# STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1986 No. 401

# WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

# The Hartlepools Water (Consolidation, etc.) Order 1986

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 23, 32, 33 and 50 of the Water Act 1945(a) and now vested in him(b),

<sup>(</sup>a) 1945 c.42.

<sup>(</sup>b) S.I. 1951/142, 1900, 1970/1681.

and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:---

### PART I

# PRELIMINARY

# Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Hartlepools Water (Consolidation, etc.) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 27th February 1986.

### Interpretation

**2.**—(1) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Act of 1845" means the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845(a);

"Company" means the Hartlepools Water Company;

"directors" means the directors of the Company;

"enactment" includes an enactment in any Act or order, including this order, and in any byelaw, scheme or regulation;

"existing works" means the works of the Company completed and in use at the coming into operation of this order;

"limits of supply" means the limits within which the Company are from time to time authorised to supply water;

"map" means the map prepared in duplicate signed by an Under-Secretary in the Department of the Environment and marked "Map referred to in the Hartlepools Water (Consolidation, etc.) Order 1986" one duplicate of which is deposited and available for inspection at the principal office of the Company and the other at the offices of the Secretary of State;

"share" means share in the share capital of the Company and includes stock except where a distinction between stock and shares is expressed or implied, and "share capital" shall be construed accordingly;

"Third Schedule" means the Third Schedule to the Water Act 1945;

"undertaking" means the undertaking of the Company as from time to time authorised.

(2) Any reference in this order to a proper officer shall in relation to any purpose and any local authority be construed as a reference to an officer appointed for that purpose by that authority.

# Incorporation of Companies Clauses Acts

3.— (1) The Act of 1845, except sections 56 to 60 (which relate to the conversion of borrowed money into capital), sections 101 to 108 (which relate to auditors), sections 115, 116 and 118 (which relate to accounts), section 122

(which enables the directors to set apart a fund for contingencies), section 145 (which relates to the publication of penalties) and sections 161 and 162 (which provide for affording access to the special Act), and the Companies Clauses Act 1863(a), except Part IV (which relates to change of name) are, so far as they are applicable for the purpose of and subject to the provisions of this order, hereby incorporated with this order:

Provided that—

- (a) section 11 of the Act of 1845 (which relates to issue of share certificates) shall have effect as if the words "Except as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue thereof" were inserted at the beginning of that section;
- (b) section 15 of the Act of 1845 (which relates to registration of share transfers) shall have effect as if for the words "on demand" there were substituted the words "within two months following any demand therefor";
- (c) section 39 of the Act of 1845 (which relates to power to reborrow) shall have effect as if the words "but such power" to the end of the section were omitted;
- (d) section 76 of the Act of 1845 (which relates to the manner of voting) shall have effect as if after the words "under their common seal" there were inserted the words "or under the hand of a director or officer duly authorised";
- (e) section 91 of the Act of 1845 (which relates to powers exercisable only at a general meeting) shall have effect as if the words "auditors, treasurer and secretary" were omitted;
- (f) section 98 of the Act of 1845 (which relates to the entry of proceedings in books) shall have effect as if after the words "shall be signed by the chairman of such meeting" there were inserted the words "or of the next succeeding meeting";
- (g) section 14 of the said Act of 1863 (which relates to dividends on preference shares) shall have effect as if—
  - (i) after the words "each year" there were inserted the words "or out of the unappropriated profits from previous years, or partly out of the one and partly out of the other": and
  - (ii) before the words "profits available" there was inserted the word "such";
- (h) section 22 of the said Act of 1863 (which contains regulations as to the creation and issue of debenture stock) shall have effect as if the words "and to the same amount as" were omitted;
- (i) section 25 of the said Act of 1863 (which relates to the appointment of a receiver) shall have effect as if the words "or the sum of ten thousand pounds whichever of the two last-mentioned sums is the smaller sum" were omitted.

(2) In the construction of the enactments so incorporated with this order the expression "the special Act" shall mean this order and the expression "the company" shall mean the Company.

<sup>(</sup>a) 1863 c.118.

(3) For the purposes of section 14 of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 as incorporated with this order the prescribed day shall be 31st March.

# PART II

# THE UNDERTAKING

### Continuation of Company

4. The Company shall continue to be incorporated by the name of the Hartlepools Water Company and by that name shall continue to be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and to be established for the purposes of supplying water and for all other purposes of the undertaking.

#### Continuation of undertaking

5.— (1) The undertaking as it existed immediately before the coming into operation of this order shall continue vested in the Company and, subject to the provisions of this order, the Company may—

- (a) continue and maintain the existing works;
- (b) construct and maintain on or under any lands in which the Company have acquired an interest (in addition to the works authorised by section 4 of the Third Schedule) further adits, headings, wells, boreholes and other works as may be necessary or expedient for augmenting or improving the supply of water obtainable by means of the existing works.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of enactments by section 39 (Repeals and Revocations) of this order, the existing works shall, for the purposes of section 3 of the Third Schedule, be treated as authorised by, and the lands on which those works are constructed shall be treated as specified in, this order.

# Limits of supply

6. The limits within which the Company may supply water shall comprise the area described in Schedule 1 to this order.

#### PART III

#### APPLICATION OF THIRD SCHEDULE

### Application of Third Schedule

7.— (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Third Schedule, except section 54 and subsections (1) and (2) of section 74 thereof, shall apply to the undertaking.

(2) The provisions of the Third Schedule as applied by this section shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in Schedule 2 to this order.

(3) Section 55 of the Third Schedule as so applied and modified is set out in Schedule 3 to this order.

