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WAIPORI FALLS ELECTRICAL POWER.

[PRIVATE BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Waipori Falls Electric Power Company
(Limited) to supply and use Electrical Energy for Lighting,
Power, Heat, and other Purposes within the City of Dunedin
and the Boroughs, Counties, and Districts adjacent thereto.

Title.

WHEREAS a company has been incorporated under the provisions
of "The Companies Act, 1882," and the amendments thereof, under the
name of "The Waipori Falls Electric Power Company (Limited),"
having amongst its objects the utilising the water of the Waipori River
for the purpose of generating electricity, and supplying the same as
motive power and for lighting and other purposes: And whereas
it is expedient that provision should be made for authorising the said
company to cross or pass over or along and open up streets, roads,
railways, rivers, and bridges, and to enter upon lands within the
Counties of Taieri, Bruce, Tuapeka, and Waikouaiti, the City of
Dunedin, the Boroughs of Milton, Mosgiel, Green Island, South
Dunedin, St. Kilda, Mornington, Roslyn, Maori Hill, North-east
Valley, West Harbour, and Port Chalmers, and the Road Districts
of Peninsula, Tomahawk, and Portobello, all in the Provincial
District of Otago, and to place mains, distributing-lines, service
lines, and telpherage lines either above or below ground, and to lay
down and place pipes, conduits, and service pipes, and to erect
pillars, towers, arches, and poles, and to make, construct, and do
other works and things for producing, supplying, and using electrical
energy for public and private purposes and for providing telpherage
ways within the said counties, city, boroughs, and road districts, and
to do all such other acts, deeds, matters, and things from time to
time as are incidental or conducive to carrying out fully and effectually
the objects of the said company:

Preamble.

No. 2—2. (Private.)

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Waipori Falls Electrical Power Act, 1904." 5

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context hereof, and unless there are words to exclude or restrict such meaning, the words and expressions following shall severally have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Electricity" means electricity or its translated form, electric current, or any like agency: 10

"Energy" means electrical energy, and for the purposes of this Act electrical energy shall be deemed to be an agency within the meaning of "electricity" as defined by this Act: 15

"The company" means the Waipori Falls Electric Power Company (Limited) and its successors, or the assigns or licensees of all or any of the company's rights and powers under this Act:

"Public purposes" refers to the supply of electricity or its translated form to or in any street, road, or square, building or place, belonging to or subject to the control of a local or public authority, or any hall, public theatre, or building belonging to or subject to the control of any local or public authority, but shall not include any other purpose to which electricity or its translated form may be applied: 20 25

"Private purposes" refers to any purpose whatever to which electricity or its translated form may for the time being be applied, not being public purposes, but shall not include the transmission of any telegrams: 30

"Local authority" means local authority as defined in "The Interpretation Act, 1888":

"Streets and roads" shall include any public or private street, and any public road, square, open space, highway, thoroughfare, bridge, culvert, or passage within the limits to be affected by the Act. 35

Power to supply and use electrical energy within area of supply and to execute necessary works.

3. Subject and without prejudice to "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," "The Counties Act, 1886," and "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and any amendments thereof respectively, the company may supply and use energy for public and private purposes, for motive power, lighting, heat, and other purposes within the whole or any part or parts of the area of supply as defined by this Act: 40

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and for the purposes aforesaid may cross or pass over or along and open up streets and roads, and cross over or under railways, rivers, and bridges, and place mains, telpherage lines, service lines, and distributing-mains either above or below ground, and lay down and place pipes, conduits, and service pipes, and erect pillars, towers, arches, and poles, and make, construct, and do all other necessary or proper works and things for supplying energy and providing telpherage ways within such area of supply or any part or parts thereof. 45 50

New proviso.

5 Provided always that the company shall not be permitted to supply,
 without the previous consent in writing of the Corporation of the
 City of Dunedin, electrical energy for lighting or domestic heating
 10 to any building within the present boundaries of the City of Dunedin,
 or, should the Borough of Caversham be legally incorporated with
 the City of Dunedin before the first day of January, one thousand
 nine hundred and five, to any building at present within the bound-
 aries of the said Borough of Caversham, unless the company is, at
 the same time supplying such building within the said boundaries
 respectively with energy for industrial purposes to the minimum
 equivalent of forty units per week.

New clauses.

