

\$2,500,000 Southwestern Gas and Electric Company

General Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds

Due October 1, 1942

Interest Payable April and October First

#### Series of November 1922

#### Dated November 1, 1922

### Due November 1, 1957

Interest payable May 1 and November 1 without deduction of the Normal Federal Income Tax up to 2%, at the office of the Trustee, Chicago, or at the Chase National Bank of the City of New York. Redeemable on any interest date at 105 and inter-est during the first fifteen years, at 102 and interest during the next nineteen years, and at 100 and interest during the last year, Coupon Bonds in interchangeable denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 with privilege of registration as to principal. Pennsylvania Four Mill Personal Property Tax and present Maryland Security Tax refunded.

#### **CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, Trustee**

A letter of Mr. Henry M. Dawes. President of the Company, copies of which will be supplied upon request, has been summarized as follows:

The Southwestern Gas and Electric Company conducts without competition the entire gas, electric light and power business in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, and its suburbs, and the entire gas, electric light and power, and street railway business in the City of Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas, at present furnishing natural gas through its artifical gas distributing systems. The population served is estimated at 100,000. Shreveport and Texarkana are important financial, railroad, commercial and manufacturing centers for a territory having a population of more than 1,000,000.

Upon the retirement of \$443,500 Texarkana Gas and Electric Company 5% Bonds maturing July 1, 1930, and \$4,045,500 First and Refunding 5% Bonds of the Company maturing August 1, 1932, these Bonds will become an absolute first mortgage on all the mortgageable property, rights and franchises of the Company (except merchandise held for purpose of sale).

The replacement value of the property of the Company as determined by independent engineers is substantially in excess of the Funded Debt. The properties have been well maintained and are in excellent physical condition.

During the past ten years the Company's net earnings, after deducting all operating expenses, taxes and \$1,165,399 for maintenance and renewals, have been more than 13/4 times the interest requirements on its entire Funded Debt. Every year during the last ten years the net earnings have been more than the annual interest charges on the present Bonded Debt of the Company, including this new issue, the net earnings for the year ended September 30, 1922, being over 13/4 times the annual Bond Interest, including this issue.

The Mortgage will require the Company to set aside as an Improvement and Sinking Fund annually 1% of all outstanding General Mortgage and Underlying Bonds. This Fund must be used either for retiring Bonds issued under this mortgage or underlying bonds or for permanent extensions, improvements, enlargements and additions, on account of which no new Bonds may be issued.

The proceeds of this Issue and of \$830,000 of Preferred Stock will provide funds to retire \$2,034,500 maturing Bonds and Debentures, and to pay certain floating indebtedness incurred for capital expenditures.

These properties are owned and operated by the Dawes Interests of Chicago.

Legal proceedings as to this Issue will be passed upon for the Company by Messrs. Pam & Hurd, Chicago, and for the Bankers by ars. Cotton and Franklin, New York. The properties of the Company have been examined by Messrs. Hagenah and Erickson, Chicago, incers. The books and accounts for the year ended August 31, 1922, have been audited by Messrs. Arthur Andersen & Co., Chicago, Engineers. The book Public Accountants.

Bonds, are offered, when, as and if issued and received by us, subject to approval of legal proceedings by our counsel, and of the Rail-road Commission of the State of Arkansas. It is expected that interim receipts of the Central Trust Company of Illinois will be ready for delivery on or about November 1, 1922.

We recommend these bonds for investment Price 90, to Yield 6.75%

H. T. HOLTZ & CO. 39 South La Salle Street CHICAGO

**CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF ILLINOIS** 125 West Monroe Street CHICAGO

> HAMBLETON & CO. NEW YORK BALTIMORE

The statements made in this advertisement are based on information upon which we have relied in our surchase of these accurities, and, while not guaranteed by us, are believed to be correct.

"These bonds have all been sold and this advertisement appears as a matter of record only."

Free from normal Federal Income Tax and present Penna. State Tax

#### Kensington Trust Company, Trustce.

A Sinking Fund of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) a year to be set aside for the redemption of these bonds.

These bonds have a very high investment standing as they will be secured by mortgage on a new building costing \$2,000,000 to erect in addition to the site, which cost \$750,000; located on the west side of Broad street and the south side of Wood street, extending one hundred sixty-three feet on Broad street and one hundred ninetyseven feet in depth along Wood street, making a total of thirty-three thousand square feet.

This section of the city is rapidly increasing in value, which will guarantee even additional security for these bonds.

The Philadelphia Lodge of Elks has a membership of over 8000, which is still increasing and insures the stability of these bonds.

The bonds will be sold at par of \$100 in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1000.



Dated October 1, 1922

## A Cause for Civic Pride

Full descriptive circular, subscription blanks and any other information as to security, etc., will be furnished upon application at the Elks' Home, 1820 Arch Street.

# FACTS

15 stories high. Granite and limestone,

Entrance of thoroughfare to new Delaware River Bridge.

Restaurant and Grill.

850 bedrooms with bath, shower and running ice water.

An entire floor devoted to the largest and most artistic Ball Room in Philadelphia. 2500 seating capacity.

Swimming pool 40x75.

Complete gymnasium

Squash and handball courts.

Turkish baths.

PHILADELPHIA LODGE NO. 2, B. P. O. ELKS

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