

for the supply of water, the powers, authorities, rights, and privileges of the Company, and the powers, authorities, rights, and privileges of the Council, with respect to their supply of water to the said district.

To provide for the discharge of the debts and liabilities, the distribution of the assets, and the winding up and dissolution of the Company.

To empower the Council to levy and recover rates, rents, and charges for the supply of water, meters, and fittings.

To empower the Council to purchase or acquire by agreement, or to take on lease any lands (including in the word "lands," where used in this Notice, houses, buildings, and casements), and any rights or easements in, on, over, or connected therewith which they may require for the purposes of the Bill or their undertaking.

To empower the Council and any corporation, or any county, urban district, rural district, or parish council, and any public authority or body, and any company within or without the limits for the time being of the Council for the supply of water, to enter into and fulfil contracts and agreements for or in relation to the supply of water in bulk by the Council to such corporation, and to such council, authority, body, company, and person, and to enable the contracting parties respectively for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them, to apply their funds, rates, and revenues, and any moneys they are authorised to raise, and which are not required for the purposes for which they were authorised, and to borrow further moneys, and to levy rates and charges, and to confirm, with or without alteration, any such contract or agreements which may have been already or which during the progress of the Bill may be made, and the Bill will or may authorise the Council for the purposes aforesaid to exercise the powers of the *Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847*, with respect to the breaking-up of streets for the purpose of laying pipes.

To empower the Council for the purposes of the Bill to raise further money, and to charge the same by mortgage or other means on the general district fund and general district rate, and upon the revenue of the waterworks undertaking when acquired, and the rates and revenues to arise under the Bill, or other funds, rates, and revenues of or under the control of the Council, or on any of the funds, rates, and revenues aforesaid as they may determine.

To empower the Council to make and enforce bye-laws and regulations to prevent waste of water, and for all purposes of the Bill to which bye-laws are applicable.

The Bill will alter, vary, and extinguish all rights and privileges which would interfere with any of its objects, and confer other rights and privileges, and will, so far as is necessary or expedient therefor, alter, amend, and repeal the provisions, or some of the provisions, of the following local Act and Order, namely:—

The *Bognor Water Order, 1875*; the *Bognor Water Act, 1891*, and every other Act relating directly or indirectly to the Company; and will incorporate with itself, either by reference or in extenso, and with or without modification, such of the provisions as may be deemed expedient of the said Acts, and of the *Lands Clauses Acts*; the *Public Health Acts*; and the *Local Loans Acts, 1875 and 1885*; and the *Waterworks Clauses Acts, 1847 and 1863*.

Printed copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the 21st day of December next.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1898.

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Birmingham Corporation.

(Sale of the Undertaking of the Birmingham Electric Supply Company Limited to Corporation of Birmingham; provisions as to Company's debts, liabilities, contracts, &c.; winding up and dissolution of Company; distribution of purchase money; power to Corporation to borrow money and issue Corporation stock; to authorise branch schools of art; provision as to repayment of loans in respect of Rubery Hill Lunatic Asylum; bands of music; amendment of Acts; and other purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing session by the Mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of Birmingham (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation), for an Act for all or some of the following objects and purposes, that is to say—

To empower the Birmingham Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter called the Company), to sell, and the Corporation to purchase, the undertaking of the Company, upon such terms and for such consideration as have been or may be agreed upon, or as may be provided by the intended Act, and to confirm and give effect to any agreement in that behalf which may have been or may be entered into between the Company and the Corporation before the passing of the intended Act.

To provide that the consideration for such sale may be a sum or sums in cash, or in Birmingham Corporation stock, or partly in cash and partly in stock, or in such other form as may be prescribed by the Bill.

To empower the Corporation upon such sale and transfer to exercise, perform and discharge all the powers, duties and obligations of the Company in relation to the supply of energy under the *Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888*, and the *Birmingham Electric Light and Power Order, 1894*, subject to such modifications as may be provided for by the intended Act.

To make provision for the payment and discharge of all or some of the debts and liabilities of the Company, the payment of the costs of the Company in respect of the negotiations for, and the sale of the Undertaking to the Corporation, and otherwise in respect of the intended Act; the carrying on of the undertaking by the Company until the completion of the purchase; the payment and guarantee of dividends of the Company up to the completion of the purchase; the taking over of officers and servants of the Company; the distribution of the purchase money, stock or other consideration, and the dissolution of the Company.

To extend the Company's area of supply so as to comprise the whole of the city of Birmingham, and to extend the provisions of the *Birmingham Electric Light and Power Order, 1894* (with such alterations and modifications as may be contained in the intended Act) over the whole of the city.

To empower the Corporation to borrow money for the intended Act and for all or any of the purposes of the undertaking, and to raise such moneys by mortgage or other securities, or by the creation and issue of Birmingham Corporation stock, or by either of such means, and to charge such moneys upon the borough fund and