### PART IV

# FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

#### Capital and borrowing powers

8.— (1) Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this order, the Company may from time to time raise by the creation and issue of share capital or by borrowing on mortgage of the undertaking or by the creation and issue of debenture stock, or wholly or partly by any one or more of those modes respectively, such sums as, when added to any money raised by the issue of share capital before the commencement of this order or borrowed by the issue of loan capital before the commencement of this order and in either case outstanding at the date or respective dates on which the Company exercise the powers of this section, shall be sufficient to produce in the aggregate fifteen million pounds.

- (2)(a) The Company may raise sums by the creation and issue of share capital under subsection (1) of this section by the creation and issue of ordinary shares or preference shares or wholly or partly by one or more of those modes respectively.
  - (b) For the purposes of this section the amount raised or to be raised by the issue of any share capital shall be taken to be the amount which has been or will be raised, as the case may be, after taking into account any premiums or discounts which may be obtained or allowed on the issue or re-issue thereof.
- (3)(a) For the purposes of this section the Company may, without obtaining any certificate of a justice under section 40 of the Act of 1845, borrow money on mortgage of the undertaking:

Provided that the aggregate of any sums borrowed shall not (when added to any money borrowed on mortgage or raised by the creation and issue of debenture stock by the Company and still outstanding at the date or respective dates on which the Company exercise the powers of this section) exceed in the whole—

- (i) three times the amount (including premiums and allowing for discounts) which for the time being has been raised by the Company by the issue of share capital; and
- (ii) with the consent of the Secretary of State an additional amount not exceeding ten per cent. of such first-mentioned amount.
- (b) For the purposes of this subsection the nominal amount of any ordinary or preference shares which have been or shall hereafter be issued for a consideration other than cash shall be deemed to have been raised by the Company by the issue of such ordinary or preference shares, as the case may be.

(4) The Company shall not pay interest on any moneys borrowed or debenture stock issued under this section at a higher rate than seven per cent. per annum or such higher rate as the Secretary of State may from time to time allow:

Provided that the consent of the Secretary of State shall not be required to the payment of interest on moneys borrowed by the Company on mortgage of the undertaking or by the issue of debenture stock at a rate higher than seven per cent. per annum if the rate is a fixed rate and is certified to the Company as being appropriate in the circumstances of the case by—

- (a) the firm of stockbrokers, being members of a recognised stock exchange (as defined in the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958(a)), or the bankers who placed the mortgage or placed or underwrote the issue of debenture stock; or
- (b) in the case of the raising of money on mortgage, an accountant or firm of accountants being either duly appointed auditor or auditors of the Company or a person qualified to be so appointed.

(5) The Company may create and issue debenture stock subject to the provisions of Part III of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 as amended in its application to the Company but, notwithstanding anything contained in that Part, the interest of all debenture stock and of all mortgages at any time created and issued or granted by the Company under any previous Act or order or this order or any subsequent Act or order shall (subject to the provisions of any subsequent Act or order) rank pari passu without respect to the dates of the securities or of the Acts of Parliament, orders or resolutions by which the stock and mortgages were authorised and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages. Notice of the effect of this enactment shall be endorsed on all such mortgages and certificates of debenture stock issued after the commencement of this order.

(6) Any share capital which the directors were before the coming into operation of this order authorised by a resolution of the Company to create and issue and which was not so created and issued before the coming into operation of this order may be created and issued by the directors under subsection (1) of this section and without any further requisite.

(7) Notwithstanding anything in any enactment for the time being relating to the Company, the directors may by virtue of this section and without further or other sanction or authority exercise any powers for the time being vested in the Company of borrowing and reborrowing on mortgage and of creating and issuing mortgages or debenture stock and of raising money by the issue of notes or bonds.

# Temporary borrowing

9. In addition to the powers to borrow money on mortgage of the undertaking or to raise money by the creation and issue of debenture stock which are for the time being exercisable by the Company, the Company may for the purposes of or in connection with the undertaking borrow by way of temporary loans or overdrafts from banks or otherwise any sums which they may temporarily require—

- (a) for the purpose of defraying expenses pending the receipt of revenues receivable by them in respect of the period of account in which those expenses are chargeable; and
- (b) for the purpose of defraying, pending the issue of shares of any description or the borrowing of money in pursuance in either case of

<sup>(</sup>a) 1958 c.45.

an authorisation in that behalf, expenses intended to be defrayed by means of such issue or borrowing, as the case may be:

Provided that the amount outstanding at any time of the moneys borrowed for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section shall not exceed six hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

#### Application of money

10.—(1) Any sum of money which may arise or may have arisen by way of premium from the issue of shares or stock under the provisions of this order or the Hartlepools Water Acts and Orders 1867 to 1983 (after deducting therefrom the expenses of and incident to such issue) shall not be considered as profits of the Company or as part of the capital of the Company entitled to dividend but shall be placed to a reserve fund to meet contingencies or expended in extending or improving the undertaking or works of the Company or in paying off moneys borrowed or owing on mortgages by the Company.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) above, all moneys raised under this order or the Hartlepools Water Acts and Orders 1867 to 1983 shall be applied only to purposes to which capital is properly applicable.

#### Maximum rates of dividend

11.— (1) The Company shall not in respect of any year pay dividends on their paid up share capital at rates greater than the following rates, that is to say—

- (a) on capital subscribed before the commencement of this order, the rates which they were entitled to pay thereon immediately before that commencement;
- (b) on capital subscribed on or after the coming into operation of this order, as follows—
  - (i) in the case of ordinary capital subscribed during the initial period, ten per cent. and, in the case of ordinary capital subscribed thereafter seven per cent. or such higher rate, not exceeding ten per cent., as the Secretary of State may in respect of any subscription allow; or
  - ' (ii) in the case of preference capital subscribed during the initial period twelve per cent. and, in the case of preference capital subscribed thereafer seven per cent. or such higher rate, not exceeding twelve per cent., as the Secretary of State may in respect of any subscription allow.

