Wells Gas Light Company	6½ per cent. Consolidated Preference Stock. 5 per cent. Consolidated Preference Stock. Consolidated Ordinary Stock.
Westbury Gas and Coke Company, Ltd.	4½ per cent. Redeemable Preference Shares (1963/68) (£1). Original Shares (£10). New Shares (£10).
The Westhoughton Consumers Gas Company	A Shares (£10). B Shares (£10). New B Shares (£10 Shares ; £4 paid).
Wotton-under-Edge and District Gas Company, Ltd.	Ordinary Shares (£1).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of this order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This order fixes the conversion date under the second part of the second schedule to the Gas Act, 1948, for certain securities specified in the schedule to the order.

(4) GENERAL REGULATIONS

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(i) CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

The Gas (Consultative Council) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 787

Made - - - -	*22nd April*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	*26th April*, 1949
Coming into Operation	*29th April*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power (in these regulations referred to as "the Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section nine of the Gas Act, 1948,(a) (in these regulations referred to

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67.

as "the Act") and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Appointment and tenure of office.

1.—(1) The appointment of a member of the Gas Consultative Council for any area (in these regulations referred to as a "council") shall be for such term not exceeding five years as may before his appointment be determined by the Minister, and shall be subject to the provisions of the next following regulation, and to any conditions notified to him in writing by the Minister.

(2) Any member of a council may, on the expiry of his term of office, if eligible, be reappointed.

(3) The Minister will appoint a member of each council to be deputy-chairman of that council.

Vacation of office.

2.—(1) A member of a council appointed in pursuance of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2) of section nine of the Act shall remain a member of that council only so long as he is a member of a local authority in the area.

(2) Where any member of a council—

(*a*) is absent, unless for a reason approved by the Minister, from every meeting of that council during six consecutive months, or

(*b*) becomes in the opinion of the Minister unfit to continue as a member or incapable of performing his duties,

the Minister may declare the office of that member to be vacant, whereupon he shall cease to be a member of that council.

(3) Where the chairman of a council, at any time after being notified of the Minister's disapproval thereof, either is engaged in any trade or business or holds any appointment by virtue of which he is or becomes a director or officer of any body corporate, or an officer or servant of any organisation of workpeople, the Minister may declare the office of that chairman to be vacant; whereupon he shall cease to be a member of that council.

(4) Any member of a council may resign his appointment by one month's notice in writing given to the Minister.

Frequency and constitution of meetings.

3.—(1) Each council shall meet as often as may be necessary for the proper discharge of their duties; and the period between any two consecutive meetings shall not be longer than three months.

(2) Where members of a council numbering one half or more of the total number for the time being deliver to the secretary of the council a requisition in writing for a meeting, the chairman, or, if the chairman is not available, the deputy-chairman, shall ensure that a meeting is held before the expiry of ten days from the delivery of the requisition.

(3) No meetings of a council shall be held unless either the chairman or the deputy-chairman is present:

Provided that if—

(*a*) by reason of vacancy in the office, serious illness or absence from Great Britain neither of them is available, or

(*b*) a meeting is not held before the expiry of ten days from the delivery of a requisition,

the council may meet and pass provisional resolutions which shall have effect until the duly constituted meeting next after they were passed, and which may be ratified at that meeting.

(4) At any meeting of a council, one half of the total number for the time being of the members shall be a quorum.

(5) All acts done at any meeting of a council shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of a person purporting to be a member of the council, be valid as if that defect had not existed.

Voting.

4. Every resolution of a council shall be passed by the votes of the members of the council present and voting, or, in case of difference between them, of the majority of those members ; and in the event of an equality of votes the proposal in question shall be held to have been rejected.

Minutes.

5.—(1) Every council shall keep, or cause to be kept, minutes of their proceedings ; and a record in any such minutes specifying the terms of a resolution passed at any meeting, and, in the case of a resolution that a representation be made to the Minister, the number of votes cast for and against it, shall, if signed by the person purporting to be acting as chairman of the meeting to which the minutes relate, or of a meeting at which they were read, be evidence of those proceedings.

(2) A copy of any part of the minutes of the proceedings of any council shall, if purporting to be certified by the secretary of that council to be a true copy of that part of those minutes, be evidence of the proceedings of the council to which that part of the minutes relates.

(3) A meeting to which any such minutes as aforesaid relate shall, unless the contrary be proved, be deemed to have been regularly convened and constituted.

Representations and references.

6. Where any representation is made to a council by a consumer or other person requiring a supply of gas in the area, or where any matter is referred to a council by the Area Board of the area, that council shall consider the matter in question as soon as practicable and, in any event, before the expiry of three months after the representation is made, or the matter referred, as the case may be.

Execution of documents.

7. Any document requiring to be executed by or on behalf of any council shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of that council, or by such one or more of the members and officers of the council as the council may in any particular case determine.

Interpretation.

8.—(1) In these regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Gas Act, 1948 ;

" council " has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph (1) of regulation one ;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Fuel and Power.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889,(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

9. These regulations shall come into operation on the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas (Consultative Council) Regulations, 1949. Commencement and citation.

Dated this twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations regulate the terms of membership and proceedings of Gas Consultative Councils established under the Gas Act, 1948.

(ii) CO-PARTNERSHIP

The Gas (Co-partnership) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 475

Made - - - -	18*th March*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	19*th March*, 1949
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section fifty-nine of the Gas Act, 1948,(a) (in these regulations referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. —(1) These regulations shall apply to any scheme in force immediately before the vesting date which provides for enabling persons employed by any undertaker to whom Part II of the Act applies, other than an undertaker to whom section eighteen of the Act applies, or any class of persons so employed, to participate in the profits of the undertaking. Schemes to be continued.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these regulations, and to the provisions of any regulations made in pursuance of subsection (2) of section fifty-nine of the Act, every scheme to which these regulations apply, including the provisions thereof relating to welfare or amenities or the management of the scheme in question, shall remain in operation until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

2.—(1) On and after the vesting date no person shall be admitted to membership of any scheme to which these regulations apply, other than a person employed before the vesting date by the undertaker concerned on terms entitling that person to be admitted a member on the fulfilment of a condition which is not fulfilled with respect to him until after the said date. Provisions concerning admission to, and forfeiture of, membership.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67.