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and 5 per cent to our power users will be cut to a uniform 3 per cent for prompt payment discount. The reason the discount to industrial customers is not cut as much as to residential and commercial customers is that industrial charges have been affected by reason of the sliding scale coal clause which has occasioned higher charges to them.

This is the first increase our Company has applied for since 1920. During that time there have been exactly fifty reductions in rates charged our various customers. We have resisted as long as we safely could, making an application for increases. The tremendous rise in our expenses and the need for financing our vitally necessary construction program, are the principal factors requiring this application. To a much greater extent coal cost increases have affected our steam heating business and substantial increases must be had in our steam heat rates.

I will be glad to appear before the Council and have with me our President, Mr. Parker; our Counsel, Mr. Fischer; and our rate expert, Mr. Landrigan, at any convenient time you suggest to discuss the matter, if you think it desirable.

It is entirely probable that there will be discussion of this matter in the newspapers as we are releasing a press statement giving the information to the general public. This may be sufficient and you may conclude that our appearance before the Council is unnecessary; however, I felt that we should make the offer.

Sincerely yours,  
PRENTISS M. BROWN,

Adopted as follows:  
Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Nowicki, Oakman, Smith, and the President—9.  
Nays—None.

Corporation Counsel

March 23, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The City of Detroit, through tax foreclosure proceedings, acquired certain properties, as described in Exhibit "C," attached.

We are therefore requesting the cancellation of the outstanding tax liens, as shown in Exhibit "C" on said properties, totaling \$6,605.80, summarized as follows:

1947 .....	\$ 69.17
1946 and Prior .....	3,895.77
Court Costs .....	725.05

Special Assessments:	\$4,689.99
W. P. A. Paving .....	\$ 829.97
Street Paving .....	786.58
Sidewalk .....	6.34

Sewer .....	238.52
Current Sidewalk Constr. ....	54.40
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	\$1,915.81

Total .....\$6,605.80

Respectfully submitted,  
E. A. WALINSKE,  
Director, Bureau of Real Estate.  
Approved:  
RAYMOND J. KELLY,  
Corporation Counsel.

By Councilman Comstock:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel tax liens as shown and described in Exhibit "C" attached and on file in the office of the City Clerk, and to prepare the necessary journal entries.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Nowicki, Oakman, Smith, and the President—9.  
Nays—None.

Corporation Counsel

March 25, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are attaching hereto communication received from the City Engineer, together with copy of letter from Michigan State Highway Department, requesting deed covering

Lots 6 and 7, except Livernois Avenue as widened, of Plat of W. T. Hurd's Subdivision of part of the West half of P. C. No. 574 Springwells (now Detroit), Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 6, Page 17 of Plats of Wayne County Records.

This property was acquired under Section 8 of the so-called Scavenger Act, to be used in connection with the Edsel Ford Expressway, in accordance with resolution of March 18, 1947 (J. C. C., Pages 589-590).

We, therefore, request that the Corporation Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare the deed to the Michigan State Highway Department and the City Controller be authorized and directed to execute same.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. A. WALINSKE, Director,  
Bureau of Real Estate.

Approved:  
RAYMOND J. KELLY,  
Corporation Counsel.

By Councilman Edgecomb:

Resolved, that the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue quit-claim deed to the Michigan State Highway Dept. covering "Lots 6 and 7, except Livernois Ave. as widened, of Plat of W. T. Hurd's Sub.," for the Edsel Ford

Expressway right-of-way, and the Corporation Counsel is directed to prepare said deed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Nowicki, Oakman, Smith, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

**Corporation Counsel**

March 25, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We wish to advise you that we are this day in receipt of an Order from the Federal Power Commission, entitled:

"In the Matter of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company," et al., Docket No. G-1023.

This Order provides for an Inquiry and Investigation (under Sections 5, 14 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act) of the entire Panhandle System and the entire subject of the possible shortage of pipe line capacity in Panhandle System to supply the requirements of its direct customers and distribution utilities to which it sells gas for resale, such as Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

This Inquiry contemplates a complete and thorough investigation of all problems and issues affecting the Panhandle System and the Companies and Communities which it serves.

The title of the case is as follows:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION**

Before Commissioners: Nelson Lee Smith, Chairman; Claude L. Draper, Leland Olds and Harrington Wimberly.

In the Matter of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, The Albion Gas Light Company, The American Gas Company, Battle Creek Gas Company, Bowling Green Gas Company, Central Illinois Electric & Gas Company, Central Illinois Light Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company, Central Indiana Gas Company, Central States Natural Gas Company, Inc., The Central West Utility Company, Citizens Gas Company, Citizens Gas Fuel Company, The East Ohio Gas Company, Eastern Indiana Gas Company, City of Fulton, Missouri, The Gas Service Company, Greenfield Gas Company, Inc., Illinois Power Company, Indiana Gas Distribution Corporation, Indiana Gas & Water Service Company, Inc., Indiana-Ohio Public Company, Kentucky Natural Gas Corporation, Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company, Town of Lapel, Indiana, Louisville Gas Company, Lynn Natural

Gas Company, The Miami Pipe Line Company, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, Michigan Gas Storage Company, Missouri Edison Company, Missouri Power and Light Company, Missouri Utilities Company, Missouri Western Gas Company, Town of Montezuma, Indiana, Morton Municipal Gas Company, National Utilities Company of Michigan, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, The Ohio Fuel Gas Company, Ohio Gas Company, Pendleton Natural Gas Company, Town of Pittsboro, Indiana, City of Pittsfield, Illinois, Prairie Pipe Line Company, Town of Roachdale, Indiana, City of Roodhouse, Illinois, Richmond Gas Corporation, The Toledo Edison Company, Western Ohio Public Service Company, City of White Hall, Illinois, Union Gas Company of Canada, Ltd.

The Order sets the date for the hearing to start on April 7th next in Washington, D. C.

It is our opinion that we should intervene in these proceedings and as the hearings progress we will keep you advised of the developments.

We therefore request that you adopt the attached resolution.

Very truly yours,  
RAYMOND J. KELLY,  
Corporation Counsel,  
JAMES H. LEE,  
Ass't Corporation Counsel

By Councilman Edgecomb:

Whereas the Corporation Counsel has advised us that the Federal Power Commission has issued an Order:

"In the Matter of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company," et al Federal Power Commission Docket No. G-1023,

setting the hearing to begin on April 7th next in Washington, D. C., which will be a complete Inquiry and Investigation of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company and all of its customers respecting the steps to be taken to obviate any future shortage of natural gas from Panhandle's system; and

Whereas, this matter is of prime importance because of the necessity of obviating a shortage of natural gas in the Detroit Area during the coming winter season. Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby instructed to intervene on behalf of the City of Detroit in such proceedings, and to keep this Body informed of the developments therein.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Nowicki, Oakman, Smith, and the President—9.

Nays—None.