In this subsection "the initial period" means the period of five years beginning with the coming into operation of this order.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) above shall prevent the payment of a greater dividend on any capital referred to therein which is issued as ordinary capital in order to make up deficiencies in previous dividends:

Provided that as respects ordinary share capital subscribed after the 8th May 1972 this subsection shall apply only to deficiencies arising during the last five years before the year in respect of which the dividend is being paid.

#### Interim dividends

12. The directors, may, without the sanction of a general meeting, from time to time declare and pay to the shareholders in the interval between any two ordinary annual general meetings a half year's dividend out of the profits of the Company.

### Priority of principal moneys secured by existing mortgages

13. The principal moneys secured by mortgages granted by the Company and subsisting immediately before the coming into operation of this order shall, during the continuance of such mortgages, have priority according to the date of the passing of the Act or the commencement of the order (as the case may be) in pursuance of which they were granted.

#### Priority of mortgages and debenture stock over other debts

14. All moneys raised or to be raised by the Company on mortgage or debenture stock under any enactment shall have priority against the Company and the property from time to time of the Company over all other claims on account of any debts incurred or engagements entered into by them after the passing of the Act or the commencement of the order (as the case may be) in pursuance of which such moneys were or are raised:

Provided that this priority shall not affect any claim against the Company or their property in respect of any rentcharge granted or to be granted by them in pursuance of the Lands Clauses Acts or in respect of any rent or sum reserved by or payable under any lease granted or made to or vested in the Company which is entitled to rank in priority to or pari passu with the interest on their mortgages or debenture stock, nor shall anything in this section affect any claim for land taken, used or occupied by the Company for the purposes of the undertaking or injuriously affected by the construction of works or by the exercise of any powers conferred on the Company.

#### Appointment of receiver

15.— (1) The mortgagees of the undertaking may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal or principal and interest due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver.

(2) In order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall be not less than  $\pounds 25,000$ .

#### Issue of capital by subscription and payment of commissions

16.— (1) Notwithstanding anything in any enactment for the time being relating to the Company, the Company may with the approval of the Secretary of State and subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose offer for subscription—

- (a) to consumers of water supplied by the Company and employees of the Company;
- (b) by the public; and

(c) by private treaty,

or by any one or more of those modes any share capital which they may for the time being be authorised to issue without offering the same for sale by public auction or tender.

(2) The Company may pay a commission to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe whether absolutely or conditionally for any share capital offered for sale by the Company or for his procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions whether absolute or conditional for such share capital:

Provided that—

- (a) the payment of the commission and the amount or rate per cent. of the commission paid or agreed to be paid shall be disclosed in every prospectus, advertisement or other document of the Company relating to the offer for sale of the share capital; and
- (b) nothing in this section shall affect any power of the Company to pay brokerage.

#### Holdings of stock and debenture stock

17.— (1) Any ordinary stock, preference stock or debenture stock of the Company shall be issued and shall be held in amounts of five pounds or of any integral number of pounds exceeding five and not otherwise and the Company shall not be under any obligation to register a transfer of any such stock which would make the holding of the transferor or transferee of stock of that class less than five pounds or other than an integral number of pounds.

(2) Notice of this enactment as far as applicable shall be stated in all certificates of ordinary stock, preference stock or debenture stock to be issued by the Company after the coming into operation of this order.

## Purchase and cancellation of Company's securities

18.— (1) The Company may at any time purchase by agreement any debentures or debenture stock of the Company at a price not exceeding the market value thereof but for that purpose may apply only moneys for the time being in their hands which are entitled to apply to capital purposes.

(2) Any debentures or debenture stock purchased under subsection (1) above shall be cancelled and extinguished and the amount of any debentures or debenture stock so cancelled and extinguished shall be deemed to be money borrowed and paid off by the Company within the meaning of section 39 of the Act of 1845; and the provisions of that section as to reborrowing by the Company shall apply accordingly.

# PART V

### ADMINISTRATION

#### Meetings of Company

19.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1845 or in any Act or order relating to the Company—

- (a) the ordinary meetings of the Company shall be held once only in each year on such day as the directors may determine in the month of June or July or such other month as may be appointed by a resolution of a general meeting of the Company;
- (b) it shall not be obligatory on the Company to hold half-yearly meetings or to balance their accounts or to make up a balance sheet half-yearly.

(2) The quorum at any general meeting of the Company shall be not less than five stock holders or share holders present in person and entitled to vote by virtue of their holdings where the aggregate nominal value of those holdings is not less than £1000.

#### Notice of meetings

20. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1845 notice of all meetings of the Company whether ordinary or extraordinary may (if the directors so determine) be given by letter sent by ordinary letter post to each stockholder instead of by public advertisement:

Provided that the letters giving the notice shall be directed according to the registered address or other known address of each stockholder prepaid and posted not later than seven clear days before the date of the meeting. In proving that any such notice has been given it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and sent by post as a prepaid letter not later than the time hereby prescribed.

#### Joint holders

21. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1845 where several persons are jointly entitled to and registered as holders of any stock any one of those persons may vote at any meeting either personally or by proxy in respect of the stock as if he were solely entitled thereto but if more than one of the joint holders be present at any meeting personally or by proxy that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of the stock shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof. Several executors or administrators of a deceased member in whose name any stock stands shall for the purposes of this section be deemed joint holders thereof.

### Number of shareholders for convening extra-ordinary meeting

22. The number of shareholders on whose requisition an extraordinary meeting may be required to be convened is ten shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than fifty thousand pounds of the capital.

