

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 541

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Sheepscot Valley Conservation
Power Company.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Charles F. Achorn, Madison T. Leavitt, Andrew C. Halpen, Waterman L. Dow, Sebra C. Kennedy, Frank W. Douglass, Rufus L. N. Colby and James R. Abbott, all of Whitefield, Arthur Dodge and Parker Marr of Somerville, Samuel J. Sewall of Wiscasset, William Plummer of Jefferson, all in the county of Lincoln, Hugh McGarrahan, John B. Albee, Edwin Bullock and Fred D. Erskine, all of Windsor in the county of Kennebec, and Carson C. Peck of New York City, New York, their associates,

10 successors and assigns are hereby made a body corporate
11 by the name of Sheepscot Valley Conservation Power Com-
12 pany, with all the rights, powers and privileges, and subject
13 to all the duties and obligations, incident to similar corpo-
14 rations, as fixed by the general statutes relating thereto,
15 except as otherwise provided herein.

Sect. 2. The purposes of said corporation are to generate,
2 sell, distribute and supply electricity for lighting, heating,
3 manufacturing, mechanical and power purposes in the towns
4 of Albion, China and Windsor, in the county of Kennebec;
5 in the towns of Somerville, Whitefield, Alna, and Jefferson
6 in the county of Lincoln; and in the town of Palermo in the
7 county of Waldo. Said corporation is further authorized
8 to sell electricity for heating, manufacturing, mechanical and
9 power purposes to any other person, firm, association or cor-
10 poration engaged in the business of generating and distribut-
11 ing electricity in other cities or towns, or to any electric
12 railway. Said corporation shall furnish electric current free
13 of cost for lighting purposes for each and every building
14 used for municipal purposes, including school houses, in the
15 towns of Albion, China, Windsor, Somerville, Whitefield,
16 Alna, Jefferson or Palermo, provided such towns wire such
17 buildings at their own expense and maintain wires at their
18 own expense therefrom to the nearest transmission line.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful for said corporation to sell
2 electricity to any individual, firm, association, corporation
3 or electric railway to be used outside of said towns of Al-

4 bion, China, Windsor, Somerville, Whitefield, Alna, Jeffer-
5 son or Palermo when there is any market for the same in
6 said towns of Albion, China, Windsor, Somerville, White-
7 field, Alna, Jefferson or Palermo, for the purposes hereto-
8 fore stated, or the same is demanded by any enterprise that
9 would develop the Sheepscot Valley.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct
2 and maintain dams with the right of flowage on the Sheep-
3 scot river, on the Baker farm near the outlet of Patricktown
4 pond in the towns of Windsor and Jefferson, at the outlet
5 of Travel pond in the town of Jefferson, south of the
6 Charles Glidden mill privileges, so called, at the outlet of
7 James pond, near the Solomon E. Hopkins and the Bruce
8 privilege, so called, in the town of Somerville, at the outlet
9 of Sheepscot Great pond, north of the G. W. Plummer
10 privileges and the Christopher Erskine privileges, so called,
11 in the town of Palermo and at a point near the Sanford Par-
12 tridge and Charles Hutchins privileges, on the Sheepscot
13 river near North Whitefield in the town of Whitefield; and
14 to acquire by purchase or otherwise any other water powers
15 or privileges incident to or necessary for the use and occu-
16 pation of said properties, or any property necessary for the
17 construction and maintenance of said dams, or for the de-
18 velopment of the business of the corporation; provided,
19 however, that the body of water naturally flowing in said
20 river or its tributaries shall not be diminished to the detri-
21 ment of any riparian owner, and provided further that the

22 owner or owners of any water power, property or privilege
23 so acquired, or any persons who furnish labor or material
24 in the construction of said work, shall have the right to
25 subscribe for an amount of stock in said company equal to
26 the value of the property or privilege so acquired, or the
27 labor or material so furnished, in lieu of a specific sum of
28 money.

Sect. 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to cut and
2 maintain canals from said dams and to erect and maintain
3 necessary side dams appurtenant thereto, and for the pur-
4 pose of constructing and maintaining said dams and canals
5 and of erecting electrical or other plants thereon, may ac-
6 quire by purchase or otherwise, occupy and enclose any land
7 adjoining the same which may be necessary for building or
8 repairing the same and for other necessary purposes, and
9 may blow up and remove any rocks in said river and acquire
10 by purchase or otherwise any of the land near said river
11 when necessary to said purposes. But nothing herein shall
12 be construed as granting to said company the right to flow
13 existing privileges not acquired, as herein provided, or take
14 any property by right of eminent domain.

Sect. 6. All locations for poles upon streets, roads or ways
2 in said towns, necessary for the purposes of this act, are
3 hereby granted and the municipal officers of said towns shall
4 designate the streets, roads and ways, in their respective
5 towns, so to be occupied, the places where the poles shall
6 be set, and may establish reasonable restrictions as to the

7 kind of poles, their construction and maintenance, the height
8 of wires and the use of guard wires.

Sect. 7. Except as otherwise provided herein, sections
2 three, four, five, six, seven, eight, ten, eighteen, nineteen,
3 twenty, twenty-one, twenty-three and twenty-four of chap-
4 ter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes are hereby made appli-
5 cable to the corporation hereby created.

Sect. 8. The capital stock of said corporation shall be
2 two hundred thousand dollars, which may be increased at
3 any time to an amount not exceeding three hundred thou-
4 sand dollars.

Sect. 9. This corporation, for the purposes of this act,
2 is hereby authorized to issue bonds to the amount of the
3 capital stock actually paid for and to secure the same by
4 mortgages of its property and franchises.

Sect. 10. This corporation is authorized to purchase elec-
2 tric current, for the purposes of this act, from any individ-
3 ual, firm, association or corporation.

Sect. 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be
2 called by written notice signed by any incorporator herein
3 named and served upon each incorporator by a copy of same
4 in hand or mailed, postage prepaid, at least seven days prior
5 to the day named therein for such meeting.

Sect. 12. This act shall become void, and all the powers,
2 rights and privileges herein granted shall cease, unless said
3 corporation, within eighteen months after the date when

4 this act shall become effective, shall actually expend at least
5 ten thousand dollars in surveys, construction of dams, power
6 houses, transmission lines and other construction work nec-
7 essary for accomplishing the purposes set forth in this act.