BILL

No. 1 of 1950.

An Act Ratifying, Confirming and Declaring to be in Full Force and Effect Certain Special Franchise Agreements and the By-laws Authorizing the same between Northwestern Utilities, Limited and the Town of Fort Saskatchewan and the Villages of Bittern Lake and Blackfalds.

(Assented to

, 1950.)

WHEREAS Northwestern Utilities, Limited is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada with power *inter alia* to supply natural gas throughout the Province of Alberta;

And whereas the agreements hereinafter referred to granting to Northwestern Utilities, Limited special franchises to supply natural gas to the undermentioned municipalities and the inhabitants thereof have been duly executed under the authority of by-laws in each case approved by a vote of two-thirds of the burgesses voting thereon;

And whereas the said by-laws and the said agreements have been duly approved as required by law by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the Province of Alberta but subject in each case to ratification of the agreements by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta;

And whereas Northwestern Utilities, Limited has fully filed its petition for such ratification and it seems expedient that the prayer of the said petition be granted:

Now therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The by-laws and agreements named and described in Schedule 1 of this Act granting to Nortwestern Utilities, Limited special franchises for the supply of natural gas to the municipalities in the said Schedule referred to and the inhabitants thereof, and all the rights, powers, liberties and privileges, exclusive and otherwise, granted by and all the terms, provisoes and conditions contained in the said by-laws and agreements are hereby declared to be in full force and virtue and effect, and to be legal, valid and binding upon the municipalities, notwithstanding any informalities, irregularities or defects therein either in substance or form, or any informalities, irregularities or defects in the passing thereof, and notwithstanding that the municipali-

ties may not have had power to pass the said by-laws or to enter into the said agreements, or to grant the said rights, powers, liberties and privileges, exclusive or otherwise, or any of them.

2. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

SCHEDULE 1

Town of Fort Saskatchewan, Agreement dated April 30th, 1947, authorized by By-Law No. 85.

 $Village\ of\ Bittern\ Lake$, Agreement dated August 1st, 1949, authorized by By-Law No. 38.

Village of Blackfalds, Agreement dated October 13th, 1949, authorized by By-Law No. 87.

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MR. ADAMS.