#### Scale of voting

23. The scale in accordance with which shareholders may vote in respect of their shares or stock is as follows on the nominal amount of the shares or stock, or both—

- (a) for ten pounds and less than twenty-five pounds, one vote;
- (b) for twenty-five pounds and less than fifty pounds, two votes;
- (c) for fifty pounds and less than one hundred pounds, three votes;

(d) for one hundred pounds, four votes, and an additional vote for every fifty pounds beyond the first hundred pounds.

### Register of stockholders and stockholders' address book

24. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1845 it shall not be obligatory upon the Company—

- (a) to keep separately a register of stockholders and a stockholders' address book if in place thereof the Company keep one register only containing such particulars as are required by the said Act to be entered in the register of shareholders and the shareholders' address book respectively; or
- (b) to authenticate by the affixing of their common seal or otherwise the register of stockholders or any register which the Company may keep in place thereof under the powers of this section.

#### Computerised records

25.— (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1845, the Company may keep any register, index, minute book or book of account which they are required to keep either in bound books or by recording the matter in question in any other manner.

(2) Any such recording may be other than in legible form so long as the recording is capable of being reproduced in legible form.

(3) Any duty imposed on the Company to allow inspection of, or to furnish a copy of, a register or other record or any part of it shall be treated as a duty to allow inspection of, or to furnish, a reproduction of the recording or of the relevant part of it in a legible form.

(4) Where any register, index, minute book or book of account is not kept by making entries in a bound book, but by some other means, adequate precautions shall be taken for guarding against falsification and for facilitating its discovery.

### **Register** of transfers

26. Notwithstanding anything in the Companies Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 and 1888(a), it shall not be obligatory upon the Company to keep registers of transfers of ordinary stock, preference stock, debenture stock and mortgages respectively if in place thereof the Company keep files of all transfers as evidence of transmission of any ordinary stock, preference stock, debenture stock debenture stock or mortgages of the Company which are sent to them for registration in accordance with the provisions of those Acts.

#### Closing of transfer books

27.--- (1) The directors may close---

(a) the register of transfers of ordinary or preference stock of the Company for a period not exceeding 14 days previous to the declaration of any dividend on such stocks respectively;

<sup>(</sup>a) 1888 c.48.

(b) the registers of transfers of mortgages and debenture stock for a period not exceeding 14 days previous to each date at which the interest thereon shall be payable;

and the directors may in any such case fix a day for the closing of any register which they are authorised to close under the provisions of this section.

(2) Seven days' notice of the closing of any such register shall be given by advertisement in a newspaper published and circulating in the limits of supply.

(3) Any transfer of ordinary or preference stock, mortgages or debenture stock made or lodged for registration during the time when the register of transfers of such stock or security is so closed shall, as between the Company and the person claiming under the same but not otherwise, be considered as made subsequently to the declaration of any such dividend or the payment of any such interest, as the case may be.

### Indemnity before issue of substituted certificates, etc.

28. Notwithstanding anything in section 13 of the Act of 1845 or in any Act or order relating to the Company, the Company shall not be under any obligation to issue—

- (a) a new debenture or mortgage bond;
- (b) a new certificate of any stock or debenture stock; or
- (c) a new warrant in respect of interest or dividend;

in lieu of any debenture or mortgage bond certificate or warrant lost or destroyed, or alleged to be lost or destroyed, until they have received in respect thereof from the person to whom such new debenture or mortgage bond, certificate or warrant is to be issued such indemnity as the directors may require against any and every claim or expense which may be made against the Company or which the Company may incur.

### Company not bound to regard trusts

29. The Company shall not be bound to see to the execution of any trusts, whether express, implied or constructive, to which any ordinary stock, preference stock or debenture stock for the time being issued may be subject and the provisions of section 20 of the Act of 1845 shall mutatis mutandis extend and apply to any stock or debenture stock of the Company as if the same were shares in the capital of the Company.

### Number and qualification of directors

**30.**— (1) The number of the directors shall be seven but the Company may from time to time vary the number provided that the number be not at any time more than seven or less than three.

(2) The directors shall not be required to fill up any vacancy so long as the number of continuing directors is not less than three.

(3) The qualification of a director shall be the possession in his own right of share capital of the Company to the nominal amount of not less than  $\pounds 200$ .

#### Present directors to continue

31. The several persons who immediately before the commencement of this order were the directors shall continue to be directors, and shall go out of office in rotation and may be re-elected or other directors may be appointed in their place or in the place of any one or more of them.

#### Quorum of directors

32. If there shall be four or less than four directors of the Company two shall be a quorum of a meeting of directors and if there shall be more than four directors of the Company three shall be a quorum.

#### Committee of directors

33. The number of directors of which committees appointed by the directors shall consist shall not be less than two nor more than five, and any two members of a committee shall be a quorum.

#### Directors holding office under or contracting with the Company

34. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1845, no person shall be disqualified from being a director by reason of his holding any office or place of trust or profit under the Company or by reason of his being interested in any contract with the Company; nor shall any director be required to cease from voting or acting as a director by reason of his accepting any such office or place of trust or profit or becoming interested in any such contract:

#### Provided that---

- (a) in the case of his being or becoming interested in any contract with the Company, whether such interest arises before or after his appointment as a director, the nature of his interest in the contract shall be disclosed by him at the meeting of directors at which the contract is determined on if his interest then exists, or in any other case, at the first meeting of the directors after the acquisition of his interest or after his appointment; and
- (b) no director shall as a director vote in respect of any such contract and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted; but this prohibition shall not apply to any contract by or on behalf of the Company to give to the directors or any of them any security by way of indemnity.

For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this proviso a general notice given to the directors by one of them to the effect that he is a member of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which may after the date of the notice be made with that company or firm shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract so made.