15 3A. (1.) There shall be a Board of Control for the purposes of
 this Act, which shall consist of the Governor in Council.

Board of Control.

20 (2.) The Board of Control may appoint such officers and make
 such by-laws for its own guidance as it shall think proper ; it may
 also make such rules and regulations for the control of the company
 in the interests of the public safety as it may think expedient for
 securing the safety of the public from personal injury, or from fire or
 otherwise ; and may from time to time amend or repeal such regu-
 lations. And any such regulations so made or amended by the Board
 25 of Control shall, from the date and issue thereof, have the same
 effect in every respect as though they had been originally inserted
 in this Act ; and every regulation so repealed shall, from and after
 the date thereof, be repealed accordingly, but such repeal shall not
 affect any liability or penalty incurred in respect thereof prior to the
 date of such repeal, or any proceeding or remedy which might have
 30 been had in relation thereto.

(3.) The Board of Control may from time to time delegate all or
 any of the powers vested in the Board by this Act to the Electric
 Telegraph Commissioner or to such other person as the Board of
 Control shall think fit.

35 3B. For the purposes aforesaid the company may cross or pass
 over or along and open up streets and roads, and cross over or under
 railways, rivers, and bridges, and place mains, telpherage lines, service
 lines, and distributing-mains either above or below ground as the
 Board of Control may determine, and lay down and place pipes, con-
 40 ducts, and service pipes, service boxes, man-holes, or transformer-
 chambers, and erect pillars, towers, arches, and poles, and make,
 construct, and do all other necessary or proper works and things for
 supplying energy and providing telpherage ways within such area of
 supply or any part or parts thereof upon such terms, including time
 45 and conditions, and subject to such regulations and provisions for
 securing the safety, convenience, and welfare of the public as may be
 agreed upon between the company and the local authority or
 authorities having jurisdiction over the said streets, roads, railways,
 rivers, and bridges : Provided always that if any such local authority
 50 shall impose any such terms and conditions, or require the company
 to become subject to any such regulations and provisions, or to do
 any act, matter, or thing as shall be deemed unreasonable by the
 company, or shall neglect for an unreasonable time to notify the

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company of such regulations, provisions, act, matter, or thing, the company may appeal to the Board of Control; and the Board of Control shall inquire into the matter from the company and the local authority or authorities interested, and allow or disallow such appeal and approve any such terms, conditions, regulations, and provisions, act, matter, or thing, either altogether or subject to such amendments and conditions as may seem fit, or may disapprove the same, or, in case the local authority or authorities has or have neglected for an unreasonable time to notify the company of the said regulations, provisions, act, matter, or thing, then the Board of Control shall prescribe such regulations, provisions, act, matter, or thing as it shall think fit.

The company may enter upon lands for the purpose of executing works.

4. The company may, for the purpose of the supply and use of electrical energy as authorised by section *three* hereof, from time to time whenever it may deem it advisable so to do, place transmission-lines, poles, towers, mains, distributing-lines, service lines, telpherage lines, and distributing-mains either above or below ground or upon or under any lands situate within the area of supply, and upon such lands lay down and place pipes, conduits, and service pipes, and erect pillars, arches, poles, and towers, and undertake, make, construct, and do all other necessary or proper works and things for supplying and using electrical energy within such area of supply or any part or parts thereof; and for the purpose of executing the works by this section authorised the company and its workmen and others by its direction may enter upon and cross and recross any of the lands within the said area of supply either with or without horses and carts or vehicles:

Saving and excepting that with respect to all or any of the powers by this clause conferred upon the company, the same may be exercised on Crown property only upon the consent to such exercise being obtained from the Minister for Public Works, and on ecclesiastical property only upon consent to such exercise being obtained from the trustees or body in whom such ecclesiastical property is vested, and on corporation property only upon the consent to such exercise being obtained from the corporation owning such property, and on property held on trust for public or charitable purposes only upon the consent to such exercise being obtained from the trustees or body in whom such property is vested; and it is hereby declared that any such corporation, trustees, or body shall have power to give such consent:

Provided, however, that the company shall pay compensation to every person entitled thereto, as in section *five* of this Act provided, in respect of the exercise by the company of the powers conferred upon it by this section.

Owners of lands entered upon entitled to compensation.

