF CHARGES) ACT, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Southport, Birkdale, and West Lancashire Water Board have made application to the Minister of Health under the above Act for an Order—

(1) To provide for the modification of the provisions of Sections 42, 43, 46, and 50 of the Southport Water (Transfer) Act, 1901, so as to authorise them to make charges for water supplied by them for domestic and other purposes not exceeding by more than 50 per cent. the charges specified in the said Sections; that is, to continue the present maximum charges after the expiration of the Southport, Birkdale, and West Lancashire Water (Temporary Increase of Charges) Orders, 1919 and 1921.

(2) To vary the following Agreements:—
(a) The Agreement between the Borough of Southport and the West Lancashire Rural District Council as contained in the second schedule to the Act of 1901; (b) the Agreement between the Board and the Southport Improvement Commissioners as contained in the Third Schedule to the Act of 1901; (c) the Agreement or clause for the protection of the Earl of Derby contained in Section 18 (and particularly sub-clause 8 thereof) contained in the Southport, Birkdale, and West Lancashire Water Board Act, 1905; (d) the Agreement between the Skelmersdale Urban District Council and the Board as contained in the First Schedule to the Southport, Birkdale, and West Lancashire Water Board Act, 1907; so as to authorise the Board to increase by not more than 50 per cent. the charges agreed to therein.

A copy of the application and of all documents submitted to the Minister in connection therewith may be inspected and extracts thereof made free of charge at the Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Southport, between the hours of 9 and 5.30 on any week-day (except Saturday). Copies of the documents may be purchased at the usual charges made for copying.

The scales of charges for domestic and other purposes proposed to be levied in the Borough of Southport, the Urban District of Formby, and in the part of the Rural District of West Lancashire within the Water Board's Area of supply have been deposited at the Clerk's Office, and may be inspected during the above-mentioned hours.

Any person desirous of making any representation to the Ministry of Health with respect to the application may do so by letter addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1, on or before the 1st day of August, 1923.

A copy of such representation should be sent at the same time to the undersigned.

J. ERNEST JARRATT,
Clerk to the Board.

Town Hall, Southport.
29th June, 1923.