#### Notice of candidature of or of opposition to re-election of director

35.— (1) Except in the case of a director retiring by rotation and offering himself or being proposed for re-election, no person shall be capable of being elected a director at a general meeting of the Company unless notice in writing that such person intends to offer himself or will be proposed for the office of

director shall have been given to the secretary or left at the principal office of the Company 14 days at least before the day of election.

(2) In the case of a retiring director, notice of opposition to his re-election shall be given in like manner.

### As to appointment of managing director

36.— (1) The directors may appoint one of their body to be a managing director and may remove or dismiss him from office and appoint another in his place.

(2) A managing director shall not while holding that office be subject to retirement by rotation and shall not be taken into account in determining the rotation of retirement of directors but if he ceases to hold the office of director from any other cause he shall ipso facto immediately cease to be a managing director.

(3) The remuneration of a managing director shall from time to time be fixed by the directors and may be by way of salary or commission or participation in profits or by any or all of those modes.

(4) The directors may entrust to and confer upon a managing director such of the powers exerciseable by the directors and subject to such conditions as they may think fit and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or some of such powers.

### PART VI

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

### Agreements as to supply of water in certain cases

37. The Company may agree with the owner or occupier of any premises within the limits of supply who is not entitled to demand a supply of water from the Company to extend their mains to or over the property of such owner or occupier, or to supply such premises with water, in either case upon such terms as may be agreed, and may recover from such owner or occupier any sum or sums of money agreed to be paid in respect of such supply in the same manner as water rates are recoverable by them.

### Rates payable by owners of small houses

38. Where the rateable value of a house supplied with water does not exceed the limit of value for the time being fixed for the purpose of the proviso to subsection (1) of section 55 of the General Rate Act 1967(a), or the house is let to monthly or weekly tenants or tenants holding for any other period less than a quarter of a year, the owner instead of the occupier shall, if the Company so determine, pay the rate for the supply but the rate may be recovered from the occupier and may if the occupier be not himself liable therefor under any lease

<sup>(</sup>a) 1967 c.9.

or agreement be deducted by him from the rent from time to time due from him to the owner:

Provided that no greater sum shall be recovered at any one time from any such occupier than the amount of rent owing by him or which shall have accrued due from him subsequent to the service upon him of a notice to pay the rate.

## **Repeals and Revocations**

39.— (1) The enactments specified in Part I of Schedule 4 to this order are hereby repealed to the extent specified in that Schedule except in so far as they relate to gas, and the orders specified in Part II of that Schedule are hereby revoked.

(2) The repeal of any enactment by subsection (1) above shall not affect the interpretation of the enactments mentioned in Part III of Schedule 4, wherein are listed the enactments expressly excluded from repeal in Part I thereof.

#### Savings

40. Notwithstanding the repeal of enactments by subsection (1) of section 39 (Repeals and Revocations) of this order, upon the date of the coming into operation of this order—

- (a) all acts, works, matters and things done or commenced under the enactments relating to the undertaking or any of them before that date and which are immediately before that date valid and available or in progress, and all existing awards, agreements, contracts, conveyances, covenants, deeds, leases, licences and other instruments shall be and continue valid and available for all purposes and for and against all parties and may be continued, enforced and completed as if this order had not come into operation;
- (b) all shares and stock of the Company and the holders thereof respectively shall continue to be subject and entitled to the same powers, provisions, liabilities, rights, privileges and incidents whatsoever in all respects as they are immediately before that date;
- (c) all debenture stocks and mortgages issued or granted by the Company and subsisting on that date shall be and continue as valid and available against the Company and charged upon the undertaking as if this order had not come into operation, and the holders of all such debenture stocks and mortgages shall be in the like position in all respects and entitled to the like priorities, powers, rights and remedies as if this order had not come into operation;
- (d) all actions, arbitrations, prosecutions and other proceedings and causes of action pending or existing by, with or against the Company immediately before that date may be continued, commenced or prosecuted by, with or against the Company as if this order had not come into operation;
- (e) all water rates, rents and other sums due or accruing due to the Company immediately before that date may be collected and recovered by the Company and all notices and demands given or made before that date shall continue in force as if this order had not come into operation;

- (f) all plans, sections and books of reference and all corrections and certificates of corrections thereof respectively deposited before that date for the purposes of any of the enactments relating to the undertaking with the proper officer of any county council shall remain in his custody as if they had been deposited for the purposes of this order; and every such officer shall accordingly permit the same to be inspected and copies thereof and extracts therefrom to be taken and all such plans, sections, books of reference, corrections and certificates shall be admissible in evidence as they would have been if this order had not come into operation;
- (g) all other books and documents which under any of the enactments relating to the undertaking or otherwise would before that date have been admissible in evidence shall be admissible in evidence as if this order had not come into operation;
- (h) all byelaws and regulations made by the Company and in force immediately before that date shall (subject to the provisions of subsection (6) of section 19 of the Water Act 1945) continue in force in like manner and to the like extent as if this order had not come into operation.

# Costs of order

41. The costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the application for, and the preparation and making of, this order shall be paid by the Company and may in whole or in part be defrayed out of revenue.

# **SCHEDULE 1**

### LIMITS OF SUPPLY

The area shown within the outer edge of the red line on the map comprising-

- (1) in the county of Cleveland the borough of Hartlepool except the parish of Newton Bewley and part of the parish of Elwick Hall;
- (2) in the county of Durham—
  - (a) part of the parish of Monk Hesleden in the district of Easington;
  - (b) part of the parish of Embleton in the district of Sedgefield.

