

capital either by offering the same by auction or tender or by offering the same for subscription by other means.

4. To provide that if the Board of Trade alter the maximum price for gas which the Company are at present authorised to charge to a standard price, the sliding scale for determining the authorised rates of dividend from time to time on the ordinary capital of the Company shall be on the basis of the price charged by the Company for gas supplied by them in the several quarters of the year or half-year.

5. To empower the Directors of the Company, if a profit sharing scheme is put into force, to issue shares on such conditions as may be specified in the Order to employees of the Company, without first offering such shares for sale by public auction or tender.

6. To empower the Directors to grant gratuities, pensions, and superannuation allowances and other payments to employees of the Company, or their widows, families or dependents and to enter into agreements with Insurance and other companies for securing the payment of such gratuities, pensions, allowances or other payments, and to authorise the Directors to subscribe or make donations to funds raised in case of national emergency, infirmaries, hospitals, convalescent homes and other institutions and objects and benevolent and sick funds of the employees of the Company, and to apply the revenues of the Company for any of such purposes.

7. To make further provision with regard to the construction and placing of pipes, etc., between mains and meters; the exemption of the Company from the liability to supply gas in cases where the capacity of the main is insufficient; the cutting off and re-connecting supplies and expenses thereof; the supply of gas where consumer has separate supply; the charges for gas supplied by prepayment meters; power to compel consumers to repair internal piping or appliances, etc., when in dangerous condition; entering of premises to inspect meters, fittings, etc., for ascertaining quantity of gas consumed or supplied; the removal of fittings where gas supply is discontinued; the provision of a valve where high pressure air is used; bulk supplies to and from local authorities companies or persons beyond the limits of supply; the purchase of land by agreement; the purchase or taking on lease of dwelling-houses for employees, offices, etc.; the inclusion of several sums in one summons; the appointment of a receiver; receipts in the case of persons not *sui juris*; the recovery of penalties and the authentication and service of notices.

8. To provide that any fittings let for hire by the Company shall continue to be the property of and removable by the Company although fixed or fastened to any premises.

9. To enact that any building of the Company (not being a dwelling-house) shall be exempt from byelaws as to new buildings in force in the district of any local authority within the Company's limits of supply.

10. To make provision requiring notice to be given to the Secretary of the Company of a person intending to offer himself, or about to be proposed for, the office of director of the Company and the exhibition of such notice in

a conspicuous place in the principal office of the Company; and to provide that no person shall be disqualified from being a director by reason of holding an office or place of trust or profit under the Company or of being interested in any contract with the Company, and to regulate the conduct of directors in any such position.

11. To authorise the Company to apply any of their corporate funds to the payment of the costs of the application for and confirmation of the proposed Order and to make other provision with reference thereto.

12. To vary or extinguish all rights or privileges which would or might interfere with any of the objects of the intended Order and to confer other rights and privileges.

13. To incorporate with the Order so far as applicable and except so far as varied thereby and to amend alter or repeal all or some of the provisions of the Newport Pagnell Gas Order 1906 (confirmed by the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act 1906) and the Newport Pagnell Gas (Charges) Order 1922, and any other Act or Order relating to the Company or their undertaking.

14. To incorporate with the Order with or without modification all or some of the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, and the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871, and the Acts amending those Acts respectively.

Copies of an Ordnance Map on a scale of 1 inch to the mile showing the boundaries of the proposed area of supply and of the area in which the Company are already authorised to supply gas, and printed copies of the draft Special Order have been deposited for public inspection with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Buckingham at his office at Aylesbury, and at the Registered Office of the Company in Newport Pagnell, and printed copies of the draft Special Order will be furnished at the price of one shilling for each copy to all persons applying for the same at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, High Street, Newport Pagnell, and at the offices of the undersigned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.

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 24th day of December, 1926. Any such objection must state:—

(a) the specific grounds of objection; and

(b) the omissions, additions or modifications asked for.

A copy of the objection must be forwarded to the Company or the under-mentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents at the same time as it is sent to the Board of Trade.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1926.

SHARPE, PRITCHARD AND Co., Palace Chambers, Bridge Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.