5. Every person having any estate or interest in any lands situate within the area of supply upon or under which the company may have exercised any of the powers conferred upon it by section *four* of this Act shall be entitled to such compensation as may be either agreed upon between the company and such person, or awarded by the Compensation Court as hereinafter provided, in respect of any such lands injuriously affected by reason of the exercise of the said powers conferred by section *four* hereof.

6. The Magistrate's Court at Dunedin shall be the Compensation Court for the purpose of this Act, and any claims for compensation may be made to the Magistrate for the time being of such Court, and filed in the office of the said Court at Dunedin; and for the purpose of the making and hearing of such claim the provisions of sections thirty-six to forty-eight inclusive and of sections sixty-one to sixty-seven inclusive of "The Public Works Act, 1894," shall (subject to such modifications as may be necessary to make the same applicable to proceedings under this Act) apply and be read as part of this Act; and for the purpose of the making of the award of compensation the provisions of sections *sixty-eight*, sixty-nine, seventy, subsection one of section seventy, sections seventy-one, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, and seventy-six of "The Public Works Act, 1894," shall (subject to such modifications as may be necessary to make the same applicable to proceedings under this Act) apply and be read as part of this Act:

Court to assess compensation in accordance with the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894."

New proviso.

Provided that on the application of either party, if the amount claimed be more than two hundred and fifty pounds, the Supreme Court sitting at Dunedin shall be the Compensation Court for the purposes of this Act, and any such claim for compensation shall be made to the Judge of the Supreme Court sitting at Dunedin.

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7. In determining the amount of compensation to be awarded, the Court shall take into account severally the extent to which any lands situate within the area of supply, and through or upon which any of the works authorised by section *four* hereof are carried out, are or are likely to be injuriously affected by the carrying-out or the nature of such works; and shall also take into account, by way of deduction from the amount of compensation to be awarded, any increase in the value of any of the aforesaid lands caused or likely to be caused by, and any benefits or conveniences derived or likely to be derived from, the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred upon the company by this Act.

How compensation to be assessed.

8. The company may from time to time, but subject to the consent thereto of the ~~Governor by Order in Council~~ *Board of Control*, make, and from time to time (but subject to the like consent) vary, annul, or revoke, by-laws for the proper management and protection of the company's electrical works, property, plant, concerns, and business, and for the carrying-out to the best advantage of the electrical projects and objects of the company, and by such by-laws may impose a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds (to be recovered in a summary way) for any breach thereof: Provided that such by-laws shall not be repugnant to this Act, "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," or any county Act of the General Assembly, or any amendment thereof respectively, or to any by-law or regulation which may now or hereafter be made under any such Acts or amendments as aforesaid;

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and that the company shall, as a condition precedent to an application for the consent of the Board of Control to any such by-laws, forward the draft of any such by-laws to each local authority within whose boundaries the same are intended to operate at least one month before the same shall be lodged for the consent thereto of the Board of Control. 5

By-laws sealed by company to be evidence.

9. A copy of any such by-law, sealed with the seal of the company, shall be received as evidence of the same having been duly made, unless the contrary be proved. 10

Area of supply defined.

10. The area of supply shall be all that area of land situated within the Provincial District of Otago and comprising the Counties of Taieri, Bruce, Tuapeka, and Waikouaiti, the City of Dunedin, the Boroughs of Milton, Mosgiel, Green Island, Caversham, South Dunedin, St. Kilda, Mornington, Roslyn, Maori Hill, North-east Valley, West Harbour, and Port Chalmers, and the Road Districts of Peninsula, Tomahawk, and Portobello, as the same counties, city, boroughs, and road districts are at present constituted; 15

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and such area of supply shall also include any future extended area of the said counties, city, boroughs, and road districts, and the area or any future area comprised in any such counties, city, boroughs, and road districts as constituted upon any amalgamation of the same or any of them, or in any exclusion from any of such respective counties, city, boroughs, and road districts, or any part of its area and inclusion thereof in any other of them the said counties, city, boroughs, or road districts respectively. 20 25

Date of erection of works and commencement of supply.

11. The company shall, within a period of six months after the coming into force of this Act, proceed to erect the necessary plant to generate electrical energy within the meaning of this Act, and commence to deliver the same within one year from the coming into force of this Act. 30

New clause.

Penalties on default by company.