# **SCHEDULE 2**

# MODIFICATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF THIRD SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS	MODIFICATIONS	
(1)	(2)	
Section 1 (Definitions, etc.)	In the definition of "communication pipe"	
	(a) after the words "the boundary of" in paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the words "the part of";	
	(b) after the word "stopcock" where it secondly occurs in paragraph (i) there shall be inserted the words "the box or pit in which it is enclosed and any cover thereto";	
	(c) at the end of paragraph (ii) there shall be added the words "and the box or pit in which the stopcock is enclosed and any cover thereto"; and	
	(d) at the end of the definition there shall be inserted the words "but excludes any part of a service pipe provided for the purpose of affording a standby supply".	
	In the definition of "service pipe", after the words "of any pipe" there shall be inserted the words "(includ- ing any ferrule or stopcock attached thereto)".	
	At the end of the definition of "a supply of water for domestic purposes" there shall be inserted the words "and 'domestic purposes' shall be construed accord- ingly".	
	In the definition of "supply pipe", after the words "of any service pipe" there shall be inserted the words "(including any ferrule or stopcock attached thereto)".	
Section 12 (Map of under- ground works to be pre- pared and kept up to date)	In subsection (1), for the words "six months" where first occurring there shall be substituted the words "two years" and for the words "all existing pipes or other conduits for the collection, passage or distribution of water and underground works belonging to them" there shall be substituted the words "all such pipes or other conduits and underground works" and the words "for the time being belonging to them" shall be omitted.	
	At the end there shall be inserted the following	
mains)	"(6) For the purposes of this section—	
	(a) subject to subsection (5) of this section, the expression "street" shall include land laid out for use as a street, being a street which is prospectively a maintainable	

PROVISIONS	MODIFICATIONS	
(1)	(2)	
	highway within the meaning of the Pub- lic Utilities Street Works Act 1950(a); and	
	(b) the expression "main" shall be deemed to include discharge and washout pipes, drains and signal cables.".	
Section 21 (Power to lay ser-	At the end there shall be inserted the following	
vice pipes, etc.)	"(3) In this section the expression 'street' shall include land laid out for use as a street.".	
Section 41 (Laying of com-		
munication pipes, etc.)	In subsection (1), for the proviso there shall be substituted the following—	
	"Provided that the undertakers may elect to lay a main in lieu of any part of a service pipe which is to be laid in a highway and in that case shall lay a communication pipe from that main and connect it with the supply pipe.".	
	In subsection (2), for the word "fourteen" there shall be substituted the word "twenty-one".	
	For subsection (3) there shall be substituted the following	
	"(3) The undertakers may make reasonable charges for executing the work which they are required or authorised by this section to execute and such charges shall be paid to them by the person by whom the notice was given and may be recovered from him summarily as a civil debt:	
	Provided that if under the provisions of this section the undertakers lay a main in lieu of part of a service pipe the additional cost incurred of laying a main instead of that part of a service pipe shall be borne by them.".	
	In subsection (4)—	
	(a) for the word "fourteen" there shall be substituted the word "twenty-one"; and	
	(b) for the word "expenses" in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted the word "charges".	
Section 55 (Making and dates for payment of water rates)	In subsection (1), for the words from "by equal quarterly instalments" to the end of the subsection there shall be substituted the words—	

PROVISIONS	MODIFICATIONS
(1)	(2)
	"in respect of any premises
	<ul> <li>(a) if the undertakers so resolve and the person who is liable to pay the water rate payable in respect of the premises so elects by making a single payment on a date within the first month of the rate period determined by the undertakers and specified in a statement sent by them to that person; or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(b) by equal half-yearly instalments on such dates within the first and seventh months of the rate period as shall be determined and so specified by the undertakers;</li> </ul>
	(subject in the case of paragraph (a) or (b) above to such discount as may be allowed by the undertakers under section 57 of this Schedule); or
	<ul> <li>(c) if the undertakers so resolve and, not later than one month after the beginning of the rate period, the person who is liable to pay the water rate payable in respect of the premises gives notice to the undertakers of his election to pay the rate by amounts as provided in this paragraph, then by such amounts (not less than two or more than five in respect of any half-yearly instalment and not less than four or more than ten in respect of any rate period) on such dates (at intervals of not less than one month) as may be determined and so specified by the undertakers".</li> </ul>
	After subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
	"(2A) Where a water rate payable in respect of any premises is paid in advance by a single payment and the person who is, or who, but for section 38 (Rates payable by owners of small houses) of the Hartlepools Water (Consolidation etc.) Order 1986, would be, liable to pay that rate is in occupation of those premises during a portion only of the rate period, the person by whom the rate is paid shall be entitled to recover from the undertakers so much of the payment as bears to the whole payment the same proportion as the number of days within the rate period during which the first-mentioned person is in occupation bears to the number of days in the rate period, except in so far as he has previously recovered it from an incoming occupier:
	Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall

PROVISIONS	MODIFICATIONS	
(1)	(2)	
	exempt the owner of any premises from liability in respect of any subsequent portion of the rate period during which the premises may again become occu- pied".	
	In subsection (3) after the words "water rates are payable" there shall be inserted the words "in respect of any premises", and for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following—	
	"(b) if the person who is, or who, but for section 38 (Rates payable by owners of small houses) of the Hartlepools Water (Consoli- dation, etc.) Order 1986, would be, liable to pay the water rate is in occupation of those premises during a portion only of the half- year, the person by whom the rate is paid shall be entitled to recover from the under- takers so much of the payment as bears to the whole payment the same proportion as the number of days within the half-year during which the first mentioned person is in occupation bears to the number of days in the half-year except in so far as he has previously recovered it from an incoming occupier:".	
	In subsection (4) for the words "foregoing subsection" there shall be substituted the words "two foregoing subsections"; in paragraph (a) thereof, after the word "instalment" there shall be inserted the words "or amount due in respect"; and, in paragraph (b) thereof, after the words "an instalment" there shall be inserted the words "or any sum in respect", and after the words "the instalment" there shall be inserted the words "or, as the case may be, the sum".	
	After subsection (4) there shall be inserted the following subsection—	
	"(4A) Where a person gives notice under para- graph (c) of subsection (1) of this section of his election to pay the water rate payable in respect of any premises by amounts as provided in that paragraph—	
	(a) the notice shall, subject as provided in the next following paragraph, remain in force in respect of each successive rate period, and the undertakers shall send to that person in respect of each successive rate period such a statement of the amounts and dates for payment within that rate period as is referred to in the said paragraph (c), but, where the under- takers determine to vary the number of	

