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Chapter 556.

An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

- Corporators.** Sect. 1. Nathaniel Meader, Frank A. Smith, Fred Pooler, Frank B. Philbrick, Frank B. Webber, R. Wesley Dunn, I. S. Bangs, E. R. Drummond, M. C. Foster of Waterville, in the county of Kennebec and state of Maine, Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and state of Maine, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Union Gas and Electric Company, and as such shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.
- corporate name.**
- Purposes.** Sect. 2. The purposes of said corporation are the making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying gas or electricity, or both, for lighting, heating, manufacturing or mechanical purposes, in the city of Waterville and adjoining towns, or for either or any of such purposes, with all the rights and privileges and powers, and subject to all the restrictions and liabilities, by law incident to corporations of a similar nature.
- Capital stock.** Sect. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient for its purposes aforesaid.
- May erect poles and wires through streets.** Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby empowered to set poles and extend wires in and through the streets and ways of the city of Waterville and the towns of Winslow, Benton, Vassalboro and Fairfield, for the purpose of furnishing electric lights for public and private use in said city and towns, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers thereof, subject to the general laws of the state regulating the erection of posts and lines for the purposes of electricity. It is also empowered to transmit electric power for lease or sale to such points in said city and towns as may be feasible, in such manner as may be expedient, and, subject to the general laws aforesaid, it may erect and maintain all posts, wires and fixtures necessary therefor. Said corporation shall have the right to lay gas pipes in any of the public streets or highways in said city of Waterville and said towns of Winslow, Benton, Vassalboro and Fairfield; the permit of the municipal officers of said city and
- under restrictions of municipal officers.**
- may lease power, etc.**
- lay gas pipes.**

towns having first been obtained in writing, and to relay and repair the same, subject to such regulations as the health and safety of the citizens and the security of public travel may require and as may be prescribed by the authorities thereof.

Sect. 5. The city of Waterville, or any manufacturing or machine company having its place of business in said city of Waterville, or in said towns of Winslow, Benton, Vassalboro and Fairfield, may take and hold stock in said corporation. Said corporation is hereby authorized to purchase and hold the property, capital stock, rights, privileges, immunities and franchises of the Waterville Gas Light Company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and upon such purchase and transfer the said Union Gas and Electric Company shall have, hold, possess, exercise and enjoy all the locations, powers, privileges, rights, immunities, franchises, property and estate which, at the time of any such purchase and transfer, shall then be had, held, possessed, or enjoyed by said Waterville Gas Light Company. And said Waterville Gas Light Company is hereby authorized to make the contracts, sales and transfers authorized by section five of this act at meetings of its company called for such purpose. Said Union Gas and Electric Company may issue stock in payment and exchange for the stock, franchises and property of the Waterville Gas Light Company.

City of Waterville and towns, etc., may take stock.

—authorized to purchase property of Waterville Gas Light Company.

—may issue stock in exchange for stock of Waterville Gas Light Company.

Sect. 6. Said Union Gas and Electric Company may issue its bonds upon such rates and time as it may deem expedient, and in such amount as may be required for the objects of its incorporation and for the purposes authorized by this act, and secure the same by mortgage upon the franchise and property of said company.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

Sect. 7. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by written notice thereof, signed by any two corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by a copy of the same in hand or mailed, postage paid, at least seven days prior to the day named therein for such meeting.

First meeting, how called.

Sect. 8. The charter hereby granted shall be null and void, if the Waterville and Fairfield railway and light company shall, in a proper and workmanlike manner, make the following improvements in and extension of its existing plant at the times herein required: said company shall on or before the first day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, add to its existing plant an auxiliary steam plant, with a capacity of five hundred horse power, and water wheels of

Charter void if Waterville and Fairfield Railway Company shall make needed improvements.

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—time for making improvements may be extended.

approved pattern with a capacity of five hundred horse power under a head of eleven feet, together with such electrical appliances as will enable said corporation to utilize said additional power for the purposes of electricity under the obligations of its charter. Said company shall begin said work as soon as July one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven. Upon petition therefor by the said Waterville and Fairfield railway and light company, filed in the clerk's office of the supreme judicial court for Kennebec county during the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, any justice of the supreme judicial court, in term time or vacation, after notice to said Union Gas and Electric Company, or, if not then organized, to any incorporator thereof, and after hearing thereon, may extend said time a reasonable period, if it appears to such justice that said Waterville and Fairfield railway and light company has prosecuted said work in good faith and has been prevented from the full performance thereof by inevitable accidents or unavoidable causes. Upon application made by the Waterville and Fairfield Railway and Light company or by the Union Gas and Electric Company, filed in the clerk's office of the supreme judicial court for Kennebec county during the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, or during the thirty days next following the aforesaid extension of date of completion, any justice of the supreme judicial court, after notice and hearing, in term time or vacation, shall determine finally and without appeal whether the aforesaid conditions have been substantially performed and whether the charter hereby granted is or is not in full force and operation, and such finding signed by such justice shall be returned to and entered of record in the office of the clerk of courts of the county of Kennebec.

—determination when conditions have been complied with.

Approved March 27, 1897.