11A. If the company make default in complying with any of the provisions of this Act, or any requirement of the Board of Control under this Act, it shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds in respect of every such default for each day during which such default continues; and if the Board of Control is of opinion that such default is wilful and unreasonably prolonged it may, after considering any representations of the local authority or authorities interested, revoke this Act as to the whole or, with the consent of the company, any part of the area of supply, or, if the company so desires, may, after having given an opportunity to the local authority or authorities interested to make representations and objections with reference thereto, suffer the same to remain in force as to such area or part thereof subject to such conditions as it may think fit to impose, and any conditions so imposed shall be binding on and observed by the company and shall be of the like force and effect in every respect as though they were contained in the Act: Provided always that, if the company shall satisfy the Board of Control that delay in proceeding to erect the said necessary plant to 35 40 45 50

generate such electrical energy or in commencement to deliver the same is due to unforeseen cause or impediment, the Board of Control may extend the periods of six months and one year respectively referred to in section *eleven* of this Act by such period or periods as it shall think fit.

12. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act contained, the powers and authorities expressed by this Act and the exercise thereof shall be subject to the terms, stipulations, and conditions contained in any contract already or hereafter entered into between the company or *its assigns* and any *local body* or local authority with reference to the construction, doing, and maintenance of the works, matters, and things hereby authorised; and all such terms, stipulations, and conditions shall be faithfully observed and performed by the company *and its assigns*.

Agreements not affected.

New clauses.

13. It shall be lawful for the company at any time after the passing of this Act to assign by way of mortgage, or to assign, transfer, convey, and release absolutely to any corporation, public body, incorporated company or person all or any part of the rights, powers, authorities, privileges, liabilities, and obligations conferred and imposed upon it by this Act, together with its undertaking, property, apparatus, business, lands, corporeal and incorporeal rights, buildings, material, and plant of every kind; and upon and after the completion of any assignment, transfer, conveyance, or release the corporation, public body, incorporated company, or person in whom the said rights, powers, authorities and privileges, or any part thereof, shall become vested by virtue of any assignment, transfer, conveyance, or release made in exercise of any such assignment by way of mortgage, or by virtue of any such absolute assignment, transfer, conveyance, or release, their or his officers, agents, and servants may lawfully exercise and enjoy all the rights, powers, authorities, and privileges, and shall become and be subject to all the liabilities and obligations to which the company or its officers, agents, or servants would have been entitled or subject had no such mortgage, assignment, transfer, conveyance, or release been completed: Provided always that the company shall not voluntarily sell its undertaking without the consent in writing of the Board of Control first had and obtained.

Company may assign by way of mortgage, &c.

14. The Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Dunedin (hereinafter called "the said Corporation") may at any time within ninety days after the coming into operation of this Act, upon giving to the company notice in writing of its intention in that behalf, require the company to sell to the said Corporation the company's undertaking, rights, property, apparatus, and business upon the terms hereinafter mentioned or referred to.

Power of purchase by the Corporation.

If the said Corporation shall not give to the company such notice in writing within ninety days as aforesaid, then any one or more of the local authorities (including the said Corporation) having jurisdiction within the area of supply may, at the expiration of twenty-one years from the coming into operation of this Act or at any time thereafter upon giving to the company not less than six calendar months' notice in writing of its or their intention in that behalf, require the company to sell the company's undertaking,

rights, property, apparatus, and business upon the terms hereinafter mentioned or referred to.

In either of the above cases the delivery of such notice shall be deemed an exercise of such right of purchase; and for the purpose of fixing and ascertaining the price to be paid by the said Corporation or the said local authority or local authorities, as the case may be, to the company such purchase shall be deemed a taking of land within the meaning of Part III. of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and the provisions of the said part of the said Act relating to the amount of compensation and the assessment thereof shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply; and the amount of compensation so fixed and ascertained shall be the price payable by the said Corporation or the said local authority or local authorities, as the case may be, and shall be considered to be an award under Part III. of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and be payable and recoverable as such; and on payment thereof the company shall assign, transfer, and deliver to the said Corporation or the said local authority or local authorities, as the case may be, all its undertaking, property, apparatus, business, lands, corporeal and incorporeal rights, buildings, material, and plant, but the company shall be entitled to retain all revenue up to and inclusive of the day of payment of the amount of such award.

Right of supply not exclusive.

15. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed in any way to pledge or bind any local authority to enter into any agreement with the company, or to prevent such local authority from entering into any other agreement with any other company, person, or corporation for supplying energy within such area of supply or from itself supplying the same.