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PROVISIONS	MODIFICATIONS
(1)	(2)
	amounts payable in respect of a half- yearly instalment or in respect of a rate period (as they may determine), notice of that variation must be sent to that person not less than three months before the first day of that rate period, stating such varied number of amounts as provided in the said paragraph (c) and the dates for payment;
	(b) the notice of election shall cease to have effect—
	(i) if the person by whom it was given withdraws it by further notice to the undertakers; or
	<ul> <li>(ii) if any payment is not made on or before the date in any rate period when it is due in accordance with the statement sent by the undertakers in respect of that rate period and the undertakers give notice to the person by whom the notice of election has been given that, by reason of the default, the notice is being treated as cancelled;</li> </ul>
	and, upon the notice of election ceasing to have effect in accordance with this paragraph, any sum due by way of water rate in respect of the premises shall be recoverable as if no such notice of election had been given;
	(c) the amounts specified in any statement sent by the undertakers to the person by whom notice of election has been given shall be equal, except that the undertak- ers may round off any such amount (other than the first or the last) to the nearest five pence and adjust the first or, as the case may be, last amount accord- ingly.".
Section 56 (Effect on water rates of alteration in valua- tion list)	For subsection (1) there shall be substituted the following— "(1) An alteration made in the valuation list in the circumstances referred to in section 79 of the General Rate Act 1967 shall, for the purpose of calculating the amount due in respect of water rates, take effect from the same date as it takes effect for the purpose of that Act, and any

PROVISIONS	MODIFICATIONS
(1)	(2)
	necessary adjustments shall be made in the then current instalment of the water rate and any subsequent instalments thereof.".
Section 60 (Power to require provision of cisterns in cer- tain cases)	For subsection (1) there shall be substituted the following— "(1) Where it is reasonable in all the circum- stances for the purpose of enabling the undertakers
	to fulfil an obligation to afford a constant supply of water to any premises they may require that any house or building supplied by them shall be provided to the satisfaction of the undertakers with a cistern having a ball and stopcock fitted on the pipe conveying water to it.".
Section 64 (Penalty for waste etc. of water by non-repair of water fittings)	The modifications specified in the Schedule to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953(a).
Section 75 (Sale of stock by auction or tender)	There shall be inserted after the word "shall" in subsection (1) the words "except as otherwise pro- vided by section 16 (Issue of capital by subscription and payment of commissions) of the Hartlepools Water (Consolidation, etc.) Order 1986".
	The word "stock", whenever it occurs, shall be deemed to include shares.
Section 76 (Reserve and con-	In subsection (4)—
tingency funds)	for the words "twelve and a half" there shall be substituted the word "forty".
	In subsection (5)—
	for the words "one and a quarter" there shall be substituted the word "four".
Section 77 (Limitation on balance carried forward at end of year)	In subsection (1) after the word "dividend" in paragraph (a), and after the word "dividends" in paragraph (b), there shall be inserted the words "together with the advance corporation tax associated therewith".
Section 94 (Copies of special Act to be kept by undertak- ers in their office, and de- posited with certain offi- cers)	In subsection (1), for the words from "the clerk" to the end there shall be substituted the words "the proper officer of the council of each county to which the order relates.".

(a) 1953 c.26.

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#### SCHEDULE 3

# SECTION 55 OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE AS MODIFIED BY SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS ORDER

## Making and dates for payment of water rates

55.— (1) Undertakers who charge water rates under the special Act shall make such a rate by fixing, in respect of a period of twelve months commencing on either the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July or the first day of October, the rate-poundage or, as the case may be, the scale of rate-poundages, by reference to which amounts due under the rate are to be calculated and, subject to the provisions of this section, any such rate shall be payable in advance in respect of any premises—

- (a) if the undertakers so resolve and the person who is liable to pay the water rate payable in respect of the premises so elects by making a single payment on a date within the first month of the rate period determined by the undertakers and specified in a statement sent by them to that person; or
- (b) by equal half-yearly instalments on such dates within the first and seventh months of the rate period as shall be determined and so specified by the undertakers;

(subject in the case of paragraph (a) or (b) above to such discount as may be allowed by the undertakers under section 57 of this Schedule); or

(c) if the undertakers so resolve and, not later than one month after the beginning of the rate period, the person who is liable to pay the water rate payable in respect of the premises gives notice to the undertakers of his election to pay the rate by amounts as provided in this paragraph, then by such amounts (not less than two or more than five in respect of any half-yearly instalment and not less than four or more than ten in respect of any rate period) on such dates (at intervals of not less than one month) as shall be determined and so specified by the undertakers.

(2) A water rate under this section, or in force under any enactments relating to the undertakers immediately before the coming into operation of this section, shall unless and until a new rate is made, continue to operate in respect of each successive period of twelve months.

