

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 56

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Power
Company, Union, Knox county.

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

Section 1. Fred A. Alden, H. L. Robbins, F. E. Burkett,
2 and their associates and assigns, are hereby constituted a body
3 politic and corporate, by the name of the Union Gas and
4 Electric Power Company, for the purpose of supplying light,
5 heat and power by the manufacture of gas or electricity in
6 the town of Union with all the privileges and subject to all
7 the duties, restrictions and liabilities by law incident to cor-
8 porations of a similar nature.

Sect. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to
2 carry on the business of lighting by gas or electricity such

3 public streets in the town and such buildings and places
4 therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said
5 corporation and the owners or those having control of said
6 buildings and places to be lighted, and may furnish motive
7 power by gas or electricity within said town, and may build
8 and operate manufactories and works for providing and sup-
9 plying gas or electricity, light and power, and may lease,
10 purchase and hold real and personal estate for the purposes
11 of the corporation to the amount of its capital stock, and to
12 construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of pipe for the
13 transmission of gas or electricity, underground, under and
14 along any and all streets and ways, under the direction of
15 the municipal officers of said town.

In the event of lighting by electricity permission to utilize
17 the telephone poles without injury to the telephone company,
18 upon such terms as the companies may agree.

Sect. 3. The said company shall be liable in all cases to
2 repay to the town all sums of money that said town may be
3 obliged to pay on any indictment or judgment recovered
4 against said town occasioned by any obstruction or taking
5 up, or displacement of any way, highway, railroad or street
6 by said company in said town; provided, however, that said
7 company shall have notice whenever such damages are
8 claimed by said town, from the municipal officers and shall
9 be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

Sect. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct or
2 impair the use of any public or private drain or sewer, but
3 may cross the same, being responsible to the owners or other

4 person for any injury occasioned thereby in an action on the
5 case.

Sect. 5. The town of Union, by its municipal officers, is
2 hereby authorized to contract with said company from time
3 to time as is deemed expedient for the supply of light, heat
4 and power for said town.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed
2 ten thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of fifty
3 dollars each.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue its
2 bonds in such amount and on such time as it may from time
3 to time determine, not exceeding the amount of capital stock
4 subscribed for, in aid of the purpose specified in this act and
5 to secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises and
6 property. It is also hereby authorized to lease all of its prop-
7 erty and franchises upon such terms as it may determine.

Sect. 8. The first meeting of said corporation may be called
2 by the first incorporator, but failing to do so, either of the
3 other incorporators may by a written notice signed by him,
4 stating the time and place thereof, and sent by mail to his
5 associates five days before said meeting.

Sect. 9. This charter shall be null and void unless opera-
2 tions shall actually commence hereunder within four years
3 from the date of the passage of this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 4, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BARKER of Bangor, from Committee on Legal
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*