

Charges; to Enter into Houses, Buildings and Lands; to Make Contracts and Transfer Undertaking; to Borrow Money and other Powers.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Urban District Council of Romford, in the county of Essex (hereinafter called "the Council") and whose address is the Council Offices, Market-place, Romford, intend, on or before the 21st day of December next, to apply to the Board of Trade 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 Council to produce, store, supply, and distribute electricity for public and private purposes, as defined by the said Acts, within the urban district of Romford (hereinafter called "the area of supply").

2. To enable the Council to acquire, purchase, take on lease, and hold lands or interests, or easements in or over lands, and 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 Council to sell or dispose of any lands not required for the purposes of the undertaking.

3. To authorise the Council to open, break up, and interfere with, all streets, roads, public places, ways, footpaths, railways, tramways, canals, navigable rivers, towing paths, bridges, culverts, sewers, drains, and 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 underground or otherwise, electric lines, conductors, mains, pipes, tubes, wires, posts, street or distributing boxes, meters, apparatus and other works or things required for the purpose of enabling the Council to supply, produce, store, convey, transmit or distribute electricity within the area of supply, and to confer all such other powers upon the Council as may be necessary for effecting the objects of the proposed undertaking.

4. To authorise the Council to manufacture, purchase, hire, sell, and let lamps, accumulators, meters, dynamos, fittings, plant, machinery, and other matters or things required for the purpose 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 Council to take, collect and recover rates, rents and charges for the supply of electricity and the use of any machines, lamps, meters, fittings and apparatus connected therewith.

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

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

8. To authorise the Council to enter into contracts with companies or persons for the execution and maintenance of works and for the supply of electricity, and to relieve the Council from the consequences of any acts or defaults of any such contractors, and to empower

the Council to sell or transfer to companies or persons all or some of their rights, powers, duties, privileges, liabilities, and works and to empower the Council to lease their electric lighting undertaking or any part thereof for such period, upon such terms, at such rent, and upon such conditions as may be agreed upon.

9. To confer upon the Council 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 Council 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 district, and to empower the Council 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 and extend to matters arising under the Order, the provisions of Section 264 of the Public Health Act, 1875 (relating to actions against local authorities, their officers and servants, and their protection from personal liabilities), or of any statute re-enacting or amending the same.

12. The names of the streets in which it is proposed that electric lines shall be laid down within a specified time are as follows:—South-street, from Victoria-road to the Market-place corner. High-street, from the Market-place corner to Waterloo-road. The Market-place, from the corner to Hill House, now in the occupation of Mr. J. S. Hammond. North-street, from the Market-place corner to Como-street. Victoria-road, throughout its whole length within the area of supply.

13. The following are the streets, roads, paths or places, either altogether or in part not repairable by the local authority, which the Council propose to take power to break up, viz.:—Birkbeck-road, Cotleigh-road, Como-street, Cedar-street, Carlton-road, East-road, Grosvenor-road, Honiton-road, Kings-road, Lilliput-road, Linden-street, Laurie-square, Manor-road, Mildmay-road, Marks-road, Mawneys-road, Oak-street, Olive-street, Princes-road, Palm-road, Poplar-street, Vine-street, Wolseley-road, West-road, Willow-street, and the new road from Crow-lane to the gas works. And all streets and parts of streets carried over or under any railway, and to break up and interfere with the Great Eastern Railway, and the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway, so far as the same are situate within the area of supply, particularly at the subway in Jutsum's-lane under the Great Eastern Railway, and all footpaths in the district crossing the said railways or either of them.

14. To prescribe and limit the price to be charged for electricity.

15. To exempt the Council from the obligation to supply electricity within such part or parts of the area of supply, or under such circumstances as shall be specified in the Order.

And notice is hereby given that the draft of the Order will be deposited at the office of the Board of Trade on or before the 21st day of December, 1898, and printed copies of the draft Order when deposited, and of the Order when made, may be obtained (at the price of one shilling for each copy) in London, at the offices of Messrs. A. H. Hunt and Co., Solicitors, 17, St. Swithins Lane, E.C., and in the urban district aforesaid,