(2A) Where a water rate payable in respect of any premises is paid in advance by a single payment and the person who is, or who, but for section 38 (Rates payable by owners of small houses) of the Hartlepools Water (Consolidation, etc.) Order 1986, would be, liable to pay that rate is in occupation of those premises during a portion only of the rate period, the person by whom the rate is paid shall be entitled to recover from the undertakers so much of the payment as bears to the whole payment the same proportion as the number of days within the rate period during which the firstmentioned person is in occupation bears to the number of days in the rate period, except in so far as he has previously recovered it from an incoming occupier:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall exempt the owner of any premises from liability in respect of any subsequent portion of the rate period during which the premises may again become occupied. (3) If, and so long as, the water rates are payable in respect of any premises in advance by half-yearly instalments—

- (a) no proceedings shall be commenced for the recovery of any such instalment until the expiration of two months from the first day of the half-year in respect of which it has been demanded; and
- (b) if the person who is, or who, but for section 38 (Rates payable by owners of small houses) of the Hartlepools Water (Consolidation, etc.) Order 1986, would be, liable to pay the water rate is in occupation of those premises during a portion only of the half-year, the person by whom the rate is paid shall be entitled to recover from the undertakers so much of the payment as bears to the whole payment the same proportion as the number of days within the half-year during which the first-mentioned person is in occupation bears to the number of days in the half-year except in so far as he has previously recovered it from an incoming occupier:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall exempt the owner of any premises from liability in respect of any subsequent portion of the half-year during which the premises may again become occupied.

- (4) Subject to the provisions of the last two foregoing subsections-
  - (a) where the undertakers commence to give a supply of water to any premises, either for the first time or after a discontinuance of supply, the then current instalment or amount due in respect of the water rate shall become payable on the day on which notice requiring the supply is given to the undertakers or, if no such notice is given, on the day when they commence to give the supply; and
  - (b) the liability of a person to pay an instalment or any sum in respect of a water rate shall not be affected by the fact that, before the end of the period in respect of which the instalment or, as the case may be, the sum become payable by him, he or his tenant, as the case may be removes from the premises in question, or causes the supply of water thereto to be discontinued.

(4A) Where a person gives notice under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section of his election to pay the water rate payable in respect of any premises by amounts as provided in that paragraph—

- (a) the notice shall, subject as provided in the next following paragraph, remain in force in respect of each successive rate period, and the undertakers shall send to that person in respect of each successive rate period such a statement of the amounts and dates for payment within that rate period as is referred to in the said paragraph (c), but, where the undertakers determine to vary the number of amounts payable in respect of a half-yearly instalment or in respect of a rate period (as they may determine), notice of that variation must be sent to that person not less than three months before the first day of that rate period, stating such varied number of amounts as provided in the said paragraph (c) and the dates for payment;
- (b) the notice of election shall cease to have effect—
  - (i) if the person by whom it was given withdraws it by further notice to the undertakers; or
  - (ii) if any payment is not made on or before the date in any rate

period when it is due in accordance with the statement sent by the undertakers in respect of that rate period and the undertakers give notice to the person by whom the notice of election has been given that, by reason of the default, the notice is being treated as cancelled;

and, upon the notice of election ceasing to have effect in accordance with this paragraph, any sum due by way of water rate in respect of the premises shall be recoverable as if no such notice of election had been given;

(c) the amounts specified in any statement sent by the undertakers to the person by whom notice of election has been given shall be equal, except that the undertakers may round off any such amount (other than the first or the last) to the nearest five pence and adjust the first or, as the case may be, last amount accordingly.

(5) Nothing in this section affects any right of the undertakers to make a minimum charge in respect of water rates.

# SCHEDULE 4 PART I REPEALS

	ENACTMENT	EXTENT OF REPEAL
	(1)	(2)
1867 c.xxxii	The Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1867.	The whole Act.
1874 c.xxxiii	The Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1867, Amendment Act, 1874.	The whole Act except the provisions referred to in Part III below.
1878 c.ix	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1878.	The whole Act.
1890 c.x	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1890.	The whole Act.
1898 c.xxi	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1898.	The whole Act except the provisions referred to in Part III below.
1900 c.xciv	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1900.	The whole Act.
1919 c.xxiv	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1919.	The whole Act except the provisions referred to in Part III below.
1930 c.cxci	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1930.	The whole Act except the provisions referred to in Part III below.

# PART II REVOCATIONS

	ORDER	EXTENT OF REVOCATION
	(1)	(2)
S.I. 1952/114	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1952.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1954/1382	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1954.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1957/2027	The Hartlepools (Water Charges) Order, 1957.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1957/2242	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1957.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1959/2115	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1959.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1962/1404	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1962.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1964/1346	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1964.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1965/1301	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1965.	The whole Order.
<b>S.I</b> . 1968/1039	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1968.	The whole Order.

	ORDER	EXTENT OF REVOCATION
	(1)	(2)
S.I. 1970/1356	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1970.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1972/681	The Hartlepools Water (Financial Provisions) Order, 1972.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1976/335	The Hartlepools Water (Financial Provisions) Order, 1976.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1978/1823	The Hartlepools Water Order, 1978.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1980/1633	The Hartlepools Water (Financial Provisions) Order, 1980.	The whole Order.
S.I. 1983/560	The Hartlepools Water (Financial Provisions) Order, 1983.	The whole Order.

# PART III

# **PROTECTIVE ETC. PROVISIONS CONTINUED**

1874 c.xxxiii	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1867 Amendment Act, 1874. Section 7 (For protection of North Eastern Railway Company).
	Section 8 (Not to affect sections 6 and 7 of 35 & 36 Vict. c.cxli).
1898 c.xxi	Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1898. Section 10 (Provisions as to compensation water).
1919 c.xxiv	<ul> <li>Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1919.</li> <li>Section 14 (Construction of existing enactment as to compensation water).</li> <li>Section 16 (For protection of Durham County Council).</li> <li>Section 26 (For protection of North Eastern Railway Company).</li> </ul>
1930 c.cxci	<ul> <li>Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1930.</li> <li>Section 9 (Construction and amendment of existing enactment as to compensation water).</li> <li>Section 102 (For protection of Durham County Council).</li> </ul>

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

J. Hobson, An Under Secretary in the Department of the Environment.

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