

Every Company, Corporation, or person desirous of making any representation to the Board of Trade, or of bringing before them any objection respecting the application, may do so by letter, addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Railway Department of the Board of Trade, on or before the 15th day of January, 1899, and a copy of their objections must at the same time be sent to the Solicitors or Agents of the Company, and in forwarding to the Board of Trade such objections the objectors or their Agents should state that a copy of the same has been forwarded to the Company or their Agents.

Dated this 1st day of November, 1898.

HARWARDS and Co., Solicitors, Stour-bridge.

GRAHAMES, CURREY, and SPENS, 30, Great George-street, Westminster, Parliamentary Agents.

Board of Trade—Session 1899.

Wednesbury Electric Supply.

(The Production, Storage, and Supply of Electricity by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wednesbury within that Borough; the Acquisition and Appropriation of Lands and Construction of Works; the Breaking-up and Interference with Streets, Railways, and Tramways; the laying down and erection of Electric Lines, Pipes, and Apparatus; the Taking and Recovery of Rates and Charges; the Entry into Houses and Lands; the Making of Contracts, and the Transfer of the Undertaking; the Borrowing of Money, and other matters.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Wednesbury (who are hereinafter called the Corporation, and whose address is the Municipal Offices, Holyhead-road, Wednesbury), intend to apply to the Board of Trade, on or before the 21st day of December next, for a Provisional Order (hereinafter called the Order) under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, for all or some of the following amongst other purposes (that is to say):—

1. To authorise the Corporation to produce, store, or supply, and distribute electricity for public and private purposes as defined by the said Acts, within the borough of Wednesbury, in the county of Stafford (hereinafter called the area of supply).

2. To enable the Corporation to purchase, take on lease, and hold lands or interests or easements in or over lands, or to appropriate, for the purposes of the Order, any lands belonging to or held by them, and to erect, maintain, work, and use upon such lands all necessary or proper engines, dynamos, batteries, machinery, apparatus, works, buildings, and appliances for generating, producing, storing, supplying, and distributing electricity or for other purposes of the undertaking, and to empower the Corporation to sell or dispose of any lands not required for purposes of the undertaking.

3. To authorise the Corporation to open, break up, and interfere with all streets, roads, public places, ways, footpaths, railways, canals, navigable rivers, towing paths, bridges, culverts, sewers, drains, gas and water mains and pipes, and telegraph and telephone and other wires within the area of supply; and to lay down, erect, maintain, renew, and remove, either above or under ground or otherwise, electric lines, conductors, main pipes, tubes, wires, posts, street or distributing boxes, meters, apparatus, and other works or things required for the purpose

of enabling the Corporation to supply, produce, store, convey, transmit, or distribute electricity within the area of supply, and to confer all such other powers upon the Corporation as may be necessary for effecting the objects of the proposed undertaking.

4. To authorise the Corporation to manufacture, purchase, hire, sell, and let lamps, accumulators, meters, dynamos, fittings, plant, machinery, and other matters or things required for the purposes of the Order, and to acquire, work, and use patent rights for the producing, storing, controlling, distributing, and measuring or otherwise relating to the supply of electricity.

5. To authorise the Corporation to take, collect, and recover rates, rents, and charges for the supply of electricity, and the use of any machines, lamps, meters, fittings, or apparatus connected therewith.

6. To make provision for the inspection and testing of mains, conductors, and works for the appointment and remuneration of electric inspectors, and for the supply, use, inspection, testing, and certifying of meters, fittings, and instruments.

7. To authorise the Corporation to enter upon any houses, buildings, or lands supplied or proposed to be supplied with electricity for any purposes relating to such supply.

8. To authorise the Corporation to enter into contracts with companies or persons for the execution and maintenance of works, and the supply of electricity; and to relieve the Corporation from the consequences of any acts or defaults of any such contractors, and to empower the Corporation to transfer to companies or persons all or some of their powers, duties, liabilities, and works for such period, and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

9. To confer upon the Corporation all or some of the powers of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, and enactments incorporated therewith, and to alter, vary, or extinguish all rights and privileges which would or might interfere with any of the objects of the Order, and to confer all other rights and privileges necessary for carrying such objects into effect.

10. To empower the Corporation to borrow money for all or any of the purposes of the Order, and to charge the moneys so borrowed and interest upon the district fund and general district rate of the borough, and to empower the Corporation to apply any of their funds to any of the purposes of the Order, and to provide for the disposal or application of the revenue arising from the undertaking.

11. To incorporate with the Order, Section 265 of the Public Health Act, 1875, (relating to the protection of local authorities, and their officers from personal liability), and to extend that section to matters arising under the Order.

The Corporation propose to take power by the Order, to open and break up the following streets not repairable by a local authority, railways, and tramways, viz.:—

Addison-terrace, Brunswick-terrace, Chapel-street, Church-street, Corbett-passage, Corns-street, Corporation-street, Farle-street, Foundry-street, Friar-street, George-street, Hollies-drive, Hope-terrace, Longmore-street, North-street, Oakeswell-street, Old Moxley, Portway-lane (part of), School-street, Vicar-street, Wharfedale-street, two unnamed streets off Walsall-road, King's-hill. The towing paths of the